

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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Project ZRRIFLE

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1. Identification: The purpose of Project ZRRIFLE is to spot, develop, and use ~~foreign~~ agent assets for Division D ~~for~~ operations. Agents will be spotted in several areas, including the United States, but ~~with~~ ~~pro~~ for operational security reasons will probably not be used in their countries of residence. Present developmental activity is being conducted in the WF and EF areas, but it is anticipated that this will be extended to other division areas. The project will be operated against third-country installations and personnel.

2. Objective: The objective of this project is the procurement of ~~of~~ code and cipher materials, ^{and information concerning such materials} in accordance with requirements levied on the ~~Classified Service~~, primarily by the National Security Agency. Since these requirements are subject to frequent revision, no listing of targets would be valid for the duration of the project. Specific operations will be mounted on the basis of need and opportunity. The project will be conducted by Division D with assistance from area divisions and stations as

3. Background: ~~needed.~~

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needed. In response to the increasing requirements for the operational procurement of foreign code and cipher materials, Division D in 1960 began the spotting of agent assets as a developmental activity. During the same

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period requirements from NSA became more refined and in many respects more sensitive. Because most stations are not equipped to conduct this type of operation and because of the desirability of completely centralized control over this entire effort, it was determined that Division D, which is in closest touch with NSA on procurement requirements, could best conduct the activity. The ~~first~~ spotting activity has now advanced far enough to justify removing from the OOA category.

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4. Operational assets:

(1) Personnel: QJWIN is under written contract as a principal agent, with the primary task of spotting agent candidates. QJwin was first contacted in 1958 through the Chief of the Luxembourg I.S. by the Chief of Station, Luxembourg, in connection with an illegal narcotics operation into the United States. For a period of a year and a half she was contacted ~~in~~ ~~by~~ sporadically by C/S, Luxembourg, in behalf of the Bureau of Narcotics. Files of this Bureau reflect an excellent performance by QJwin. In ~~September~~ ^{October} 1960,

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Q Jwin annual salary

\$ 7,200

Travel + ops expenses

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Q Jwin + other agents & agent candidates: 2,000

Needs for services by and
standby of agents and
agent candidates:

2,000

Travel of staff employees
engaged in Zorible activity:

2,500

Hire of safehouses, automobiles
and other operational expenses:

1,000

\$ 14,700

Pay for agents on completion of jobs?

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1) Legal, ethical → morale, operational problems; political: non-attributability.

2) Our own experience (Bangkok) (+ effect on DDP) and experience w/ KGB (Crossup; Bardera group, Khoblos) → require most professional, proven operationally competent, ruthless, stable, CF-experienced ops officers (few available), able to conduct patient search + adjust to pull back if instinct or knowledge tells him he should, + w/ ^{high regard for operational security} assessments ~~and all communications~~.

3) Maximum security:

a. Kubark only (e.g., ^{what does lingua franca now} know?); no approach to other Govt. agencies

b. Within Kubark, one focal point for control, search, training, case officiating, etc. - DDP authority in this focal point mandatory. DCI officially advised?

c. Max. security cable commo for innocuous cables only; no restrictions on travel; possibility of one-man overseas (Europe) control base with own (non-station) commo. word of mouth + no backchannels re ^(except for search) trips

d. No PA's, or intermediaries; rigid case-officering, from start to finish.

e. No approach to officials of foreign govt.

f. No ^{use of assets} PROHIBITED ^{any} agent who eyes recruited for a U.S. Govt. agency. Training by opposition would need.

g. Use of already tested assets (e.g., Markel) in the search.

h. Stand-by list of Kubarkers who can

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pass as foreigners.

- i. Pretext: Nutshell/D search; this established (e.g., Rome).
 - j. No discussions in stations.
 - k. No "team" until ready to go if stalls.
4. Blackmail:

a. No American citizens or residents or people who ever obtained U.S. visas.

b. No chain of communication directly person to person; singleton ops.

c. No meetings ^{any} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ home territory.

d. Exclude organization ^{2-8, Sicilians} criminals, those w/ record of arrests, those w/ mutability of purpose as criminals.

e. Staffers involved - selection.

5. Cover: planning should include provision for ~~sheltering~~ houses or beds in case of blow.

6. Testing of nominees essential: re following directions, security, blackmail.

7. Former resistance personnel a possibility.

8. Use nobody who has never dealt w/ criminals; otherwise will not be aware of pitfalls or consider factors such as freedom to travel, wanted lists, etc.

9. Should have phony 201 in R) to backstop this, all documents therein forged & backdated. Should look like a CE file.

10. Possible use of ~~staffers for the setup~~.

11. Silverthorne.

Keeping of files.

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freed to travel

Legal, operational + ethical → missile problems.

Khoblov case.

- sig. not secure enough.
- 1) Maximum security + within Kuba only (e.g., how much does Sirogusa now know?). Limitation on number code clerks for enciphering + deciphering. Use of Linnick objectives.
 - 2) One focal point for search, control, tracing, case-officer + PA selection. Complete DDP authority in this focal point mandatory. Overseas one-man control base with own (non-station) comm.
 - 3) Every operation to be rigidly case-officer'd; no side-shoot PA's.

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- Non-attributability:
- 4) No American citizens or American nationals for direct action; possibly for approach to foreign elements. No criminal who tainted by use by another American agency. Use of case-officers who can pass as foreigners — and limited official reference.

5) No chain of connections permitting blackmail.

6) Don't meet any selectee in home territory.

7) Avoid discussion w/ foreign officials until all possibility of search through private citizens (e.g. officer) has been examined.

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8) Planning should include provision for blaming Soviets (or Czechs) in case of blow. is it above essential.

9) Exclude organization criminals, those with record of arrests, those who have engaged in several types of crime.

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10) Corsicans recommended. Sicilians could lead to Mafia.

11) Former resistance personnel offer possibilities. (OSS archives.)

12) Period of testing, surveillance, etc. for each selected.

13) ~~Any~~ ^{all} ~~sub~~ ^{mark} personnel ~~selected~~ ^{should have some CE} experience.

14) Silverthorn & stable in Paris.

15) What are limits on team or individuals ~~re~~ selected? No "team" until ready to go.

16) ~~For~~ Danger of standbys.

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Sid. # - 25/1 - Eye (chain)
"The Magic Button"

Narcotics Büro ~~→~~ ~~→~~ ~~→~~
"for a lung" - RIS 201 cover

Carton - Bankruptcy - No Star
eyes - Jim A. / Contract
not a TSD problem

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Apply brakes

Test report beyond last report &
a confession of weakness. -
- El Benefactor - assumptions -

~~Example 3 "wrong"~~

Framework of Sid's job. Separat
Elut R & D - Memo.

"Translating machines" - I & E
basic Council project -
phenomena - (4 units CB)

Comment - Fear

Anesthesia -

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6/1 - AS - Farfan ~~→~~ ~~→~~ ~~→~~
no file Review -

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never never mention
word assassination

1. Select proper option to run -
2. Place a corner Max of 2
3. Security Rules B-WNH-AS-3
4. Trust levels SECRET Sid - Review
5. Test Report - Brakes - Substituted - what next

6. No other agencies (
7. No projects or papers except per cones.
8. Principal Agent - ~~Q~~ (Marked)
AF - Project Chart LCH -
Ticket 1500 - from NB -
Mark spot name. Still at
project -
9. Disposal
10. Targets who makes -
Must know before
we can spot -
11. Case officering
12. Cover file - create & from
RIS or alt. it. - non ser
13. Nat. changes of RIS counter
action & monitor if they
are blamed -
FBI list - Remember

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