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(Begin underline) Reference Department's telegram 4028 (end underline).

Our entire public affairs effort is now geared to terms of reference D-21. Despatch 2253, February 3, 1953, "semi-annual evaluation report on Germany", and current information and other reports have covered regular public activities since D-2. This despatch will be restricted to special activities not (repeat not) previously reported on.

Discussions felt advisable on special application and implementation of D-21, including some specific queries contained in Department's telegram 4028, were not (repeat not) possible since Ad Hoc Committee meeting attended by Kellerman. After High Commissioner is briefed on this program, plans will be worked out and reported. As of receipt of approved D-21 (October 9, 1952) Ad Hoc Committee deliberated on such projects as described in body of this paper; procedures long since adopted by public reviewed and found acceptable; implementation of D-21 by other agency is not (repeat not) part of this communication since agency's own channel used. Selected examples of projects undertaken by public psychological warfare program (public contingency fund operation) and still continuing are submitted. Properly approved concepts of PEPCO policy papers and guide lines, Carol-Speier paper and INTERIM PLAN FOR INTENSIFIED PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE IN GERMANY were basis of operation.

PROCEDURES

In implementing projects, it is our policy to assist already existing organizations in the attainment of pre-conceived aims which coincide with US policy objectives.

It is not (repeat not) our policy to "buy" people or corrupt institutions. On the contrary, our mission is to seek out those German organizations, groups and individuals whose aims and activities tend to further US interests in Germany and to

help them

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help them establish themselves strongly in German life and expand their activities.

Security is of the utmost importance. All persons involved are thoroughly checked as to reliability and orientation. Personal contacts are of greatest importance, and all work is based on mutual trust and confidence. All projects are conceived and carried out in such a way that only a few individuals in HICOG are acquainted either with the idea or details of a given project. Fiscal procedures have been worked out to eliminate all security risks. We are abiding by the rule that we shall not (repeat not) engage in operations which might create serious embarrassment to the United States if such operations became public knowledge.

Many projects are conducted jointly with Federal Government Ministries so as to encourage German initiative and responsibility and give German officials the feeling that we are cooperating in the attainment of joint objectives. Within HICOG, projects are coordinated with other offices at the office director level, as required.

A harmonious relationship exists with the other agency, whereby each recognizes the strong points of the other and full agreement is reached as to who can do a particular job better and through what channels.

TYPICAL PROJECTS INITIATED BEFORE RECEIPT OF D-21 AND STILL CONTINUING.

A semi-monthly publication reporting and documenting conditions and developments in the Soviet zone was financed and guided by the policy staff. This publication has become the basic means of information on this subject. Its financing and distribution on a wide scale is now (repeat now) secured by the Federal Ministry of all-German affairs. (This project is continuing under Ministry's auspices).

A private non-profit organization in West Berlin is being assisted in maintaining five contact points with the Soviet zone population: an office for cultural aid; a consultation service for teachers; a physicians consultation service; and two separate libraries. Trained consultant specialists at these contact points provide guidance and informational and professional materials to Soviet zone residents coming to West Berlin in search of spiritual reassurance and scientific truths. Over 500,000 books and periodicals are loaned or otherwise given out by the organizations two libraries each year. Most of these materials are taken into the Soviet zone.

A German

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A German Social Science Institute founded for the development of democratic methods and institutions in Germany was enabled to comply with a request by German Government authorities to proceed with preliminary studies of the organization, structure, and indoctrination of future armed forces.

Assistance is being given to a group of young Berlin journalists to enable them to publish on a regular basis, fake editions of four Soviet zone publications which appeal to youth, the police, labor, and farmers. Between 10,000 and 20,000 copies of each publication, printed in the same format as the Soviet zone original, but with editorial content reflecting western policy viewpoints, are infiltrated into the Soviet zone each month to the pertinent target group in each case. Reports indicate that recipients regard the fake editions as valuable sources of information as to what is going on in the western world and that the entire action, because of its bold and dramatic nature, has been helpful in demonstrating western interests in the fate of the Soviet zone population and in bolstering the morale of resistance groups and keeping alive their hopes of eventual liberation.

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Assistance is being provided to a young West German cabaretist to enable him to produce and place on the road in West Germany a full-length political cabaret in support of certain US informational themes, i.e. the creation of a strong, united Europe; the impossibility of German neutrality; exposure of conditions in the Soviet zone; and encouragement of West German interest in West Berlin.

A German publishing company is publishing six books designed to help formulate, interpret and propagate a German foreign policy with regard to sensitive problems and areas, based on the principle of cooperation with the West.

Aid was rendered to a Berlin weekly newspaper holding positive views on US foreign policy to enable this newspaper to continue publishing. Aid is continuing to help it expand in scope, size and circulation. This paper gives strength and impetus to a critical group in Germany basically in favor of European integration and German participation in Western defense.

We are working closely with and assisting an organization of progressive businessmen in the Federal Republic in its attempts to promote European unity, West German participation in Western defense, and the idea of a truly democratic citizens army for the Federal Republic.

Assistance is being rendered to a newly-established pocket-book publishing company to facilitate the inclusion of eight politically desirable titles in the company's first years output. It is expected that the profits from these eight books will enable the publication of four more similar titles, and similarly, that the profits from these four will enable the publication of two more titles, and so on until the revolving fund thus created is exhausted.

(Begin underline) Typical projects initiated and/or completed after approval of PSB D-21 (9 October 1952)(end underline)

Pamphlets, a farmers calendar, and a fake edition of a Soviet zone farm paper were distributed to the several thousand Soviet zone farmers who visited Berlin's traditional agricultural fair,

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(begin underline) Gruene Woche (end underline), 30 January 1953. These materials had the purpose of indicating continuous Western interest in the plight of Germans behind the iron curtain, of giving them information on latest developments in Western agriculture, and of maintaining the resistance potential of this large anti-Communist element. Similar actions were undertaken at the 1951 and 1952 fairs. (Project is completed).

A monthly soldiers magazine was assisted in putting out a special issue promoting the European Defense Community and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. A total of 120,000 copies were distributed free of charge during the December 1952 Bundestag debates on the EDC treaty and contractual agreements to veterans groups in a position to exert influence on the course of these debates. (Project completed).

A motion picture will be produced, based on the successful book, (begin underline) BERLINER KREML (end underline), previously sponsored. It is expected that this motion picture will serve to give further publicity to the lively, gripping, "inside story" expose of Soviet policies and methods in Germany by the high-ranking defector, Gregory Klimov.

In cooperation with German circles, the Europa-union is being assisted in conducting a signature campaign through the newspapers and organizations in the Federal Republic, designed to collect as many signatures as possible pledging support to the formation of a European political authority.

A motion picture company is being supported in the production of a fast-moving feature-length film with the two-fold purpose of exposing Soviet "show-trial" techniques and publicising the effective work being done by West Berlin resistance organizations.

Since the inception of this program a total of DM 12,450,000 has been expended to date. A total of DM 14,270,000 additional is committed through obligations.

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