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TO : Chief, WMD

DATE 9 August 1956

FROM : Acting Chief of Station, Habana

SUBJECT GENERAL 6 Operational/KUCAGE
SPECIFIC Arthur G. VALVADA-Request for KUCAGE Operational Clearance

It is requested that an operational clearance be obtained for VALVADA which will permit the Station to discuss with him KUCAGE operations in the **student field.** We realize that VALVADA is fully occupied with his present duties, and it is not intended to place any responsibility on him for KUCAGE operations. It would be of great assistance to the Station, however, if the writer could be permitted to obtain VALVADA's views on the type of KUCAGE activity in the **student field** which might be most likely to succeed, and capitalize on his knowledge of the field by using him **as a spotter.** (We have in mind the organization of a student political action team similar to the one operating in Brazil under project ALKALINE-C.)

Theodore K. Lislett
Theodore K. LISLETT

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TO : Chief, WWD

DATE 17 April 1956

FROM : Chief of Station, Habana

SUBJECT GENERAL - Operational - KJTUR
SPECIFIC - Arthur G. VaivadaREFST: (a) HHS-W-1607, 30 March 1956
(b) HHS-W-1505, 28 December 1955

1. Regarding reference (a) the Station concurs fully with the proposed promotion of Arthur G. Vaivada and desires also at this time to bring to the attention of Headquarters the merits of granting Vaivada staff status either concurrently with the promotion or as soon thereafter as may prove feasible.
2. The agent himself has expressed a keen interest in acquiring such status, for a number of obvious reasons. As a contract agent, Vaivada has not been entitled to the standard step increases that accrue to regular GS employees. Moreover he has not had the benefit of recent legislative increases in basic salary rates, such that his salary, originally set 16 August 1954 at the then GS-9 level, is still \$5060.00 per annum. Perhaps of more importance than the foregoing considerations is the fact that this agent has been and is losing out in terms of the retirement, health insurance, and other more long-term advantages available to staff personnel. The agent has several times expressed to the case officer his concern, as a family man, over the fact that he is not receiving retirement credits with his years of service. Vaivada's expressed career interests lie in continued employment by EUBARK, more especially in the area of unofficial cover assignments in the field, and in view of his qualities of character and high level of performance for EUBARK the Station has no hesitation in recommending to Headquarters that he be awarded the desired change in status.
3. In view of the agent's present salary level it is recommended that the promotion from his present grade be to the equivalent of a GS-10 at a per annum salary of \$5,915.00. If Headquarters concurs in the recommendation that the agent be granted staff officer status, the agent would move up to the GS-11 grade at that time.

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half his time to our work. Since that time his main duties have been to act as cutout and direct these agents. His most important single activity has been debriefing the high-level penetration agent whom he has been able to develop to a point where he and this one agent constituted the most important assets to the station.

- b. In the course of his operational duties, subject has proved himself to be very security conscious and to possess a degree of initiative which has impressed the station chief on more than one occasion. He has participated in setting up safecourses, was responsible for recruiting the two mail intercept agents, and has provided the facilities for photographing the material these two agents turn over to him for rapid processing and return to normal mail channels. Subject has recruited two additional agents, both of whom are presently being used, and carried out a cold recruitment attempt on a Communist. He participated in a technical surveillance operation in early 1951 during which he was in charge of the monitoring post together with an indigenous agent under his direction.
- c. Subject is an expert photographer and at one time operated his own photography shop in San Jose. He is also fairly proficient in sending Morse code. Is trained in the use of firearms and has studied and worked with charts and maps. He is considered an expert in writing reports. Subject has proved himself to be knowledgeable in the usual techniques of covert operations after four years of working in San Jose, and has proved to be invaluable to the station in spotting and/or recruiting additional agents.
- d. Subject will be available for duty in the near future. Should you find his qualifications of interest and favor his entry into Mexico as a contract agent, please advise as early as possible. Beauchurst has requested that Subject's possible use

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ORGANIZATIONS. DISCUSSING WITH CROWLEY.

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J. C. King
J. C. KING, C/SB
RELEASING OFFICER

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J. GALLAGHER, C/SB/III
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CITE: HAVA

TO: DIR

RE: HKHW 1707

VIEW UPCOMING RENEWAL AMPHODARCH PROJECT REQUEST STATUS
OF EFFORT PROVIDE VAIVADA WITH **NON STUDENT COVER.** THIS WAS
DISCUSSED WITH VERBECK EARLY 56.

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29 May 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI

VIA: FI/Projects Branch

SUBJECT: Arthur G. VAIVADA (P/A Project AMPHODARCH)
Plans for Improvement of Cover

REFERENCE: FI Memo of 13 December 1955

1. Referenced memorandum requested that WH Division forward to Chief, FI, on or about 29 May 1956, a report concerning plans for improving VAIVADA's cover (Habana University student on national scholarship from WHD proprietary).
2. Negotiations are currently underway for the establishment of VAIVADA as a representative in Cuba for one of several U. S. polling agencies. Such an arrangement would afford certain operational-contact advantages as well as a logical cover employment and apparent source of income for the agent. Efforts are being made to implement the proposed new cover arrangement prior to the 31 July 1956 renewal date of Project AMPHODARCH.

John T. Flynn
J. C. KING
Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

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8 Feb 1956.

COVER PREPARATION - (Arthur G. Vaiveda)

In compliance with Station and Headquarters requests, I am submitting an outline of my efforts and plans for establishing a legitimate (and permanent) cover occupation that will be suitable for movement and operation almost anywhere in this hemisphere. It is my understanding that there are two (local) cover proposals up for consideration and these will not conflict in any way the plan outlined herein, but actually will contribute to the realization of it. That is, during my tour at this station, I can ostensibly develop and strengthen a career in writing to the extent that it may "stand alone" as cover occupation. It is also pertinent to make it clear at this time, that my aspirations for a career in fiction writing are personal, sincere, and not in any way based on a desire to establish a particular type of cover. For this reason, I have divided this outline in two parts, the first pertaining to my personal efforts and activities; the second being in the form of a proposal, available to me as a method of providing a writing career with a very legitimate appearance.

I - PALMER INSTITUTE OF AUTHORSHIP

When in the early part of 1955 it became obvious that my University cover was not only weak but also identified with my targets and thereby creating a security dilemma, I began exploring the possibilities of utilizing my secondary cover which was "street photography". Financially this started out well but soon became bogged down with labor and/or immigration technicalities. At this time I had simultaneously enrolled in the Palmer Institute of Authorship at 1680 N. Sycamore, Hollywood 28, California. Frankly, in the beginning, I had little incentive or interest other than taking a "crack" at something I had always desired, but as time and lessons have gone by, there is a very positive indication that I can make the grade. It is a one year course, considered quite competent and provides stepping stones into the publishing world. I am nearing completion of this course, have two 5000 word short stories submitted to publishers, one short story analyzed by the Institute and recommended for re-write and probable sale. My intentions are to try and "break the ice" in the fiction adventure at teen-age level. (Boy's Life, New Brunswick, N.J.)

II - CONTACTS IN PAPERBACK BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY:

When I realized that with very little "padding" such as contacts with paperback book publishers in addition to my legitimate correspondence with magazines, this writing career could be very inadequate cover, I made the recommendation to the station some time in middle 1955.

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COVER PREPARATION - (Arthur G. Valvada) (Cont'd)

Along these same lines, I took advantage of the opportunity presented when an old friend and AAF companion came down on a visit in July 1955. Warrant Officer Francis Williams has been in the AISS (Air Intelligence) since 1940, actually one of the founders of the service and has written AISS technical bulletins for 15 years. Williams was practically present upon my entry into this organization (if not actually instrumental in my recruitment.) I discussed the plan in general terms with Williams and learned that one of his section AI Officers is currently in the publishing business. Williams assures me that when the right time approaches, he can "arrange" a substantial contact with this company, with practically no security hazards. We have left this pending. ((His address: 5846 Access Road, Page Manor, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.))

While on a visit to San Jose, Costa Rica, I met and discussed this cover aspect with Arthur Gregor, currently a civilian employee of the Naval Air Station at Coco Solo, Panama Canal Zone. Art Gregor was considered by the station at San Jose (our station, that is) for recruitment in 1952. I submitted the complete Section I of the PRQ on him and we had a tentative arrangement that sometime in the future, wherever he might be, if approached by the organization, he would work or cooperate with a temporary project, what ever the case be. (Gregor is specializing in mineralogy at MIT, and shooting for a Masters at the Colorado School of Mining.) Gregor has an uncle who is in the paperback book business (publishing) and according to his appraisal, would not object to cooperating unwittingly to the proposal of such a contact. ((Gregor's address: Box 2655, Cristobal, Canal Zone.))

In conclusion: It is realized that all this wordage may look very nice, etc., but actually the accomplishment of such cover will depend on whether I can get into publication however minor it may be. The efforts to "pad" the existing authentic cover with the two projects above may sound "nebulous", but after all, outside of a tight professional league of staff writers (or immortals) writing is a nebulous undertaking. Finally, all of Part II here is submitted as a proposal, awaiting approval and dependent upon the success of Part I.

Arthur G. Valvada
Arthur G. Valvada

AIR

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ECS-A-1310

Chief, WMD

15 December 1954

Chief of Mission, Habana

INFO: COS Guatemala
COM Mexico

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Angel EDAN ACOSTA

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1. On about 20 November 1954, Arthur G. VAIVADA (Identity A) met Subject by chance on the street in Habana. Vaivada states that he knew Subject from February to May of 1954 in Guatemala City where they lived in the same apartment building. Apparently Vaivada's wife was of considerable assistance to Sra. EDAN ACOSTA when the latter was sick and by the time Vaivada left Guatemala, a fairly good friendship had arisen between the two families. Sr. Roam Acosta was cultivated by Vaivada because of Roam Acosta's known high level CP contacts in Guatemala. Apparently Roam Acosta was of some assistance to Vaivada at the University of Guatemala.

2. Angel Roam Acosta is a Cuban, born in April 1925 at Camaguey, Cuba. He is currently a political writer for the weekly "Scenario", an anti-Batista magazine. He is married to Iraida MONTALVO of Las Villas, Cuba and has one child six months of age. They are currently residing with a sister-in-law in Santos Suarez, Habana. Subject was more or less an exile after 10 March 1952 because of his opposition to Batista. He went to Mexico first, and then received a fairly well paid job in the Government communist radio headquarters in Guatemala, where he was a political commentator and radio script writer.

3. Vaivada plans to continue here in Cuba his friendship with Subject with the idea of obtaining some local leftist youth contacts of value. Vaivada does not believe subject is aware of Vaivada's employment by KUBARK or PAPRIME.

4. This Mission's files indicate subject and a number of communists and communist sympathizers signed an anti-Batista declaration in 1952, according to the communist newspaper, Hoy.

5. The Mission would appreciate any information tending to confirm subject's communist affiliations, or indicating that Subject is aware of Vaivada's employment by PAPRIME.

Attachments:

1 separate cover enclosure (to Mexico & Quat)

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-AMPHODARCH

Reference: HAVA-926 (IN-25759); DIR 10892; DIR 10893

1. Operational clearance has been obtained for Arthur G. VAIVADA on 22 July 1954 as a replacement for Wallace C. RISON in Project AMPHODARCH.
2. VAIVADA has been a KUBARK contract agent since July 1949. His initial assignment was in Project HUMANOID in Costa Rica, where under a student cover he achieved a high-level penetration of the local EGYPSY organization. He was recalled to Headquarters in the fall of 1953 to participate in a similar project in Argentina, which could not be carried out because of refusal of the Argentine Government to grant him a visa. Recently he was in PBSUCCESS with additional duties as a cutout under Project ESCROW. He has completed three years of work at the University of Costa Rica and has one more year to finish for his B. A. degree in economics. His previous work as a contract agent has been excellent.
3. VAIVADA's new contract becomes effective on 1 August 1954 and runs for two years. His salary will be \$5060.00 annually (GS-9) and will be entitled to an equivalent quarters allowance. Transportation for VAIVADA, his dependents, and household effects, together with per diem in lieu of subsistence in the course of the travel to Cuba is authorized. He is entitled to death and disability benefits under the Federal Employees Compensation Act, to continuance of pay and allowances under the Missing Persons Act, and to 14 days of annual leave per calendar year. Although VAIVADA is expected to get his B. A. degree in one year at the University of Habana, it is expected that the second year of his contract will be spent in some type of graduate work at the same institution.

J. C. KING

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4. During the month of August the following expenses for VAIIVADA are anticipated in addition to the \$450.00 monthly normally incurred by RIKUS under Project AMPHODAHCII:

Compensation (GS-9)	\$ 421.67
Allowances (post differential)	137.50
Travel in Cuba	25.00
Operational expenses	83.34
Transfer allowance	150.00
Living quarters	150.00
Transportation for VAIIVADA and family to Cuba	<u>340.23</u>
TOTAL	\$1,307.74

5. It is anticipated that the breakdown of annual expenses for Project AMPHODAHCII will be as follows:

Compensation (GS-9)	\$ 5,060.00
Allowances (post differential)	1,650.00
Travel in Cuba	300.00
Operational Expenses	1,000.00
Living quarters	1,800.00
Transfer allowance (August 1954 only)	150.00
Transportation for VAIIVADA and family (August 1954 only)	<u>340.23</u>
Tuition, books, and related expenses (September 1954 only)	<u>300.00</u>
	\$10,600.23

The Mission is encouraged to make its own comments on the above expenses.

6. On 28 July 1954 VAIIVADA left here for Gainesville, Florida, for a discussion with Henry C. Zhdanov. After obtaining his visa, VAIIVADA was to leave Miami for Havana on 31 July. Upon arrival, he would register at the Packard Hotel and would stay there for a few days while looking for more permanent quarters. He was to be contacted by telephone the first time. At this time the Case Officer would use the one-time pseudonym of Sydney Stevens.
7. The Medical Office at Headquarters has found VAIIVADA physically qualified for full duties.
8. Project AMPHODAHCII is up for renewal on 1 September 1954. The Headquarters' desk plans to have the period covered by the project correspond to that of

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COVERT PERSONNEL SERVICES FORM
JOB SUMMARY

Pseudonym	Arthur G. VAIYADA
Division	WHD/III
Project	AUTHORITY
Case Officer	R. L. Malcolm
Date	22 JULY 1964

(If this information is contained in an approved Project, this form need not be completed.)

I. Duties: (General Description of the Duties to be performed)
Penetration of the Cuban Communist Party and Communist fronts at the University of Havana.

II. Qualifications: (Indicate qualifications applicable to assigned duties)

- a. Experience: Four years experience as a contract agent in WHD
- b. Education: (Check) High School College Post Graduate
- c. Language: English and Spanish - fluent
- d. Other:

III. Present job and salary:
Formerly received \$4205 plus allowances. This is to be raised to \$5060 per annum plus allowances under new contract.

IV. Cover Activity: PROPOSED ESTABLISHED (Cross out one). Give general description, i.e., Proprietary, Subsidized, Cultural, Educational, Commercial, Nominal, Military, etc.
Subject was under student cover in previous project. This cover will be continued in the new project

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R. L. Malcolm

SIGNATURE OF PROJECT OFFICER

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R. L. Malcolm, WHD/III

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DIVISION ND
STATION BAVARIA, CUPA

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICERS
Roy L. Malcolm
Book No. 2106 Ctrs. I
Extension 2555
Date 22 July 1954

1. It is requested that an amendment to the Subject Project be approved wherein contract agent ALPHONSE G. VAIIVADA (P) will replace contract agent Wallace C. RICHON (P). Operational clearance for the use of VAIIVADA in Project ANTHODARCE was granted 21 July 1954 (O.C. #25507).

2. Project ANTHODARCH is already approved for \$5400 for the year ending 31 August 1954. This amendment will increase the cost of ANTHODARCH during the remaining month of this approved period by \$1222.74. REINON'S compensation, allowances, and expenses for the same period is figured to be \$450.00. A breakdown of VAIWADA's expenses for the period 1 August through 31 August 1954 is as follows:

Compensation	(Cs-4)	421.67
Allowances		137.50
Travel in C.I.A.		25.00
Operational Expenses		83.34
Transfer allowance		150.00
Living quarters		150.00
Transportation in C.I.A. by Visual and Land		340.23
TOTAL		\$1307.74

3. For a successful substitution of VAIIVADA in place of RINOW in Project AMPHODARCH
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it is necessary that the two contract agents be in contact/during the period 1-31 August
1954. Immediately following the submission of this amendment covering that period, a
project renewal will be drawn up contemplating the use of VAIIVADA in the project on a
yearly basis with at least a two-year tour in view.

As a part of the cover backstopping, a nominal scholarship grant of \$120 per month will be "awarded" VELVADA by the DTEMBARCO mechanism. Complete correspondence and documentation on this grant will be carried by VELVADA when he goes to Cuba.

5. Arthur G. VAIVADA has been a contract agent in the employ of EINARK since July 1969, working in the HUMANOIN Project in Costa Rica, and more recently in Project PRSUCCESS with additional duties as cutout under Project ESCROW. VAIVADA has one more year of academic work to finish in order to receive an A.P. degree in Economics. This furnishes a logical and natural reason for him to matriculate at Havana University, with which are associated the main tasks, targets, and objectives of Project AMPHODA RCH. His previous work as a contract agent has been excellent and it is felt that with the substitution of ~~Mr~~ VAIVADA for RISON, a big improvement in the production of the project may be expected during the coming year. VAIVADA, a U. S. citizen married to a Costa Rican

Cuban contacts than RIXON who is a Puerto Rican, as there exists a certain amount of antagonism between Cubans and Puerto Ricans. VAWADA also has the advantage of having had three years of university work in Costa Rica.

6. It is the consensus of opinion among the interested officers at Headquarters and in the field that Wallace C. RIXON should be given the opportunity of serving elsewhere in Latin America in a locality and situation where he will have greater opportunity to produce results. Plans are now being drawn up to shift RIXON to another country in September 1954.

J. C. KING, CDR

Approved: _____
Chief, PI

Date

16 July 54.

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

SUBJECT: Commercial Photography (various)

1) By definition this type of photography is in a class by itself. Simplified, it is nothing more than a man with a 35 mm flash camera moving rapidly throughout industry, commerce and any institutional activity, concentrating on the "individual at his job." There is no contact with the subject photographed, each operator, secretary or official is "shot" with or without warning at his work. Within 24 hours the work is completed and the post card size, black and white copy is shown to the subject. Actually maintaining records, our experience has shown that approximately 95% of all shots are sold on the first exhibition.

2) Technically, the project is based on 3 very important precepts:-

I - Low unit cost of production is absolutely necessary since there is always a calculated sales loss. In flash photography,

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The cost of conventional bulbs pusher unit cost way up (to say nothing of ^{low} operating speeds). Therefore it is necessary to use electronic flash equipment i.e., unit cost per flash = \$1.0075 —

II- Highly Standardized photography and processing. Using one film (Kodac Super X), one paper (Bromide F-2,3) and two developers always. (Dc-20, Sinograd & D-72) One size, (postcard), continuity of framing and extension of enlargement, equal density in negatives.

III- The professional capacity to exploit situation rapidly, establishing a verbal contract with the immediate management of an organization and the ability to take your pictures in very rapid succession while maintaining a high standard of quality in your negatives.

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3) EQUIPMENT & COSTS:

- 1- Camera, 35 mm, preferably a sharp
and fast lens. f/2 is however
eligible 35 & 50 mm lenses. — \$120. 00
- 1- Electronic Flash Unit, storage battery
type, 90 watt sec. out-put minimum. — 75. 00
- 1- ENLARGER, 35mm, single condenser,
auto-focus, of very good quality. — 145. 00
- 3- TRAYS, 11 x 14 in. Hard rubber — 20. 00
- 1- TRIMMER, or 10 (Kodak) — 10. 00
- VARIOUS ITEMS allied equip. such as:
thermometer, scales, sponges, case;
electrical wiring, etc. — 30. 00
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- APPROX. TOTAL EQUP. \$ 400.00

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4) So far, this has been treated with a purely commercial point of view — in our work — the advantages are many:

- a) All equipment may be carried from country to country in one small foot locker or suit case. May be set up and operating in 48 hours by one man — no labor problems, no security risks — adequate income guarantees. May be taken down for movement in one hour.
- b) Provides business contact in almost any point one might decide to penetrate, and almost at any time —
- c) Absolute freedom of movement at all hours. Work if you want to — take care of other business when necessary.

Arthur G. Virella

AIR

Security Information

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Chief, WHD

Chief of Station, Guatemala

INFO: Lincoln

Operational

Arthur G. VAIKADA

References: 1) SANJ 109
 2) DIR 32680
 3) GUAT 938
 4) DIR 31729

5) GUAT 053
 6) GUAT 957

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1. As has already been reported, Arthur G. VAIKADA and dependents arrived in Guatemala City on 2 January 1954. The first of several contacts with him was successfully accomplished on the night of 4 January 1954. Subject currently is living temporarily in an apartment hotel; however, he has already rented a small, inconspicuous apartment located in a middle-class neighborhood. He has purchased a few pieces of inexpensive furniture for the apartment and intends moving his family to the premises within the immediate future. Subject's choice of neighborhoods in which to reside is believed excellent. The apartment is located in a fairly busy section of town, is on a busy street served by public buses which travel to all parts of the city and is of such modest appearance that it will attract no attention.
2. Subject has registered with the local university and is in the process of developing contacts which may prove valuable in the future. Concerning subject's entry into the University he has pointed out that this type of cover is poor here and that at an undetermined date in the future he may request authorization to discontinue this cover for one of a more local nature. However, until this matter is discussed at greater length with headquarters in the future, subject will continue to attend his classes to put in an appearance.
3. Subject's wife is a native-born Costa Rican national. According to Guatemalan law she automatically becomes a Guatemalan citizen at the time she establishes a residence here. Because she does not wish to accept Guatemalan nationality but desires to retain her own nationality, subject has through a local attorney arranged to have his wife granted the status of a permanent resident but not a naturalized citizen. In this way she will enjoy all the privileges of a Guatemalan citizen except the right to vote. She will be able to work or engage in private business of her own. Subject will have all the necessary details completed in this connection within the next few days.

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4. Subject currently is exploring the possibilities of having his wife open a small photographer's shop in her name. According to the attorney handling his wife's papers this is possible and subject would be able to attend classes and at the same time earn more money. Due to the fact he is known as an ex-G.I. and a married man with two children, the fact that he does commercial photographic work while attending university would appear only logical. However, this point will be discussed with headquarters if and when subject believes the time is right to branch out.
5. The following question was brought up by subject which we feel should be answered by headquarters: Subject is receiving a regular salary from our organization which is deposited in his bank in the U.S. In addition and commencing within the near future subject will be receiving \$130.00 per month from the Veterans' Administration which will be sent by regular U.S. Government check to the local Consulate. He has raised the question as to whether or not at some future date he may be embarrassed for accepting two checks from our government, or whether headquarters will deduct from his stipulated salary that additional salary which he will receive from the Veterans' Administration. Any advice which headquarters can furnish will be appreciated by subject.
6. It was decided here that subject will in the future be the go-between in the ESCROW project. Accordingly, on the night of 22 January 1954, subject met ESCROW in a secure meeting place for the purpose of arranging danger signals, future meeting places and for the purpose of insuring correct recognition in the future. Henceforth, subject will meet subject twice or three times each week in order that ESCROW's potential may be exploited to the fullest extent. Subject is now scouting the used car lots in a search for a small used car. Once he has purchased a vehicle future meetings with him and between him and ESCROW will be held with a better degree of safety.
7. The \$500.00 advance subject requested prior to his arrival here was handed to him by the undersigned. Subject had left his previous place of residence prior to time the authorization was cabled by headquarters. The advance will be accounted for in reporting station's accounting records.
8. In summary, it is the undersigned's belief that subject is fitting into the local picture easily and effectively. The fact his wife is Latin is helpful to him, according to subject. He has exhibited an enthusiastic attitude and a calm, purposeful manner which is gratifying. We will furnish headquarters with a progress report on this project in thirty days.

28 January 1954

Cyrus Z. Burnette

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Plans Staff, PI
FROM : Chief, WID
SUBJECT: Project BIRADIAL

DATE: 18 December 1953

1. Project BIRADIAL is being terminated as of 1 December 1953 inasmuch as BIRADIAL has been denied entry into Argentina.
2. As of 1 December 1953 he will have been transferred to the rolls of FB Success.
3. The purpose of Project BIRADIAL was to provide for the covert training and transfer of this contract agent from Costa Rica to Argentina where he would develop a penetration of the Communist Party of Argentina (PCA) and Communist front organizations and perform support functions as assigned.
4. Project BIRADIAL was approved for the period 1 August 1953 through 31 July 1954 **in the amount of \$10,475.00.**
5. BIRADIAL's salary has been paid through November 1953 under this project. He has also been paid the amount of per diem due him while in the United States in accordance with the project authorization.
6. There are no present outstanding financial commitments to BIRADIAL under this project.

W. B. Caldwell

W. B. Caldwell, Chief, PI/WI

Attachment

(a) Original of the Approved Project Action
dated 12 August 1953

Approved:

SJ Osborne 26 January 1954
Chief, Plans Date

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16 December 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

PROJECT BIRADIAL

1. BIRADIAL, who was to have been dispatched to Buenos Aires, has been denied proper documentation from the Argentine authorities for entrance and residence in Buenos Aires.
2. There is attached hereto a copy of a letter dated 6 October 1953 at San Jose, Costa Rica, which BIRADIAL received from the Argentine Embassy, Consular Section setting forth pertinent data regarding subject's entry denial. (This letter, received on 24 November 1953 had previously been sent to a mailing address in Dayton Ohio, namely # Francis Williams, 5846 Access Road, Page Manor, Dayton. Since the letter was unclaimed at this address (BIRADIAL having learned later that Williams, an Army Officer friend of his had been shipped out), the letter was returned to the Argentine Embassy, Costa Rica and was subsequently forwarded to BIRADIAL's former address at Presidential Gardens, Alexandria, Va. The letter had been postmarked at Dayton, Ohio, 19 October 1953.
3. On 25 November 1953 while in contact with the Agent he indicated the possibility of writing his wife's relatives, Alicia De Cruz and family, in Mar De Plata, Argentina, with whom contact is maintained, for the purpose of attempting to assist agent at that end in having the proper entry permit issued. He also indicated the possibility of returning to Costa Rica and while in that area being plausibly and legitimately employed while awaiting another Agency assignment. Inasmuch as a combination of factors lead to the conclusion that it would be unwise to attempt to exert other influence in an attempt to have BIRADIAL granted an Argentine visa, and for other cover considerations as well as the time element which may be involved, the matter was discussed with other representatives of MI who desired to take the Agent over in connection with PB Success.
4. Arrangements were set up for Agent to meet the Chief of the Guatemalan Station. Subsequently, on 8 December 1953 Agent BIRADIAL was introduced in a secure manner, to Mr. E. Hobbing, by the writer. Hobbing will in the immediate future be handling BIRADIAL in connection with certain operational matters and as of 1 December 1953 BIRADIAL will be chargeable to PB Success.
5. In accordance with the provisions of the project, BIRADIAL was paid \$350.00 for his November salary; \$93.00 for his tuition fee at American University and \$168.00 for his per diem to cover his period of time while in Covert training.
6. Proper receipts have been forwarded to Cedric Wolcott, Finance Division.

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7. It should be noted, that Agent over a period of several contacts appeared to be very cooperative and his attitude was commendable. When he first learned that he had been denied entry **to Buenos Aires**, he was somewhat chagrined since he appeared to be set on an attempt to do a good job in a "tight" area. He had not given up hope to obtain proper authorization and was willing to pursue the matter further since he felt over a period of time he would be allowed proper entry authority. He suggested several possibilities.
8. Agent also expressed a desire to go to Cuba or anywhere else the Agency felt he could be of best service to the Agency regardless of the difficulties within reason, which may have been imposed on him and his family.
9. In view of Agent's past successful record with this Agency, in view of his attitude, his future possibilities and his comparatively limited salary, it was suggested to Mr. Hobbing that he might consider a raise in Agent's salary.
10. **The Buenos Aires Mission** was on 7 December 1953 advised that Agent was denied entry **to Argentina**.
11. It should be noted that Agent has indicated that **his wife has been maintaining contact with her distant relative in Mar De Plata who is expecting Agent and his wife to go to Argentina.** In this connection, Agent on 11 December 1953 informed his wife had received a letter **from her cousin.** The letter indicated that difficulty should be anticipated in obtaining an entry **resident permit to Buenos Aires** but that it nevertheless is possible. Agent states the letter points out a plan for Agent and his wife to work out. Agent informed the letter was received a little too late since he is now on the other operation. He stated however, he and his wife will be in contact **with Alicia De Cruz and family** with a view toward the possibility of entering **Argentina** at some future date. (BIRADIAL is forwarding the above mentioned letter through Mr. Hobbing).
12. PI/Plans Staff is being informed to cancel Project BIRADIAL as of 1 December 1953.
13. Attached hereto and for retention in Agent's file are the following:
 - (a) Copy of receipt # P-3283 for Agent's salary (\$350.00) for the period 1-30 November 1953.
 - (b) Receipt F-556 dated 25 November 1953 for the amount of \$93.00.
 - (c) Copy of claim for reimbursement dated 25 November 1953 in the amount of \$93.00.
 - (d) Copy of a receipt dated 11 December 1953 for the amount of \$468.00.

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TESA-1272

TO : Chief, WHD
 FROM : Chief of Station, San José
 SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational
 second— Alfredo ~~P~~ POVEDANO

DATE 11 August 1952

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1. The above-named individual is Chief of the Commercial Department of the Ministry of Finance on a full time basis. However, he is also the code and cipher specialist within the Costa Rican Government and personally provided the codes now being used by the Foreign Office and Seguridad Pública. This latter responsibility apparently stems from his hobby of working with codes and ciphers and the absence of any better-qualified expert on this subject. He is a member of the American Cryptogram Association, is a "ham" radio operator, an expert photographer, and an amateur chemist, among other things. During the 1948 revolution, he provided the rebel forces with code systems and broke a code being used by the government forces. On other occasions he has furnished codes to the incumbent administration during times of emergency, such as the abortive invasion of Costa Rica from Nicaragua during 1949.

2. Officers of the Commercial Section of the Embassy have had cordial and cooperative relations with subject on commercial and economic matters for some time. Recently one of these officers advised us that subject had made tentative, informal inquiries concerning the possibility of obtaining technical advice and assistance from the Embassy or the Department of State with a view to improving the cipher system of the Foreign Office. It was suggested to subject that an official request to the Embassy for such information would probably result in a polite refusal, but that one of the Embassy officers, RUSSO, had had experience in codes and ciphers while serving in the Army, and that perhaps an unofficial discussion would be helpful.

3. On this basis, a luncheon date was arranged at which time subject stated that the Foreign Minister had recently questioned him for several hours on the security of the Foreign Office codes and possible means of improving them, and had instructed subject to study the problem. According to subject, the Foreign Minister then indicated serious concern over the threat presented by local and international Communist activities and speculated on various possibilities of covering their activities.

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4. Subject then digressed from code and cipher talk to the subject of secret inks, their use, and potentialities and possible methods of detection. He indicated that he was interested in establishing a secret censorship of suspect mail coming into the country, particularly the mail of known Communists, and inquired whether any assistance could be offered in this field of secret writing detection and clandestine censorship techniques.

5. In view of the fact that this sudden turn in the conversation struck uncomfortably close to the HUMANOID-1 and HUMANOID-2 operation, we attempted to discourage subject by pointing out that such a proposal was illegal and would have drastically dangerous political and legal repercussions if it were attempted and leaked out. We asked if Foreign Minister LARA had approved this censorship proposition and also inquired how the Foreign Office could possibly interest itself in a matter which would seem to come under the jurisdiction of Seguridad Pública. POVEDANO replied that it had not been discussed in plain words with LARA, but that he would discuss it with him in order to determine whether the matter should be dropped or explored further. He was cautioned not to tell LARA of his conversations with the Embassy officers.

6. Several days later subject advised that he had discussed the matter fully with Foreign Minister LARA and that the latter had been extremely interested in the proposal. However, LARA pointed out that the Foreign Office had no jurisdiction in this regard and told POVEDANO to discuss the proposition with Lt. Col. Gonzalo SEGARES, Oficial Mayor of Seguridad Pública.

7. According to POVEDANO, SEGARES became very enthusiastic about the idea and authorized subject to carry out further study and collect the necessary technical data and equipment. SEGARES offered to provide funds for purchase of required chemicals, etc., for experimentation in secret ink detection and instructed subject to make plans for the training of several additional persons in the procedure. Subject indicated to SEGARES that he would use his home darkroom and laboratory for this training and possibly even for the eventual processing of suspect correspondence.

8. With this official authorization and support, subject again inquired whether it would be possible for us to assist him in obtaining pertinent manuals, background literature, reference material, and technical advice on mail censorship procedures and secret writing detection. In view of subject's apparent official backlog and personal determination to continue his inquiries, we decided to make a gesture of assistance on a confidential, unofficial basis with a view to controlling and possibly directing his activities.

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9. Accordingly, RUSSO described a personal friend in the Division of Communications and Records of the Department who had had considerable experience in censorship work and offered to make inquiries of this individual for any available material. It was also indicated that this person would be asked to comment on the probable reaction of the Department to an official confidential request from the Costa Rican Government for assistance. It was suggested to subject that he not discuss this matter with any other individuals pending a reply to our inquiries, to which he agreed. He also agreed that the best approach to this whole project would be to proceed only with training and planning activities at this time and not attempt to initiate actual censorship until an emergency arises, such as a Communist armed uprising or a third world war. However, on this latter point it is believed probable that subject would prefer to begin the activity regardless of whether an emergency arises, in order to obtain coverage of current Communist activities.

10. As is obvious from the above conversations, a number of operational possibilities (and hazards) are presented to us and headquarters comments and guidance are respectfully requested. Depending on headquarters desires and policies, we could possibly gradually discourage subject from ever initiating his project prior to an emergency while at the same time assisting him with pertinent written material provided by headquarters for his planning and training purposes. This would have the advantage of facilitating the organization of a competent crew on a stand-by basis who could be put to work if a world war were to break out. We could tap this government censorship activity. However, in view of our presently only limited post office coverage, a more attractive opportunity might be sincerely to assist subject, insure his development of a secure project, and substitute our present coverage by an all-Costa Rican operation. It appears that we could control such an operation either by working through subject or by dealing directly with Colonel SECARES. In this latter situation, we could probably expand the activity to provide coverage of cable traffic, and possibly international telephone calls. A danger here is the traditional lack of security consciousness of Costa Ricans.

11. In any event we are faced with a situation which presents a potential security threat to our current post office censorship activity. Headquarters comments are requested as soon as possible on at least the following points:

a. Will headquarters provide technical data on censorship methods for passing to POVEDANO as though it were obtained from a friend of RUSSO? In this connection we have in mind possibly unclassified Army instructional manuals, etc.

b. Will headquarters approve our accepting POVEDANO's

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invitation to work with him on an unofficial basis in his planning and experimentation activities, thus keeping ourselves informed of his progress?

c. Is headquarters interested in the possibility of replacing our presently incomplete post office coverage with an all-Costa Rican operation which we could tap either through POVEDANO or directly through SECARES?

d. Unless advised to the contrary, we will continue our present HUMANOID-1 and HUMANOID-2 activities during this period despite POVEDANO's project. HUMANOID will be alerted, however.

e. Is headquarters interested in our casually returning discussion to the subject of codes and ciphers with a possible view to assisting Costa Rica obtain systems to which we might retain a key?

f. Could headquarters provide an opinion as to what the reaction of the Department of State would be to a formal request from the Costa Rican Government for assistance on either codes and ciphers or clandestine censorship?

12. It is to be noted that POVEDANO knows RUSSO as just another Embassy officer. In all our discussion with him we have stressed that this is a subject which RUSSO cannot discuss in his official capacity, but would like to help on a personal basis because the activity would be directed against the Communists. POVEDANO has apparently accepted this relationship and assures that he has not indicated to LARA or SECARES that he has talked with RUSSO, merely informing them that he, POVEDANO, would attempt to obtain reference material through friends in the American Cryptographic Society and elsewhere.

13. One last comment. If headquarters' decision is to stay clear of this whole proposition, it is earnestly requested that some few items of background material on secret writing, or book titles of overt publications on the subject be furnished us to pass to POVEDANO for the purpose of indicating a reply has been received to our inquiries. The continued good will of POVEDANO is deemed of operational value as he appears to be well connected in high government circles.

14. Also, in view of the fact subject will be questioning us continually as to what we have learned, and will be suspending other action pending our advice, we ask that an immediate answer, preliminary if necessary, be made to this dispatch.

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TO : Chief of Station, San Joaquin

DATE: 9 July 1952

FROM : Chief of Station, Maragogi

SUBJECT: GENERAL—Operational Matters

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Ref#: TNS-A-1239

At the present moment there are no projects under development requiring
a cold recruitment. In the event a use for subject develops within the
next two weeks, the San Joaquin station will be advised.

Francis D. Magoffin

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TO : Chief of Station, Managua
FROM : Chief of Station, San José
SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational
SPECIFIC— HUMANOID

DATE: 3 July 1952

1. For your information, the above-named agent of this station is planning a three or four-day vacation trip to Managua within the next two weeks. He is an American, speaks Spanish and English, and has been handling sub-agents for a number of years.

2. It has occurred to us that perhaps subject could be of service to you in the carrying out of **cold recruitment attempts** or other minor operational tasks. If you are interested in having subject contact you for any reason, please let us know.

James K. Russo

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6. Your action terminating **HUMBACK** as a salaried agent, as of
31 March 1952 has been noted. Headquarters conveys in the action you have
taken regarding both **HUMBACK** and HUMANOID-4.

TJBarrett/as
9 June 1952

J. C. King

By T.J. Barrett

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d. National and subordinate committees of the Union de Mujeres-Carreen Lyra.

C. Tasks: This project conforms to the tasks assigned to the San Jose Station in SOI-46, DI SI and B2.

4. Personnel:

a. This project, involves in addition to HUMANOID, HUMANKIND-1; HUMANKIND-3; HUMANIST-2; and HUGGER, to be designated hereafter as HUMANOID-1; HUMANOID-2; HUMANOID-3; HUMANOID-4 in the order they are listed.

b. HUMANOID, is an American citizen, was born in 1922 in DeKalb, Illinois. He joined the United States Air Force in April 1946 and spent approximately five years doing general Air Force intelligence work. Subject is presently living in San Jose, Costa Rica where he has been attending school, and since June 1949, when project HUMANOID was first activated, subject has been the most valuable single agent of the San Jose Station.

5. Cover: Subject is established in Costa Rica on a purely personal basis with no apparent connection with the San Jose station. He is a home owner, married, and is a fully accepted member of the community on that basis. Subjects activities in connection with HUMANOID-3 will be handled through safe house facilities to be acquired by the station. It is felt that the processing of the material acquired from HUMANOID-1 & 2, can be done in the office of the Chief of Station, because of the small quantity of this type of material. The cut-out and direction activities of HUMANOID-4, will be handled by HUMANOID in periodic meetings in cafes, bars, or coffee shops, logical meeting places in San Jose.

6. Contact and communications: Contact between HUMANOID and other personnel involved in this Project is described above under Cover.

7. Control: The control of HUMANOID is based upon his past service record with the US Government, demonstrated loyalty, and the judgment of the present and former station chiefs in San Jose. In addition HUMANOID is a US citizen, and needs the financial assistance he receives for the performance of his duties.

8. Special Equipment: No special equipment is involved.

9. Coordination: This Project was originally initiated with the cooperation of the Panama Station. Continued coordination with Panama, or any other station is not considered necessary or desirable.

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10. Timetable: HUMANOID was engaged by this Station effective 1 June 1949 and has been functioning satisfactorily every since. HUMANOID is interested in making a career in the intelligence field, and has proved of inestimable value to the San Jose Station. We attach a memorandum, relative to the merits and contributions of Project HUMANOID to the activities of the San Jose Station.

11. Estimated Cost:

	<u>PY 1952</u>	<u>PY 1953</u>
Salary: HUMANOID	\$800.00	\$1,600.00
HUMANOID-1	76.00	152.00
HUMANOID-2	128.00✓	256.00
HUMANOID-3	452.00	904.00
HUMANOID-4	72.00	144.00
 <u>Agent Expenses:</u>	 200.00	 400.00
 Safe House:	 200.00	 400.00
 <u>Local Transportation</u> <u>Miscellaneous supplies,</u> <u>etc.</u>	 50.00	 100.00
	<u>\$1,978.00</u>	<u>\$3,956.00</u>

12. There are no special problems nor commitments.

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TRSA-1215

CRYPTONTH: HUMANOID

OPERATIONAL REVIEW

COUNTRY: Costa Rica	PERIOD: 1 January to 30 April, 1952
OBJECTIVES AND TASKS	No change
SALARY	\$1,000.00 per month.
EVALUATION OF SERVICES	Excellent and of major importance to this station.
Evaluation of information	Information produced by subject through his sub-agents is, in some instances, documentary and of value. In other cases, it is eye-witness, high level, and of considerable value.

OTHER FACTORS

Current operational restrictions on this agent presently prevent full exploitation of his potential.

COMMENTS

Due to financial pressure, explained in TRSA-1142, HUMANOID has recently undertaken a part time job at the School of Agronomy. His work deals with laboratory and dark room photographic assignments and is connected with a Costa Rican Government project in Geology. Subject is the most valuable agent available to this station and is believed capable of further development in the event current operational restrictions are removed. He is conscientious, hard working, loyal, imaginative, and amenable to supervision. In view of his interest in a long range career, a reply to the question posed in TRSA-1142 concerning career agent status would be appreciated. Subject has been aware of the recommended salary increase which has been pending for over ten months. Although he has not questioned the delay, it is obvious that his self-confidence and professional pride have been shaken somewhat by the lack of official recognition. We feel strongly that agent has earned a raise and that an increase at this time is not only justified but would be in the best interests of our present and future operations. PLEASE EXPEDITE ACTION ON THIS MATTER. 6 May 52

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OPERATIONAL REVIEW

CRYPTONYM: Humanoid

COUNTRY: Costa Rica

PERIOD: 2 July to 31 December 1951

OBJECTIVES & TASKS:

No change.

SALARY:

Subject is presently receiving 1,000 colones per month. A raise in salary is believed justified and is recommended below.

EVALUATION OF SERVICES:

Services of this agent are extremely valuable. As the principal cutout of this station he is charged with the direction and guidance of the most productive sub-agents we have at the present time. His handling of these agents is carried out in a professional and efficient manner, and his personal comments and corrections on their reports, based on his long acquaintance with local personalities and conditions, are of considerable value. His attitude remains enthusiastic and willing.

EVALUATION OF INFORMATION:

The information produced by the agents handled by subject is probably the most valuable being obtained by this station. In addition to routine production, this agent's operations are well-suited to checking on information received from other sources.

OTHER FACTORS:

Subject is presently seeking another safehouse to serve as a meeting place with subagents and for the processing of material produced by HUMANKIND-1 and 3. The photographic studio previously used as a safehouse has been given up as explained in TRSA-1084.

COMMENTS:

Despite the fact this agent has been working under certain operational restrictions for a number of months, his value to this station continues to be of major importance. In addition to the tangible and measurable information produced through him in the form of reportable material, HUMANOID has proved the single most valuable source of background and orientation data for the Chief of Station. His knowledge of the history of Costa Rican Communist

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activities and personalities and his grasp of the various revolutionary movements and figures has been freely shared with the Station Chief. These "briefing meetings" represent an intangible contribution to the over-all performance of this Station. Subject is eager to expand his operations, and, if headquarters approves the removal of present operational restrictions, it is believed he can be given further responsibilities, particularly in the recruiting of additional sub-agents. This Station is presently interested in accomplishing a parallel penetration of the Communist Party, in expanding routine investigative coverage, and in developing additional sources on political movements. It is believed that subject has potential in each of these fields. However, as reported previously, HUMANOID is beset with financial problems which undoubtedly detract from his full working efficiency on matters of interest to us. His GI subsistence is currently terminated during the school vacations and a certain portion of his time is devoted to odd jobs in an effort to augment his income. The former Chief of Station recommended an increase from 1,000 to 1,500 colones in July, 1951, a recommendation in which the writer concurred. However, in the event current operational restrictions are removed, it is desired to recommend at this time an increase to sixteen hundred (1,600) colones per month. The additional one hundred colones per month is suggested in view of the fact that subject has borrowed money in recent months to meet hospital bills, and because he has been aware of and probably counted on the raise recommendation of the former Chief of Station. Further, if the restrictions are lifted, it is desired to utilize subject's time to the fullest advantage without the handicap of his having to seek other outside employment.

In an effort to evaluate more accurately subject's agent-handling ability, the writer monitored a specially arranged 45-minute contact between HUMANOID and HUMANIST-2. From a concealed vantage point less than three feet from the participants, the writer was able to hear and see HUMANOID's handling of this sub-agent. The results were worth the effort. HUMANOID demonstrated complete control over the discussion, exhibited a natural ability to elicit desired details, and issued instructions in a commendable manner. It appeared that subject has the complete confidence and loyalty of HUMANIST-2 and that his working relationship with this important sub-agent leaves nothing to be desired.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WMD-2/PI
Attention: Mr. John Cavadine

SUBJECT: Training Report on Arthur G. VAIVADA, (P) -
Training Alias: "VICKS"

1. Arthur G. VAIVADA was trained covertly by instructors of this office in Washington, D. C. from 5 October through 25 November 1953. The original Training Request Form dated 31 August 1953 reveals the following pertinent information:

"Subject is thirty-one years of age, married, and a U. S. citizen by birth. VAIVADA's previous intelligence experience includes eight years with the U. S. Air Force. During this time he served as an intelligence specialist in the Panama and Burma-India Theaters. In 1949 he was employed by CIA and spent most of the following four years in Costa Rica where he was engaged in the spotting, recruiting, and handling of agents. Although subject has never lived in his proposed area of operations, he possesses a fluent command of the Spanish language. VAIVADA's future assignment, under contract agent status, will be that of principal agent with the primary objective to develop information on the Communist Party in Argentina. He will also be expected to penetrate or direct the penetration of the Argentine Communist Party."

2. The instructors who participated in Subject's training indicate they were most favorably impressed with VAIVADA and feel that he is qualified for his proposed mission. He possesses a sound practical knowledge of basic clandestine operational principles. He should become an increasingly valuable agent in the long range work of this organization.

3. VAIVADA received instruction in the subjects set forth on the attached Training Evaluation Reports. The following supplementary reading and discussion material were also covered.

Introduction to Clandestine Operations
Glossary of Terms

Learning How to Interview
General Principles of Intelligence Interrogation

The official to whom this report is entrusted is personally responsible for its contents and will be responsible for its disclosure. The report should never be shown to the student whom it concerns.

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Interrogation of Witnesses and Prisoners
Interrogation - Body Search
Interviewing and Eliciting of Information
Method of Surveillance
Basic Tradecraft Agent Training Manual
Personal Meetings
Signals
The Nature and Functions of CE
The CE Mission Abroad
Recruiting of Secret Agents
Agent Personal Qualifications
An Example of a Recruiting Operation
Recruiting
Problems of Agent Management
The Theory and Technique of Running Controlled Enemy Agents
Soviet Security Organizations
The Soviet Agent
Selection and Training of Soviet I.S. Personnel
Organization and Functions of MGB
Soviet Citizen Abroad
Theory and Practice of CE Operations
Modus Operandi of Security Services
Gospel According to Marx
The Communist "United Front" Technique
The Communist World Peace Offensive
National Party Organization
The Communist Technique in Seizing Power
Clandestine Communist Organization - Part 1 - The Communist Party Underground
Agent Reporting
Reporting and Dissemination of Positive Intelligence Information
Basic Information Objectives
The Techniques of Reporting
The Andersson Case
Sorge Case
Gladding Case
Hercules Case
Operation "Keystone"
Moyslisch. Operation Cicero
Foote. Handbook for Spies
Willoughby. Shanghai Conspiracy
Pinto. Spycatcher
Philbrick. I Led Three Lives
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Fincher. Soviet Opposition to Stalin
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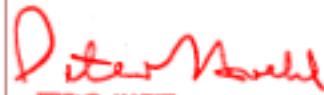
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"Surveillance"
"New Delhi"
"Reporting"

b. Subject's training was conducted by Mr. Jolly known as "Tom,"
Mr. Pisanko known as "Hank," and Mr. Gollomb known as "Rudy."
Their Training Evaluation Reports are attached.



PETER HOEHL

Chief, Project Training Division, TR

Attachments: (3)

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the report which concern his own members of his staff.
The report should be given to him as the student
whom it concerns.

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Student Evaluation

1. Security consciousness
 2. Ability to work with and get along with others
 3. Ability to follow instructions
 4. Maturity of judgment and common sense
 5. Initiative
 6. Resourcefulness and independence of judgment
 7. Tactfulness and sense of discretion
 8. Cooperativeness
 9. Sense of discipline.....
 10. Imagination and creativeness
 11. Amenability to construct criticism
 12. Attention to necessary details
 13. Observant and careful in the collection of facts
 14. Political sophistication and awareness
 15. Interest and enthusiasm for proposed assignment
 16. Motivation for clandestine activities
 17. Ability to relate theory to practice

Identical Or Similar Assignment

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Instructor's Comments:

VAIVADA has had considerable experience in the field, but he was ready to broaden and enrich his experience with the help of training. He has a strong bent toward his own opinion and exhibited independence of mind in analyzing **Communist Party activities**. He had no difficulty in absorbing the material presented. He has the ability to apply theory to practice and apparently is a person who is accustomed to rely upon his own judgment. His written work was excellent. He recognized his own shortcomings and readily accepted constructive criticism. From all the evidence during training, VAIVADA appears capable of handling the assignment proposed for him.

18 M. J. PISANCO
Instructor

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Deputy, WH 4 December 1953

SUBJECT: Mr. Ross CROZIER

By pre-arrangement through Mr. Smyser I had an interview with Mr. Ross Crozier in my room at the Hotel Raleigh on the night of 2 December 1953 for the purpose of getting an impression as to whether it was possible that he could be used to advantage in our program.

Mr. Crozier has been a contract agent in Costa Rica for approximately 4 years. He is married to a Costa Rican and has 2 children, ages 2 and 4. He was in a student capacity in Costa Rica. From my knowledge of reporting done by the station in Costa Rica and the indication of sources of information in reports from that station, I am inclined to think that he very ably handled himself. In addition, I was very much impressed with him during the course of the interview and feel that he is an excellent type, having all the necessary qualifications for giving substantial assistance to our program. He has 7 months remaining under the

GI assistance bill for educational purposes and it can be satisfactorily arranged by him to complete his education at San Carlos University, Guatemala. Under the Guatemalan law his wife, being a Costa Rican, becomes a Guatemalan citizen upon her establishment of residence in Guatemala and this is a distinct advantage.

He has a valid U.S. passport on which his two children are carried but it will be desirable that he enter Guatemala as a tourist, either with a tourist visa in his passport or on a tourist card. The children could also be issued tourist cards. The use of a tourist card eliminates the necessity of his reporting to the police. He can stay 6 months and then obtain a renewal of the tourist card without leaving the country. Within a relatively short time he unquestionably could be of distinct advantage to us on reporting on activities and attitudes of students and other elements.

He could act as a cut-out. I feel that he is qualified to actually develop a penetration into the Communist Party, a feat with which he had some success in Costa Rica. He could handle an important PP operation with Enrique SALAZAR Liqueus(also known as Oscar H. CARTA in station files), which operation is presently being handled through

Donald O. Hediger. Irrespective of whether Hediger continues with Guatemala or is given assignment outside the country, I believe that it is important to have Crozier with us in Guatemala. We can find plenty for him to do.

BONN/PM
4 Dec. 1953

Birch O'Neal

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25 November 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: BIRADIAL

On Wednesday 18 November 1953 subject was introduced to John Heyn. The introduction was deemed advisable, inasmuch as it would probably facilitate subsequent meetings in Buenos Aires where it is anticipated that subject will be operating, providing his visa is granted.

BIRADIAL indicated he had not heard from the Argentine Embassy of Costa Rica. Once is planning to have his wife write to follow this matter immediately.

BIRADIAL mentioned the fact that his wife's relatives, and with whom he may dwell when he first moves to Buenos Aires, may be in a position to assist in obtaining a visa for subject. He indicated that having a native of the country render some assistance in this regard may be the solution to any possible difficulties. It appears logical, however, he was informed not to make any approaches at this time.

He again noted that inasmuch as it will be necessary to stop in Costa Rica to pick up his visa when granted, he suggested the possibility of leaving for Costa Rica shortly following the termination of his covert training. As previously indicated he felt that his presence in Costa Rica, where he can plausibly maintain himself and his family, and where he may be in personal touch with the Argentine Embassy, may be to his advantage in securing his visa.

On 24 November 1953, subject called to inform he had received a letter from the Argentine Embassy in Costa Rica informing him his visa had been denied. He informed he still felt he could obtain it but it may be necessary to seek assistance from his wife's relatives in Buenos Aires or it may be necessary to go back to Costa Rica for a short period to finalize the matter. Too, he suggested that in the event he cannot obtain the appropriate permission to enter Buenos Aires the Agency may desire to send him some where else in Latin America, possibly Cuba (he mentioned specifically) or some other country. In this connection, he felt that cover-wise he and his family would be in a more secure position if they were in Costa Rica while awaiting placement.

I plan to see BIRADIAL on 25 November 1953.

John O. Cavadine
John O. Cavadine

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: SIRADIAL

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20 November 1953

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On Monday 9 November 1953 a meeting was held with subject for the primary purpose of delivering missalary for October 1953 amounting to \$50.00. A receipt for the amount was obtained and returned to Mr. Wolcott, Finance Division. A copy of the receipt is retained in subject's file.

During the meeting, subject reported his schooling at American University will terminate in approximately three weeks. His scheduled Covert training will also come to an end during the first week in December 1953.

Subject related he has not as yet received any news on his visa for Argentina for which he made application approximately 90 days ago. You will recall that subject anticipated it would take approximately 90 days to obtain such a visa.

SIRADIAL informed if he doesn't receive word on his visa within the next week he plans to have his wife follow this matter by writing to the Argentine Embassy in Costa Rica.

Subject also presented this thought in the event no results are forth coming within the next two or three weeks: He related that in so far as his friends and wife's relatives in Costa Rica are concerned, he and his wife and family are in the states on an extended trip. They are expected to return to Costa Rica. In so far as he knows, he, his wife and the Argentine Consul in Costa Rica are the only persons in Costa Rica aware that they have made application for the visa under question. In the event no positive results are obtained on his visa application, subject wondered about the advisability of returning to Costa Rica, to finalize his visa affairs and depart for Argentina.

The question of maintaining cover while in Costa Rica was discussed. In this connection he informed he would have no trouble finding a suitable job which would lend authenticity to him and his wife's status. Too, it was indicated, and it appears somewhat reasonable, for subject to remain in the U.S. presently for too long a period of time may raise some question as to his true status in the minds of Argentine Embassy Officials in Costa Rica as well as his friends and relatives in Costa Rica.

It is suggested that consideration be given to allow subject to return to Costa Rica within the near future if the appropriate Argentine Visa has not been received to: (a) Allow him to finalize such details (b) To preserve his cover status.

Contact will be maintained with subject for further developments. It is anticipated that John Heyn will meet subject at the next meeting for the first time. This is recommended, inasmuch as Mr. Heyn who will be in the pertinent area, may be able to familiarize himself with subject.

J. D. Cavadine
John D. Cavadine

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P.2219

27 October 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief/Plans Staff/PI
Attention: Projects Branch/Plans Staff

SUBJECT: Project BIRADIAL - Request for Amendment

1. Project BIRADIAL concerns the transfer of Contract Agent humanoid from Costa Rica to Argentina, with interim training at headquarters. Since approval of the project on 12 August 1953 Humanoid is now known as BIRADIAL.
2. BIRADIAL, an American citizen born in Illinois in 1922, is married to a Costa Rican girl and has two small children. Since 1949 he has worked for CIA in Costa Rica as a contract agent and has proven himself particularly adept at spotting and recruiting agents and has successfully supervised the direction of a high level Communist party penetration agent. He has been the most valuable agent of the San Jose Station.
3. BIRADIAL has been accepted as a student at the University of Buenos Aires for the school year beginning March 1954. He is presently undergoing covert training.
4. In order to enhance BIRADIAL's cover while undergoing covert training, he has enrolled at American University at a cost of \$93.00 a semester commencing 7 October 1953 and is pursuing his studies four days weekly.
5. Since BIRADIAL is attending class at American University to enhance his cover during his interim covert training at headquarters, it is requested he be reimbursed in the amount of \$93.00 and the project amended accordingly.

Paul J. Layton
for C. aING, CMB

Attachment - 1

Approved: R.O. Snodgrass
Chief, Plans

2 Nov 1953
Date

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

23 October 1953

SUBJECT: BIRADAL

On Wednesday, 14 October 1953 I met with subject at his apartment in the Presidential Gardens, Alexandria, Virginia for the purpose of obtaining his signature on the Travel Voucher previously submitted covering his travel from Costa Rica to Washington, D. C.

BIRADAL indicated that the combination of his schooling at American University in the mornings and his covert training in the afternoons which also keeps him busy during the weekend, is keeping him fully occupied. Though he did not press the issue, he wondered whether it would be necessary to continue his schooling at American University. He indicated he thought he could handle any inquiries regarding his activities satisfactorily. We both decided however that, regardless of the hardship placed on him, he should continue his schooling at American University since any inquiries could then be properly and legitimately backstopped. One of the difficulties involved is the amount of daily travel between the University and his residence.

Inasmuch as the distance involved plus the high rental cost factor (175.00 per month) present a few difficulties. This plus the fact that the plausibility of a student paying such rent is somewhat questionable, BIRADAL indicated he might move to a more suitable location.

On 23 October 1953 he informed he was moving to 5008 - 7th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. as of this day for cover, convenience, and financial considerations. He will advise of his new phone number if and when it is available.

John. Caudine

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

7 October 1953

SUBJECT: BIRADIAL (202-2723)

On Monday, 5 October 1953, the writer met with subject at his apartment to deliver the necessary "credentials" allowing his proper entry to covert training facilities.

During this meeting he informed that he was too late for entrance to George Washington University. He was then in the process of making inquiry at American University.

He also mentioned that he opened an account with a bank in Alexandria, Va. I'm not so sure that this was such a good idea--but the account has been opened. He had had an account with the Chase National Bank; however, he has closed this account since he claims he received such poor service from this bank while at his previous station. He stated he would like to have an account established with a large banking institution which has a branch affiliation in Buenos Aires where he will be assigned, so that his pay may be deposited in the U. S. securely by us. It is suggested this be worked out with Finance.

On Wednesday a. m. subject called to inform that his home phone number is now TEmple 6-8651. He has enrolled in American University and will attend classes daily from 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. He is studying Corporate Finance and other analysis courses. During the conversation he expressed amazement at the cost of \$93 for schooling for one semester. Although he did not request reimbursement for this amount, it was inferred that he would undoubtedly appreciate it if this expenditure could be absorbed by us.

In view of subject's past excellent performance in behalf of this Agency, and inasmuch as he is not highly paid, it is recommended that Agent be reimbursed for this expenditure even if it means amending the project.

Agent has not been paid for the month of September. I shall check with Finance and deliver Agent's salary to him.

John O. Cavadine
John O. Cavadine, WH/II/Argentina

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Copy 2^a
letter from Embassy
to Argentine Embassy
in Costa Rica (Consular section)

San Jose de Costa Rica, Octubre 6 de 1953.

Señor
D. Ross L. Crosier
c/o. Francis Williams
5846 Access Road,
Page Manor
Dayton, Ohio

De mi consideracion:

Cumpliense dirigirme a usted informandose que se ha recibido en esta Oficina Consular la Nota N°1043 de fecha agosto 7 del año en curso (Exp. 11095/53) por la que la Dirección General de Inmigración por disposición atenta al destino en el país, ha denegado el permiso considerando que la solicitud formulada por usted y familia ante esta Oficina se refiere a Inmigración de Urbe.

Sin otro particular, me es grato saludar a ustedes.-

Carlos Alberto FERNANDEZ
Consejero
Sección Consular

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SECURITY INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

2 October 1953

SUBJECT: BINADIAL 202-2723

1. On 1 October 1953 the writer ~~as George Wheeler~~ was introduced to Agent Arthur G. Vaiveda (P) by J. G. Hanke at his apartment ~~E-21, Van Buren,~~ Presidential Gardens, Alexandria, Virginia. The introduction was deemed advisable, inasmuch as Agent is to be inherited by Branch II. Mr. Heyn informs he is not available to handle Agent at this time but will meet him in about three weeks.

2. In accordance with instructions received from Covert Training Offices, Agent is to report for covert training ~~at 2100-20th St. N. W., Washington, D. C. on~~ 5 October 1953 at 1115 hrs. He is to ask for ~~Mr. Cal~~ when he arrives. Agent is to be known as Mr. Vicks. The instructions were passed on to the Agent. He was also informed to call X2290 ~~and ask for George Wheeler~~ in the event he desired to make an appointment to discuss business matters.

3. In connection with agent's previous inquiry regarding the possibility of obtaining U. S. Citizenship for his wife, Mr. Hanke informed him that under the circumstances under which his wife entered the U. S., namely as a tourist, it would not be possible to plausibly apply for U. S. Citizenship. ~~Hanke~~ also informed that although possible to rush the Citizenship through, it was felt inadvisable at this time since the procedure might jeopardize the present existing cover arrangement. Agent seemed to understand the difficulties involved and raised no particular objection.

4. Agent informed several neighbors had inquired as to the nature of his business. He has informed them that he is a student and is ~~studying at George Washington University in the field of Economics.~~ This story had been decided upon before the writer came upon the scene. Since Agent has not ~~commenced study at GW~~ it was suggested to him that he commence ~~taking a course or two~~ as soon as possible. He informed he would do this as soon as he learns of the details as to his hours to be devoted to Covert Training.

5. Although there is no assurance subject will be granted permission to enter Argentina, subject previously indicated he could foresee no problem in this regard. He did make inquiry, however, as to what his status would be should he not be allowed entrance to Argentina.

6. It is unfortunate that Agent is residing in the Washington D. C. area inasmuch as that in itself is undoubtedly considered as a Government Stigma. The possibility exists that the wrong person or persons will learn of his and his wife's presence in this area.

7. The file fails to reflect what provision, if any, has been made to pay the Agent. This will have to be worked out.

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John Cavadiel

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

28 Sept. 53

SUBJECT: HUMANOID

1. During the debriefing of HUMANOID in Washington in August-September 1953, his wife mentioned an individual whom she had come in contact with while in San Jose.

2. This person was first seen in the Argentine Embassy where she was arranging papers for their travel there later. She had seen him previously around in San Jose, dressed in sport clothes and apparently a "playboy." He injected himself into a discussion between the Argentine Consul and HUMANOID's wife, showing great knowledge of Argentine visa regulations. This occurred in early July 1953.

3. HUMANOID's wife again saw the same individual in Panama on 22 August 1953, at which time she pretended at first not to know her, and then "recognized" her, but did not mention their meeting in the Argentine Embassy in San Jose.

4. Her description of the person is as follows:

height : about 6'

age: approximately 30

hair: ~~dark brown~~, receding at temples

eyes: not brown or black, probably hazel or grey

complexion: ruddy, young looking face, which was long and thin

characteristics:

~~HUMANOID~~ Smokes heavily, with dark stains right fingers. Top tooth on left side chipped. Wore dark glasses. Considered self quite a ladies man.

languages: Speaks Spanish with Argentine accent

Speaks English well since seen talking with ~~KIRKWOOD~~ U.S. soldiers in San Jose

this person

5. When ~~KIRKWOOD~~ was seen in Panama, he was dressed as a common laborer and told HUMANOID's wife that he was working on a "fertilizer ship" there.

6. At no time did HUMANOID himself see this person.

7. A picture of Hugo Ramiro RODRIGUEZ, the ex-Argentine labor attaché in Panama, was shown to HUMANOID's wife who stated positively that he was not the person she saw in Costa Rica and Panama.

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file 12001
for D-12001
MHS-N-179

Chief of Station, San Jose

SEP 21 1953

Chief, WSD

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REMANAGED Report

Attached are the two keys for HUMIDOR **and the Aparado.**

J. C. KING
CWB

Enclosure: Two Keys

11 September 1953

Distribution:

- 3 - San Jose, v/o encl. as noted
- 1 - WH/III Chrono, v/o encl.
- 1 - WH/III/HUMIDOR, v/o encl.
- ✓ 1 - WH/II/HUM-SOD, v/o encl.
- 1 - WH/Mailroom, v/o encl.
- 1 - Registry, v/o encl.

WSD/JHmke/ss

J. C. KING

O.M. DOWFLINGER

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Fil. BIRADAL

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MEMORANDUM P.R. FILE

18 September 1953

SUBJECT: HUMANOID

1. During the time that HUMANOID was at Headquarters on TDY in late August and early September, he raised the question of the citizenship status of his wife, who has not yet taken out her first papers but wished to do so if possible. His question was whether it was operationally desirable on our part, which I answered saying it would be ~~KKI~~ (after talking with Mr. Heyn). Actually, there is no strong advantage, but at least it should be started sometime, and there is no advantage to us in having her remain a Costa Rican since she will be an American citizen at some date in the future.

2. When HUMANOID left on his vacation, it was understood that I would be checking with Mr. Heyn about the means by which his wife might be able to start her papers while HUMANOID is in training at Headquarters. My understanding is that she would have to leave the country and re-enter on an immigrant quota since she is presently on a tourist visa and cannot as such apply for citizenship even if her husband is a U.S. citizen.

3. Mr. Heyn informed me that there is a section which handled these questions of citizenship for people we are interested in, and said he would be checking with that person. I told HUMANOID that the next person who handled him would be able to give him further details on this whole matter.

4. I would recommend that HUMANOID be given all help possible to have his wife started on her papers before they go over under BIRADAL, since they will be gone for two years at a minimum and will be delaying her citizenship that much longer if nothing is started while they are here in the country.

Decided not to try for
30 day citizenship due
to Cover Problems

Wife would have to
return Costa Rica and
re-enter U.S. anyway

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10 Sept 53

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Interview with Arthur G. VAVADA

1. On 9 September 1953 subject was again contacted at his apartment and the new contract was signed. Subject was told that the contract clause dealing with additional commitments not included in the contract was standard agency protection against unauthorized promises by persons contacting him, such as the case officer. He was told, however, that the case officer's personal experience has been that the agency makes all possible efforts to act in good faith and with common sense if contract problems arise at a later date.

2. The "offset" provisions of the contract were explained, emphasizing the agency's view that any future cover business activity on his part would be possible only because of the salary we pay. Therefore, modest profits, if any, would be offset against salary due to him. It was pointed out that the case officer's understanding was that if subject's diligence resulted in sizable profits, the agency would probably consider revising the contract to allow subject a share of the profits. However, subject agreed that this question was really subordinate to the main purpose of a cover activity, which would be to obtain cover, not profits.

NOTE: Subject's questions appeared motivated by the contract form, which was more complicated and "legalistic" in appearance than the one written in the field under which he has been operating for the past four years. His attitude at all times was most cooperative, and he agreed that the spirit in which the contract was carried out, on both sides, was as important as the provisions. It was carefully explained to him that ~~XXXXXX~~ the contract served the double purpose of defining the rights and obligations of both himself and the agency, ~~XXXXXX~~ and for that reason may at points seem more "legalistic" than ~~XXXXXX~~ regularly necessary. However, subject stated several times that he had had nothing but the best of relations with the persons who have directed him so far, and it is the case officer's opinion that he has ~~XXXX~~ the utmost faith in the good intentions of the agency.

3. Subject was informed that "Career" status, in which he has expressed interest over the past two years, would be considered at the end of the present two year contract, and would depend on his operational success during that period and his ability to provide durable cover which would enable him to continue working for us.

4. The subject's travel reimbursement is being handled by Hanke (x3504), and will be ready for him when he returns to Washington on or about 2 October. Subject went on vacation effective 10 September and will be at the following addresses during his vacation:

September 10-14: Fran Williams
5846 Access Road
Page Manor
Wright-Patterson
Dayton, Ohio

September 15-25: Mr. L. E. Crozier
RR No 2
Barre, Illinois

JG-168771

5. Subject will contact the case officer on his return to Washington. He has been given the following address in case he wants to contact us before that time:
Paul F. Brandon, P.O. Box 262, Mt. Panier Station, Md. Panier

(initials) JG-Hawley

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CONTRACT INFORMATION AND CHECK LIST

COMPLETE ONLY APPLICABLE BLANKS

Case Officer: John G. Hern
Tele. Ext. : 3992
Date : 31 August 1953

I. General

- A. Pseudonym Arthur G. VITVADA B. Project PIRADIAL
- C. Staff Agent , Career Agent , Contract Agent X
Contract Employee , Consultant , Covert Detail ,
Other (see CFR, Part 14.1)
- D. Is ultimate conversion to staff status anticipated? not known
- E. Is the individual presently engaged by CIA in any capacity? Yes Describe Contract agent - contract written 1949
- F. Clearance: Security , O/C X, P.D.C. Date 19 July 49
- G. T/O: Does this individual block a project T/O slot? No
Slot No.
- H. Acknowledgement of pseudonym on file in WHD/TI

II. Proposed Assignment

- A. Duties (cutout, courier, reports, liaison and contacts, major or part-time operational duties, administrative etc.)
Principal agent
- B. Anticipated Duration two years
- C. Permanent Post (City and Country) Buenos Aires, Argentine

III. Personal Qualifications

- A. Citizenship U.S. B.
- C. Normal Residence (City and Country) Sterling, Illinois
- D. Marital Status Married E. Number of dependents
(including spouse) 3
- F. Education (check) High School , College X, Post Graduate
- G. Military Status: Retired , Reserve , Draft eligible . Has completed military service.
- H. (1) Highest salary earned \$3,000 (2) Last salary earned \$3,000
- I. Special qualifications for assignment (area experience, language contacts, technical or professional skills, general proven abilities)
Four years experience as Principal agent in Costa Rica have proved him to be an excellent agent.

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SECURITY INFORMATIONIV. Cover Activity Proposed

- A. U.S. Government No Other Student + possible
 B. CIA Proprietary No prospective of a small
 CIA Subsidized No number - 10%
- C. Does the individual have a cover activity which was previously established without the assistance of CIA and which will be continued? Yes
- D. If the answer to (C) is no, explain CIA part in establishing the cover, indicating the amount of compensation which will be paid by the cover activity for bona fide services with reimbursement from CIA _____
Not applicable
- E. Will any portion of the compensation or allowance paid by the cover activity be offset against amounts due from CIA? Yes yes any business purpose
 If so, guaranteed minimum N/A.

V. Special Field Conditions

- A. Will the agent be able to make frequent contact with a CIA base possessing forms and regulation? Yes X No _____
 B. If so, does the base have adequate communication facilities? Yes
- C. Would detection of the possession of operational data probably result in the arrest of the individual or jeopardy to his safety? Yes X No _____

Emoluments and Conditions of Employment
(Add "R" within (), if reimbursable by CIA)VI. Compensation:

	DM	CIA	COVER	
A. Basic	\$	4,200	\$	
B. Additional (Post Differential)	\$	\$	\$	
C. Profit participation or bonus	\$	\$	\$	
D. Total	\$	4,200	\$	

VII. QuartersFurnished by: Govt. _____ Cover _____ Individual X

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: Interview with Arthur G. VAIVADA

1. On 28 August 1953, Arthur G. VAIVADA was contacted at a hotel in Washington, D.C., by the Costa Rican desk officer. Subject was briefed on the necessity of submitting an accounting of travel expenses and given the outlines of his training schedule. He also signed a pseudonym acknowledgement. In addition, subject was given his full August salary of \$250 (old rate), although it developed that he had been given a 'half months' salary by the station prior to departure. He was told this overpayment would be subtracted from his travel reimbursement.

2. On the night of 30 August 1953, subject was contacted at his apartment in Virginia. He requested our opinion as to the possibility of his wife's starting to take cut citizenship papers now prior to departing for Argentina, and the desirability of this for cover reasons. He was told that the agency would probably not object (he would be given a definite answer in the near future), but that it might not be possible anyway since his wife was on a tourist visa. (This answer was also promised soon.) He was told that the new contract to be signed would not give either life or hospitalization insurance, for reasons of cover. He was told that career agent status, which would be considered at the end of the two year contract to be signed shortly, would allow life insurance, but not hospitalization. It was explained to him that his present contract did not acknowledge him to be a U.S. Government employee, but that career agent status would grant that.

NOTE: At all times the subject impressed the case officer with sincerity, willingness to abide by agency decisions in all matters, and showed a most cooperative attitude.

3. Subject made the following points while discussing his Argentina assignment:

- a. His application for entrance to Argentina as a student is now in the hands of the Argentine Consul in Costa Rica. It should be granted in three months. He does not foresee any problems in this respect, but did ask what our plans would be if anything did prevent his going there. He was told that we would attempt to place him elsewhere, but that this was a contingency we couldn't make any plans about until something prevented his present assignment.
- b. Subject will keep in touch with the Argentine Consul through a friend in Ohio who will handle incoming and outgoing mail. This address has been given to the Consul. He believes that this offers no security problem, since the friend is an officer in the Air Force who briefs outgoing military attaches at Wright Field and as such has a full security clearance. This friend is witting of subject's activities to the extent that he knows subject to be working part-time for the U.S. Government in some sort of assignment. Subject's friend will be cautioned in this respect.
- c. Subject has told his parents that he is studying at MIT for awhile before deciding where to complete his studies. Communication through them will be through a friend at MIT on whom he submitted PRQ data when this friend was in San Jose earlier this year. (A security clearance request has been made by HQ/III). Subject's friend is also witting to a certain extent since he gave very general information when obtaining the PRQ data. For personal reasons to do with his marriage to a Costa Rican, there is no chance that his family in Illinois would make any sort of a trip to see him.

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- d. Subject will use a cover story while in Washington that he is studying at George Washington University in the field of Economics.
- d. Subject's wife has a close friend in Argentina who is married to an Argentine army sergeant. Her name is Alicia Cas'ro de CRUZ, 25 de Mayo #5327, Mar del Plata, Argentina. This name has been given to the Argentine Consul as a character reference.
- f. Subject has 6-7 months of GI bill eligibility left for Argentine studies.
- g. Due to the fact that subject's wife has been witting of his general activities, it was carefully explained to him that the agency had certain reservations considering this point. Emphasis was put on the point that good operational security practices in his future assignment would be of extreme importance for obvious reasons. It was pointed out that this interim period in Washington would be an ideal time to separate his activities from home life since his wife would no longer be in a community where she and her husband were well known. He was frank in admitting that he realized the dangers also, and would cooperate to the fullest extent.

NOTE: Subject is sensible in his approach to security and appears to think through each problem on its own merits. The extent of his wife's knowledge was to know that he was "going out to (a section of San Jose) for business reasons". She was ~~never~~ witting of his connection with Communist activities, since on several occasions she was able to contact persons when it was not suitable for him to do so. At no time has she pressed him for information, and his general feeling is that she should be told only enough to explain undue absences from home. He was cautioned that his future superiors would take a dim view of his wife's participation, even to the limited extent he has indicated did occur in the past. He agreed that being in a new community with no local friends of long standing would make ~~this~~ it easier for them to start on this new basis.

It is the case officer's opinion that subject has carefully controlled his wife's knowledge and acted prudently in matters involving security. His operational achievements are evidence that his security practices have been sound, and it is believed that four years of ~~covert contact with a well-known Communist in San Jose~~ with no security breaches are sufficient proof of his wife's security consciousness.

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Chief of Station, San Jose

AUG 25 1953

Chief, MI

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MURANOIDS

REF: MSA-115

1. In order to re-write project MURANOIDS as Projects MHADOR and **HENIST** as described in reference, Headquarters needs a description of the new cover and communication system between the case officer, principal agents, and sub-agents.
2. You should also indicate any changes in objectives, targets, and tasks which may be necessary.

J. C. KING

CdR

17 August 1953

Distributions:

3 - San Jose

- 1 - WH/III chrono
- 1 - WH/III/MURANOIDS
- 1 - WH/III MHADOR
- 1 - WH/III **HENIST**
- 1 - WH Mail Room
- 1 - RL/DP

WH/III/JHanks:dr

J. C. KING

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C. H. DORPLINGER

201-168381

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13 August 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: HUMANOID's training in the U.S.

1. HUMANOID's transfer to the U.S. for training prior to assignment in another area of **WID** was approved under Project RADIAL on 12 August 1953. A training slot for subject was arranged with Mr. Cal Batten on x2778 this date to start 5 October 1953.
2. Formal request for training will be made by the new area case officer through Ben Racusin on x3818 when HUMANOID has arrived in the U.S. sometime in late August.

J. Hanke

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SECURITY INFORMATION

REQUEST FOR COVERT TRAINING

INSTRUCTIONS: THIS FORM TO BE HANDED DIRECTLY TO CHIEF, PROJECT TRAINING DIVISION, TRUST, AFTER COORDINATION WITH DIVISION AND STAFF TRAINING LIAISON OFFICERS

IMPORTANT:

STUDENT MUST BE U.S. NATIONAL DEEP COVER EMPLOYEE WITH FULL OPERATIONAL SECURITY CLEARANCE UNDER AN APPROVED PROJECT

1. NAME OF STUDENT (PSEUDONYM) ARTHUR G. VAIVADA					DATE SUBMITTED TO PTD/TRS	
TRAINING PLANS, ETC TO BE ENTERED BY PTD/TRS					PROJECT DESIGNATION BIRADIAL	
DIVISION OR STAFF	BRANCH	POLITICAL	PROFESSIONAL	PERSONAL	PROJECT APPROVAL DATE 12 August 1963	
OPERATIONS OFFICER					TELEPHONE	TYPE SECURITY CLEARANCE Operational Clearance No. 66 Based on evaluated deep cover plan
John G. Mayo (also known as John G. Vaivada, etc.) Known to Student as "John G. Mayo" or "John G. Vaivada" or "John G. Mayo". not yet introduced.					2065	DATE OF CLEARANCE 19 July 1963
ALTERNATE OPERATIONS OFFICER Jonathan Hawke Known to Student as Jonathan Hawke					TELEPHONE	AGENT STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Career <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Disrupt

2. GEOGRAPHICAL ASSIGNMENT		COUNTRY OR AREA WHERE STUDENT WILL OPERATE Argentina		STUDENT'S KNOWLEDGE OF AREA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Research and study on Argentina for 10 years	
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3. STUDENT'S BACKGROUND		RACE/COLOR white	AGE 31	SEX Male	MARITAL STATUS Married
U.S. CITIZENSHIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birth	EDUCATION COMPLETED Still in progress			DEGREES	Bachelor of Science from University of California
DATE NATURALIZED					FLUENT ENGLISH READ: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO WRITE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO SPEAK: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS (FOREIGN) Spanish - fluent					

PREVIOUS CONNECTIONS WITH ANY U.S. OR FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE, OR SECURITY-SERVICE (GIVE NAMES, DATES AND GENERAL NATURE OF DUTIES PERFORMED)					
1941-45 Intelligence Specialist, U.S. Air Force in Panama, CBS Theatre					
1946-49 U.S. Air Force ... political analyst.					

EXPERIENCE OR QUALIFICATIONS FITTING STUDENT FOR PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT (INCLUDE MILITARY HISTORY)					
Possess schedule 4 years covert work in Costa Rica in Central America					
In 1946, he performed as a political analyst for the U.S. Air Force in Panama. He was assigned to the CBS Theatre in Panama City, where he worked as a political analyst for the U.S. Air Force. He was also a member of the Communist Party of Costa Rica. In 1949, he returned to the U.S. Air Force in Panama, where he worked as a political analyst for the U.S. Air Force. He was also a member of the Communist Party of Costa Rica.					

GENERAL INFORMATION OF ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING STUDENT'S APPROACH					
Sgt. G. Vaivada is very capable, career agent, well and less experienced in sports, writing, and leading other agents. He has participated in a technical surveillance, setting up telephone, and has been developing a Communist penetration for four years, and made several approaches to other Communist penetration projects.					
10 Aug 53					

SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION	
A. COVER, OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES	
STUDENT TO LIVE WITH FAMILY DURING TRAINING <i>unm</i>	STUDENT TO FOLLOW NORMAL BUSINESS ROUTINE DURING TRAINING <i>unm</i>
DESCRIPTION OF COVER UNDER WHICH STUDENT WILL OPERATE DURING TRAINING <i>Student at Geo. Wash U. in Economics - Part-time student, working part-time in business office, studying part-time</i>	
DESCRIPTION OF COVER AND DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED IN FIELD <i>BIRADIAL has been accepted at the University of Buenos Aires for the school year beginning March 1954. While attending he will establish himself in a small photographic business. His duties will be Principal Agent with the chief objective of developing information on the Communist Party and penetrating or directing penetrations of it.</i>	
B. SCHEDULE (SECTIONS 5 AND 6 TO BE COMPLETED AT TIME OF DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF, PTO)	
DATE TRAINING TO START <i>about 5 October 1953</i>	DATE TRAINING TO BE COMPLETED <i>about 5 December 1953</i>
RECOMMENDED CITY FOR TRAINING (CONSISTENT WITH COVER) <i>Washington, D.C.</i>	*ISOLATION UTILIZATION <i>None</i>
STUDENT AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time? * Indicate portion of day or week available	
C. TRAINING SUBJECTS (CHECK THOSE TO BE GIVEN)	
1. Security - <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Cover - <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Observation & description - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Interviewing - <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Interrogation - <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Surveillance - <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Telephones & wires (theory) - <input type="checkbox"/> 8A General CI methods - <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Contacting - <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Intra-field communications - <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Recruiting of agents - <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Training of agents - <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Agent management & control - <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Double agent management & control - <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Reporting - <input type="checkbox"/> 16. CI operations - <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Communist theory - <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Soviet literature - <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Psychological warfare - <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Political warfare - <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Economic warfare - <input type="checkbox"/> 22. Sabotage - <input type="checkbox"/> 23. Counter-sabotage - <input type="checkbox"/> 24. Resistance force activities - <input type="checkbox"/> 25. Guerrilla warfare - <input type="checkbox"/> 26. Evasion & escape - <input type="checkbox"/> 27. Weapons - <input type="checkbox"/> 28. Demolitions - <input type="checkbox"/> 29. Special devices (R&D) - <input type="checkbox"/> 30. Air reception - <input type="checkbox"/> 31. Sea reception - <input type="checkbox"/> 32. Map reading - <input type="checkbox"/> 33. Stay-behind operation - <input type="checkbox"/> 34. Black border crossing - <input type="checkbox"/> 35. - <input type="checkbox"/> 36. - <input type="checkbox"/>	
D. SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL TRAINING	
NOTE: 1- If student requires training in cryptography or R/T such training must be arranged with the Training Branch of the Office of Communications, Extension 2977. NOTE: 2- If student requires training in photography, R/W, technical surveillance methods, or flaps and seals such training must be arranged with TSS, Extension 8007.	
E. AUTHORIZATION	
VALOR & AVIATION NAME OF DIVISION OR BRANCH APPROVAL FOR THIS REQUEST IS HEREBY GRANTED. THIS FORM IS TO BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE STAFF TRAINING OFFICER. APPROVAL FOR THIS REQUEST IS HEREBY GRANTED. THIS FORM IS TO BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE STAFF TRAINING OFFICER. [Signature] <i>John W. Johnson, Jr., Director, Staff Training Division</i> STAFF TRAINING OFFICER	
SIGNATURE OF DIVISION CHIEF	

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

5 August 1953

SUBJECT: Project BIRADIAL

1. The purpose of this project is to provide for the covert training and transfer of a contract agent from Costa Rica to Argentina, where the latter will develop penetrations of the Communist Party of Argentina (PCA) and Communist front organizations and perform support functions as assigned.

2. BIRADIAL, an American citizen born in Illinois in 1922, is married to a Costa Rican girl and has two small children. Since June 1949 he has worked for CIA, under the cryptonym HUMANOID, in Costa Rica as a contract agent. He has proven himself particularly adept at **spotting and recruiting agents** and has successfully supervised the direction of a high-level Communist Party penetration agent.

3. The agent has been accepted as a student at the University of Buenos Aires for the school year beginning March 1954. He will try to establish himself in the photography business, in which he is well-qualified and has had previous experience, as an **extensible means to make ends meet while completing his studies.**

4. Contact and communications between BIRADIAL and his case officer will be clandestine, under pretenses still to be arranged. Communications between the former and any agents or sources he recruits will be arranged according to the circumstances.

5. BIRADIAL has been dependent upon this Agency for the past four years, which financial dependence has increased considerably over this period with the increase of his family. His motivation is patriotic, and his past actions and achievements have borne this out.

6. The estimated annual cost of this project is \$5,705 salary and allowances (GS-7), \$3,550 travel and per diem (to U.S. for covert training, leave and return to Argentina), \$500 transportation of effects and \$720 for operational expenses and travel, a total of \$10,475.

7. WH requests approval of Project BIRADIAL for the period 1 August 1953 through 31 July 1954.

R.P. Hayes
Chief, STC

for John Gray
Chief, Operations

R.A. Mac Nilla
Chief, Plans

Approved: *E. Johnson*
Chief, FI

12 Aug 53
Date

ATTACHMENT: Project Outline BIRADIAL
cc: STC/SFB
RI for Vital Records

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PROJECT PLAN

CRYPTONYM BIRADIAL

HQTRS CASE OFFICER

DIVISION WHD

John G. Heyn

STATION Buenos AiresRoom No. 2022, Ltrs. IExtension 3992Date 1 August 1953

1. The attached project is presented for approval.

2. Project BIRADIAL concerns the transfer of Contract Agent HUANCHO from Costa Rica to Argentina, with interim training at headquarters. Upon approval of this project, HUANCHO will henceforth be known as BIRADIAL.

3. Since 1949, BIRADIAL, a native-born American, has been the most valuable agent of the San Jose Station. He successfully directed and exploited a high-level penetration of the Communist Party of Costa Rica. Among other accomplishments, he recruited two mail intercept agents, processing the take himself, and has recruited three additional agents presently being used; he also set up safe-houses and was in charge of the monitoring post in a technical surveillance. In the latter instance, his quick thinking in removing the equipment prevented its discovery, when the operation was blown due to circumstances unrelated to his handling of the operation. More recently, BIRADIAL personally entered the Communist Party headquarters surreptitiously during the May Day celebration and carried off more than 75% of their official records. His case officers have been impressed with his initiative, security-mindedness, and ability to exercise good judgement under operational stress. BIRADIAL's transfer from Costa Rica to another area has become necessary due to the expiration of his cover status as a student there.

4. BIRADIAL has already created his cover for the first year of his new assignment in Buenos Aires, having been accepted as a student at the University of Buenos Aires for the term beginning March 1954. During this period he will develop a small photographic business, in which he has had professional experience, to cover his activities in Argentina after completing his university studies. No funds for this purpose will be required from this Agency.

The project's objectives are the development of penetrations of the Communist Party of Argentina (PCA), its front organizations and

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to develop information on PGI penetration of government circles.
BIRADIAL will perform cutout duties as assigned by the Chief of
Mission.

5. The estimated cost of this project for the first year is \$10,475.00. This includes: salary of \$1205 (GS-7 level) plus allowances of \$1500; operational travel \$120; operational expenses \$600; the balance of \$4050 comprises \$2650 for the travel of BIRADIAL, his wife and two children from Costa Rica to the United States and thence to Argentina; \$500 for the transportation of personal effects either from Costa Rica or the United States to Argentina; and \$900 for ~~xxxx~~ per diem while in travel status and during training at headquarters. Subject is selling most of his personal effects in Costa Rica. The normal annual cost of this project therefore, would ~~xxxxxx~~ be \$6425.

6. BIRADIAL will be permitted to take one month of leave with pay, before entering training. He justly deserves this consideration. While in training a new contract will be signed with BIRADIAL embodying the features outlined in paragraph 5.

7. Since it is urgent for the preservation of BIRADIAL's **cover** that this project be implemented as soon as possible, it is requested that the effective date be 1 August 1953.

J. C. King
J. C. KING
CMD

Attachment: 1 (Project Outline)

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PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM: BIRADIAL

Part I

1. Area of Operations:

Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2. References:

Project HUMANOID. The contract agent HUMANOID will become BIRADIAL in this new project through which he will be transferred from Costa Rica to Argentina.

BUREN 734 (DI 45639).

3. Purpose:

a. Objectives:

To bring to Washington for training and transfer from Costa Rica to Argentina a Contract Agent for the purpose of developing penetrations of the Communist Party of Argentina (PCA), and Communist front organizations, and to perform cutout duties as assigned.

b. Targets:

The Argentine Communist Party (PCA); Communist student and intellectual circles; Communist labor groups; PCA penetration of government circles.

c. Tasks:

To gather pertinent data from all available sources on leading Communists and their associates.

4. Personnel:

a. Pseudonyms or cryptonyms:

The project initially will involve the use of BIRADIAL, only. It will be amended as sub-agents are added subsequently.

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b. Personal data:

BIRADIAL is an American citizen born in Illinois in 1922, who is married to a Costa Rican and has two small children. He spent approximately 5 years doing U.S. Air Force intelligence work in the FBI and Caribbean Theatres. Since June 1949 he has worked for KUBARK in Costa Rica as a Contract Agent under student cover. He is particularly adept at spotting and recruiting agents and has successfully supervised the direction of a high-level Communist Party penetration agent.

5. Cover:

a. Clandestine contact will be arranged between the agent and the case officer. In view of the sensitive nature of his objectives and the modest position he is likely to occupy in the American community in Buenos Aires, it is regarded as inconsistent and insecure for BIRADIAL to enter into a social relationship with his case officer.

b. Subject has been accepted as a student at the University of Buenos Aires for the school year beginning March 1954. Having a wife and two children he will try to establish himself in the photographic business, ostensibly to make ends meet while completing his studies. He is qualified and has had experience in this business before. By the time his studies are completed (in about one year) he proposes to have developed his photographic business sufficiently to provide adequate cover, justifying his remaining in Argentina.

6. Contact and Communications:

- a. The case officer will contact BIRADIAL directly to provide him with direction and collect his reports. Both are native-born Americans. Contacts will be clandestine upon pretexts still to be arranged.
- b. Any sub-agents subsequently recruited also will be contacted clandestinely. They will be confined to persons within the normal social and business strata of BIRADIAL.
- c. No special problems of contact and communication are anticipated.

7. Control:

- a. Subject has been dependent upon this Agency for the past four

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years. The degree of financial dependence has increased considerably over this period with the increase in his family. The necessity to meet these responsibilities assure his readiness to comply with all directions to protect his job.

b. Subject is motivated by a sincere patriotic desire to render valuable service to his country. His aggressive attitude toward his work and the initiative he has summoned in pursuance of the tasks assigned to him have constantly borne evidence of his devotion to the protection of American ideals and interests.

8. Special Equipment:

None.

9. Coordination:

Coordination with the Costa Rican Desk and Headquarters Covert Training will be effected.

10. Timetable:

The project can be activated upon approval. For the preservation of BIRADIAL's cover it is important that the project be implemented as soon after 1 August 1953 as possible. On that date Subject must move from his home in Costa Rica, and should then travel to the United States, since his studies and work in San Jose have been terminated.

Duration of the project: indefinite.

Part II

11. Estimated Cost:

The following is an estimate of the cost for the FY 1954. (Subsequent fiscal years will show a smaller cost ratio, since the transportation of BIRADIAL and his family from Costa Rica to the United States for training and subsequent travel to Argentina will not re-occur.):

Salary (at the rate of GS-7): \$1205

Allowances: 1500

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

28 JULY 53

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IN 45639

TO:

FROM: DIRECTOR, CIA.
SR REP BUENOS AIRES
INFORMATION ACTION: *(circled)*
COP, FI, FI/OPS, FI/PLANS, FI/RI 2

ROUTINE

0055Z 29 JUL 53

BUEN 734

TO: DIR INFO: S3ANJ CITE: SBUEN
RE: DIR 11908 (OUT 74476), SANJ 1009 (IN 45027)

HUMANOID DESIRED FOR BUEN USE. OBJECTIVES: **PENETRATION**
ARGENTINE COMMIE PARTY AND PERFORM CUTOUT DUTIES AS ASSIGNED.
TARGETS: **ARGENTINE COMMIE PARTY, COMMIE STUDENT AND INTELLECTUAL,
CIRCLES, COMMIE LABOR GROUPS AND PCA PENETRATION OF GOVT CIRCLES.**
TASKS: GATHER PERTINENT DATA FROM ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES ON **LEADING
COMMIES AND ASSOCIATES.**

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TO:

FROM: DIRECTOR, CIA

SR REP BUENOS AIRES

ROUTINE

ACTION: BH 4

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BUEN 731

TO: DIR INFO: SSANJ CITE: SBUEH
RE: DIR 11908 (OUT 74476)

1. BUEN'S DECISION REUSE OF HUMANOID DEPENDENT LENGTH OF TIME
INTENDS REMAIN ARGENTINA.

2. HE COMING HERE UNDER STUDENT COVER AND EXPECTS RECEIVE
DEGREE ONE YEAR AFTER ARRIVAL. DOES HE INTEND REMAIN ONE YEAR AFTER
THAT YEAR. IF SO WHAT WILL HIS COVER BE.

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by this time devoting approximately half his time to our work. Since that time HUMANOID's main duties have been to act as cutout and direct these agents, with the exception of the low level penetration who was dropped in mid-1952. HUMANOID's most important single activity has been in debriefing the high-level penetration agent who he has been able to develop to a point where HUMANOID and this one agent constitute the most important assets of the station.

- b. In the course of his operational duties, subject has proved himself to be very security conscious and to possess a degree of initiative which has impressed the station chief on more than one occasion. He has participated in setting up safehouses, was responsible for recruiting the two mail intercept agents, and has provided the facilities for photographing the material these two agents turn over to him for rapid processing and return to normal mail channels. Subject has recruited two additional agents, both of whom are presently being used, and carried out a cold recruitment attempt on a Communist which is still pending. HUMANOID participated in a technical surveillance operation in early 1951 during which he was in charge of the monitoring post together with an indigenous agent under his direction. The operation was blown after a short time due to circumstances beyond his control, which had no relation to the operation itself or the way in which he ran it. Extensive checking subsequently showed that he was not compromised and that his quick action prevented any discovery of the technical surveillance equipment itself. Most recently, HUMANOID surreptitiously entered the Communist Party headquarters in Costa Rica on May Day and carried off over 75% of the official records of the Party.
- c. Subject is an expert photographer and at one time operated his own photography shop in San Jose. He is also fairly proficient in sending Morse code, is trained in the use of firearms, and has studied and worked with charts and maps. He was trained in jungle warfare during eleven months in the CIA theater during the last war while with the Air Force. He is considered expert in writing reports. Subject has proved himself to be knowledgeable in the usual techniques of covert operations after four years of working in San Jose, and has proved to be invaluable to the station in spotting and/or recruiting additional agents.
- d. HUMANOID is married to a Costa Rican woman and has two children. His wife is cognizant of his intelligence activities, and has aided him on several occasions. There are no indications that she has in any way compromised his security.

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- e. The question of a career status was discussed with subject over a year ago when he was in touch with the former chief of station now at Headquarters, but no commitments were made in this regard, although he was told that it would be considered, depending on his future activities. He indicated his willingness to continue his operational activities in any other country than his course of studies ended in March 1953 at the University of Costa Rica. He is presently accepted for the March 1954 class at the University of Buenos Aires where he hopes to get his BA in Economics. He has discussed the question of covert training at Headquarters some time in late 1953 prior to going to Argentina. It is Headquarters' understanding that he would come to Headquarters some time in late August or September for approximately two months covert training, after which he might be directed to await departure for Argentina until some time in mid-January 1954 in order not to arrive in the area ~~too long before his schooling starts.~~
- f. Additional personal information on subject will be found in the San Jose Station file.
4. HUMANOIS appears to be a promising prospect for consideration as one of the individuals to be introduced ~~into Argentina under unofficial cover,~~ in accordance with Country Plan objectives. Should you find his qualifications of interest and favor his entry into Argentina as a Mission asset, please advise as early as possible, in order that necessary travel details and training schedules can be arranged at Headquarters. In view of the higher standard of living in Buenos Aires and subject's excellent record of service, an amendment of his present contract would be effected while he is in Washington. Our present thinking is in terms of annual compensation at GS-7 level (\$1225). ~~An American student with a wife and two children will probably discover this amount to be more than ample to maintain a normal standard of living.~~ Your comments and suggestions will be appreciated, particularly with regard to any allowances that would be appropriate.
5. An early reply would be especially helpful, since HUMANOIS has already remained in Costa Rica three months beyond the date ~~of completion of his studies~~ and should leave there by August. (He was requested by the San Jose Station to remain through July to cover ~~the impending elections.~~) We shall await your reply pending any further action regarding HUMANOIS.

2 July 1953 /mih

J. C. KING

By: J. Heyn

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

19 JUNE 1953

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TO: SR ASST: ARGENTINA (BUENOS AIRES)
 FROM: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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ROUTINE

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TO: CDRUS

INFO: SCAM

CITE: DIR

1. SUBJECT IS HUMANOID AMERICAN CONTRACT AGENT OF PROVEN VALUE, 4 YEARS SERVICE WITH COSTA RICAN STATION.
2. WHEN HUMANOID ARRIVED DATE 52 HQ SUGGESTED ARGENTINE ASSIGNMENT IF HE AGREE **DEVELOP COVER.** HE HAS NOT ARRANGED ENTRANCE BUENOS AIRES UNIVERSITY. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AFTER REVIEW HIS FILE. DISPATCH FOLLOWS WITH DETAILS.
3. FOR SCAM: POUCH HUMANOID FILES TO SUB.

J. G. KING
CHIEF, WHD

WH/III

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R. N. DAMIGREN
CHIEF, DIRECTOR II, WHD

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TO : Chief, WHD
 FROM : Chief of Station, San José
 SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational
 SECURE— Security Review of Current Operations
 Project HUMANOID
 Ref: TRSW-816

DATE: 8 January 1953

1. The following comments on reference are submitted for your information and files. It is to be noted that the headquarters reviewing officials have arrived at a number of the same conclusions that we have with regard to the security of the Project and the possible lines of action to be followed.

2. With regard to Paragraph 6 of reference, we feel that although the security risk of contact and communications between HUMANOID and HUMANOID-3 has not been removed, it has been reasonably minimized. After the closing of HUMANOID's photo shop in November, 1951, several meetings were carried out at night on park benches while attempts were being made to locate a secure safehouse. This method was not satisfactory because of the impossibility of handling and discussing written materials, the brief time limit demanded, and the possibility of accidental recognition of one or the other. A number of meetings were held at the home of HUMANOID at night with **pre-arranged safety-danger signals.** Although the obvious security hazards here were aggravated by the fact that **a Communist Party sympathizer** lives in the neighborhood, the risks were deemed less serious than park meetings. A safe house was located in May, 1952, and was used for several meetings, but was compromised and abandoned when several **school** acquaintances of HUMANOID passed by and saw him unlocking the front door. Meetings were again held at the home of HUMANOID on a staggered schedule while search for suitable safehouses continued. (At least ten apartments and offices were examined and rejected by HUMANOID and the writer during this period.) A new safehouse was rented on 1 November, 1952, and is presently being used for meetings. However, both HUMANOID and HUMANOID-3 have agreed to abandon this place at the end of the month, because actual use has demonstrated security weaknesses in exit and entry. Another safe office is presently under investigation, and attempts have been made to limit the live contacts by brush meetings in darkened streets and use of **a post office box for non-sensitive reports.** We are also actively searching for suitable two-way dead drop facilities in a further effort to minimize live contacts.

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3. With regard to Paragraph 7 of reference, it is to be noted that HUMANOID's relations with the Director of the Post Office have been strengthened considerably in recent months. The Director has been outspokenly anti-Communist in several long discussions and has referred once or twice to the fact that his personal war against the local Communists, i.e., interception and confiscation of Communist propaganda, appears to go unrecognized by the Costa Rican government. He intimated that he is more aware of the dangers presented by Communist activities than are the security authorities. We feel confident that no Costa Rican officials are actively attempting to identify higher elements in the net, control the operation, or detect the nature of our intelligence interests. The Director's personal censorship amounts to little more than confiscating obvious Communist propaganda (most of which is turned over to us in bulk) and opening letters for perusal. He has no facilities for copying such letters and maintains no files of past correspondence. The Chief of the Costa Rican Intelligence Service is well known to us and on the rare occasions when he requests the Director to intercept a letter we hear of it from either the Director or HUMANOID-2.

4. In view of the development of more intimate relations between HUMANOID and the Director and the latter's interest in whether any record exists of his cooperation in anti-Communist activities, we have obtained preliminary PRQ data from him and are presently considering the possibility of requesting clearance as a paid agent. This will be the subject of a future dispatch. Further indication of the lack of detailed information on the part of the Costa Rican authorities concerning this project is contained in TRCA-1272.

5. With regard to Paragraph 8 of reference dispatch, we have long been concerned over the lack of additional cutouts and the scope of responsibilities presently assigned to HUMANOID. We hope to separate the mail intercept and the Vanguardia Popular operations in the near future. As previously reported, the possibility exists that HUMANOID will depart Costa Rica some time during 1953. We have already begun turning over the postal intercept activity to HUMIST. When clearance is obtained for HUMESPUE, and further observation is completed, we contemplate turning HUMANOID-3 over to HUMESPUE. In addition, we are gathering PRQ data on additional potential cutouts.

6. With regard to Paragraph 9 of reference, it is to be noted that we were in the process of developing cordial relations with Major Jorge PACHECO as an Embassy officer concerned with visa security risks, international travel of Communists, arms smuggling from the U.S., etc. PACHECO resigned as Chief of Detectives some months ago and is not presently connected with the government. We have maintained friendly relations with him, however, on the possibility that he may again at some future date return to a responsible position.

7. Concerning Paragraph 10 of reference, it is to be noted that HUMANOID will quite likely depart Costa Rica during 1953,

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thereby eliminating the security aspects of the fact that his intelligence activities are known to a wide circle of indigenous agents. The Director of the Post Office is under consideration for recruitment as a paid agent. It is not believed that subject's wife represents a security hazard. Our limited observation of her indicates that she is discreet, a conclusion which is strengthened by the fact that no security breaches have occurred as a result of her generalized awareness of HUMANOID's intelligence activities. It is expected that she will apply for U.S. citizenship in the near future.

8. Headquarters' recommendation that HUMANOID exercise extreme caution in all of his intelligence activities will be followed. The diagram attached to reference is accurate with the one addition that HUMANOID is cognizant of the postal intercept activity. During this developmental period, HUMANOID has been acting as a cutout between HUMANIST and the Chief of Station. In the near future direct contact will be established between HUMANIST and the Chief of Station, and HUMANOID withdrawn from this activity.

9. We appreciate the exhaustive review of this project prepared by headquarters. It is our desire to keep headquarters promptly informed of all minor details as well as major developments. However, we frequently find in the siftin; and evaluation of these matters demanding attention at any given time that either, routine reporting or current operations must suffer.

James K. Russo

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DISPATCH NO.

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TO : Chief, WHD
 FROM : Chief of Station, San José
 SUBJECT: GENERAL—Operational
 SPECIFIC—HUMANOID

Ref: SANJ 905, DIR 24876

DATE: 2 January 1953

1. As indicated in references, subject travelled to Washington in early November, 1952, on personal business and contacted Elmor C. Mercer upon arrival in order to discuss the possibilities of a future assignment in another Latin American country. After discussion with WHD officers, according to subject, Mercer indicated that reassignment to another country would be considered. An assignment in Argentina was tentatively discussed with the understanding that subject must arrange his cover personally and his departure from San José must have our concurrence. It was also mentioned that subject might be afforded approximately three months training in Washington prior to departure for Argentina, and that a new contract would be prepared.

2. Since his return to San José, subject has ascertained that he can transfer to the School of Economic Sciences, University of Buenos Aires, in order to obtain his B.S. degree. He has approximately one more year of schooling before obtaining his degree. Contact with the Argentine Consul indicated no difficulties would be encountered in making the transfer or obtaining a visa and that job opportunities in the photographic field are favorable.

3. In view of the fact that subject's services will be needed here for the remainder of the presidential electoral campaign, it will be mid-July before he can be released. Subject is aware of this time consideration and is planning to enter the University of Buenos Aires at the beginning of the school year in March, 1954. This tentative schedule will permit a few months training in Washington subsequent to July, 1953, and will also permit a period of a few months orientation in Argentina prior to the start of the school year.

4. Headquarters comments are requested on the above matter as well as information as to what commitments, if any, were made to subject while in Washington. Subject states it will be necessary to take his wife and two children to the U.S. with him if training is required. His wife is planning to apply for U.S. citizenship.

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16 JUN 1953

TO : Chief, WHD

FROM : Chief of Station, San José

SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational
SPECIFIC: Communist Party Penetration Operations

Ref: HRE-106

DATE:

1. Headquarters attention is invited to Project HUMILIANT which has as its objective the recruitment of a party member or the introduction of a new member into the Communist Party in the Queropac area. HUMILIANT-2 has made some progress in this regard, having been accepted in the Communist syndicate and having widened his circle of Communist acquaintances in the area. This project is expected to produce a low-level, long-term penetration of the party in one of the most critical labor areas of Costa Rica.
2. HUMANO-2 has recently been instructed to canvass the lists of second and third echelon Communists and sympathizers in the San José area for possible defectors. Heretofore, most of the station's attention has been directed towards members of the Political Commission with negative results. However, a review of available operational data on the top leaders is once again being made with the likelihood that HUMANO-2 will be used for at least one approach immediately prior to his departure. This approach will be in addition to the search for a second-string recruitment. Also, an effort is being made to locate an appropriate individual who will be instructed to join the party as a new member. On 6 June 1953 another contact was had with the subject of HRE-95 with negative results.
3. Any penetration of the Communist Party is the same as a penetration of the PFI as the actual leadership is almost identical. We are hopeful that KUGUEN efforts will result in the PFI being declared illegal this week.
4. No specific plans have been made as yet for HUMANO's use in the labor field except that we are considering the possibility.

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that his school work can be tied in with **labor** research or investigation, i.e. the preparation of a school paper which would require contact with **labor** leaders and conditions. Headquarters will be advised of this angle after HUMIDOR arrives in Costa Rica and gets settled.

James K. Russo

11 June 1953

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TO : Chief, MID
FROM : Chief of Station, San José
SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational
SPECIFIC: HUMANOIDDATE: 16 JUN 1953

1. Attached hereto is a memorandum prepared by HUMANOID outlining his desire to depart Costa Rica on or about 1 August 1953 for training in the U.S. prior to reassignment to Argentina.
2. In view of the fact that HUMANOID has arrived in San José and the ~~presidential elections will take place~~ in July 1953, we have no objection to a departure date of 1 August, feeling that sufficient time remains for a thorough briefing and orientation of HUMANOID.
3. In the unlikely event that HUMANOID is unable to complete his cover arrangements in Argentina and in view of his willingness to serve in any area, it is suggested that consideration might be given to his use ~~in Venezuela.~~
4. It is requested that headquarters advise as to the status of its plans for the training and reassignment of subject.

Encl:

1. **Note**

James K. Russo

16 June 1953

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Memo to James K. Russo re Departure Timetable for HUMANOID

Certain circumstances surrounding my application for residence in Argentina through their Embassy here in San José have given rise to a suggestion in reference to my timetable for departure. Originally it was agreed by all concerned that a departure shortly after **the local elections** (say 1 August 1953) would be most convenient for the station. There was some question as to **acceptance at the University of Buenos Aires**, but it was later decided that a more direct assurance of entry could be arranged by actual application for **resident status right here at San José**. This process was begun immediately. Subsequent conversations with **Russo**, however, have given me the impression that headquarters will await the approval of the **resident permit** before arranging my departure for the U.S.

Actually there have been no unusual obstacles encountered in the routine preparation of documentation, but nevertheless, the Argentine Consul assures me that "results will not be forthcoming in less than three months." Accordingly, this would place the most optimistic results some time in late September.

Meanwhile, for rather urgent personal reasons, I am anxious that my departure for the U.S. be realized as per the original understanding, that is, shortly after **the local elections**. By this plan, correspondence can be maintained with the Argentine Embassy here at San José as concerns the arrival of the documentation, and my proposed training period can conceivably be accomplished within this interval of time. If **the resident permit** is denied, or the delay unusually great, an alternate area might then be considered.

I fully comprehend the uncertainties involved in making such a departure without the residence at the future station positively established and am prepared to enter and work in any area selected at the discretion of the organization. What I am trying to avoid most of all is a possible interim waiting period of several months in a more or less casual status. If such is inevitable, then let it take place stateside!

HUMANOID.

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 FROM: SR REP SAN JOSE
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TO: DIR CITE: SSANJ
 RE: DIR 06369 (OUT 64611), SSANJ 989 (IN 22509)

STATION CAPABILITIES BELIEVED STRONG. ALTHOUGH PPI MANAGED RECONSTRUCT CERTAIN VITAL DOCUMENTATION, WE IN POSSESSION 65% THEIR LEGAL PAPERS, RECORDS, ETC., ALONG WITH HIGHLY COMPROMISING VANGUARDIA POPULAR RECORDS DISCUSSING PLANS AND POLICIES FOR PPI. IMMEDIATE EXPLOITATION THIS MATERIAL WAS DELAYED PENDING OUR APPRAISAL PPI CURRENT AND POTENTIAL OPPPOSITION FIGURES' CAMPAIGN, PARTICULARLY TO CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES. HOWEVER, CHECK WITH VICE PRESIDENT OREANIUNO ON 29 MAY INDICATED ASSEMBLY LIKELY TO LEGALIZE PPI FIRST WEEK JUNE IN VIEW LACK POSITIVE EVIDENCE COMMIE FRONT. OREANIUNO STATED PRESIDENT ULAIE (ALSO RECD ULAIE) CONTINUES UNDERESTIMATE DANGERS COMMUNISM BUT THAT HE, OREANIUNO, WOULD LIKE TO SEE PPI KNOCKED OUT OF ELECTORAL RACE. ACCORDINGLY, WE MAILED PORTION PPI RECORDS AND SELECTED COMPROMISING VP MATERIAL TO CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE STUDYING LEGALITY WITH COVER LETTER STATING AUTHOR WAS DISAFFECTIONED COMMIE WHO HAD TAKEN PAPERS FROM COMMIE HQS. IF THIS FAILS,

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RE PLANNING MAIL OTHER DOCUMENTS TO LOCAL PRESS. ALSO, SLATE OF
PPI DEPUTY CANDIDATES VULNERABLE AS OUR FILES REFLECT COMMUNIST
BACKGROUND OR SYNPATIIES IN MANY CASES. BILLINGTON PRESENTLY
PREPARING LETTERS TO PRESS EXPOSING KNOWN COMPICS. FURTHER RUDOWN
ACTION MAY NOT BE NECESSARY BUT WILL BE RECOMMENDED IF NEEDED.

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MSS-C-112

Chief of Station, San Jose
Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

MAY 14 1953

Operational
Removal of project HUMANOID

REFERENCE: MSS-C-102

1. The appropriate Headquarters office has renewed project HUMANOID for the period 1 March 1953 to 28 February 1954.
2. Agent NMIST was incorporated into project HUMANOID effective 1 March 1953 as a cut out for HUMANOID with HUMANOID-1 and HUMANOID-2.
3. The yearly expenses for project HUMANOID are approved as follows:

Salary:	HUMANOID	\$3,000
	HUMANOID-1	250
	HUMANOID-2	450
	HUMANOID-3	1,680
	NMIST	1,060
Travel:		150
Operational Expenses:		600
Safehouses:		600
	TOTAL	\$ 7,878

5 May 1953

Distribution:

3- San Jose
1- W/Chrono
1- Subj. File
1- W/Mail Room
1- Registry

WH/JB/ngdg

J. C. King
By. A. O. Wagner
O.M. DOERFLINGER

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TO: DIRECTOR, CIA
FROM: SR REP SAN JOSE
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TO: DIR CITE: SSANJ
RE: SSANJ 978 (IN21247)
PSYCH

1. HUMANOID-3 AND OTHER LEADERS PRESENT WHEN LOSS
DISCOVERED 1800Z 4 MAY. HOUSE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED. **COMPIES**
CONCLUDED THEFT PROBABLY OCCURRED 2 MAY, PERHAPS AFTERNOON
1 MAY DURING MAY DAY PARADE WHEN HOUSE UNOCCUPIED.

**FIGUERISTAS BLAMED AND BELIEF IS THEY HAVE PENETRATED PARTY.
INVESTIGATION PLANNED BUT WILL BE DISCREET AND ON LOWER LEVEL.**

NO NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK FOR CLUES DUE TO FEAR OUTSIDE KNOWLEDGE OF LOSS.

**2. PARTY REACTION IS THAT THIS IS BIGGEST BLOW TO
PARTY ORGANIZATION SINCE REVOLUTION. HUMANOID-5 THINKS PPI
CRIPPLED, POSSIBLY ELIMINATED FROM ELECTION AS STOLEN PPI
DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR OFFICIAL ELECTORAL PROCESS.**

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SOURCE SAYS PARTYS ONLY CHANCE IS REPEAT WHOLE CONSTITUATING
PROCESS OF PPI, TIME AND FINANCES PERMITTING.

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DIRECTOR, CIA

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TO: DIR

CITE: SSANJ

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1. EARLY MORNING 1 MAY HUMANOID ENTERED COMMIE HQS,
 LIFTED PORTION PARTY FILES, AND MADE GETAWAY UNNOTICED. ENTRY
 UNDERTAKEN HIS INITIATIVE AFTER LEARNING FROM HUMANOID-3 COMBIES
 THINKING MOVING FILES.

2. TAKE CONSISTS **VANGUARDIA POPULAR MILITANT** VISITS,
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS, MINUTES POLITICAL COMMISSION MEETINGS;
PARTIDO PROGRESISTA CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY RECORD WITH LISTS ALL
 NATIONAL DELEGATES; MISCELLANEOUS PARTY DOCUMENTS. EXTENT DAMAGE
PPI CAMPAIGN NOT KNOWN YET. PROCESSING AND EVALUATION BY HUMANOID/
 HUMANOID-3 TO BE DELAYED PENDING PARTY REACTION. NO MENTION MADE
 IN COMMISSION MEETING 2400Z ON 2 MAY. AT PRESENT THIS BELIEVED
 INDICATING PARTY SIMPLY UNAWARE LOSS.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

1. Agent **HUMIST** was granted provisional operational clearance **as cut out** on 24 October 1952 and was activated 1 December 1952. He is presently being used in project **HUMANOID** **as cut out** between principal agent **HUMANOID** and sub-agents **HUMANOID-1** and **HUMANOID-2**. As described in the project, it is planned to cancel project **HUMANOID** about mid-year when the principal agent leaves Costa Rica and re-submit it as two projects, one of which will be project **HIPIST**.

2. It is requested that the project outline resume as submitted on 6 February 1953 be amended in Part II, section II, to include the following:

Salary:	HUMIST	Fiscal Year 1953	Fiscal Year 1954
		\$360	6720

3. It is therefore requested that project **HUMANOID** be authorized an increased cost, effective 1 March 1953, of \$1080 over the estimated cost of \$6,798 which has been submitted for approval, for the period ending 28 February 1954, making an amended estimated total cost of \$7,878.

HRS-A-95 - 5 March 1953 -

Re: Operational

Attempted Penetration of Vanguardia Popular via
Victor CORDERO Segura, Former Syndicate Leader

This dispatch extracted from files by George M. HINE, ext. 3691,
Staff C/ICB, Room 2613 L Bldg., on 16 June 1954, for use in
connection with HUMANOID-3 case study.

George M. Hine

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CRYPTONIM HUMANOID
 DIVISION WHD
 STATION San Jose, Costa Rica

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:

J. C. Banks
 Room No. 2218
 Extension 2065
 Date 6 February 1953

1. The attached Revised Project Outline is submitted for renewal effective 1 March 1953 to 28 February 1954.
2. This project encompasses all the agents presently used by the Station. The principal agent HUMANOID has demonstrated particular ability in closely directing sub-agents to realize their full potentialities. He has also provided the Station with valuable background data on the personalities and political movements with the country, in addition to his assigned objectives.
3. Reports have been factual, the information can usually be relied upon, and all information is of operational value. Security practices have been sound, though hampered by the problem of procuring a safehouse which is permanently secure.
4. The departure of the principal agent from Costa Rica sometime after the 26 July 1953 presidential elections will necessitate re-assigning cut-out duties to HUMIST and also to HUNGARIQUE when the latter is cleared. At the present time HUMIST is gradually assuming full responsibility as cut-out for HUMANOID-1 and HUMANOID-2. The two agents who will assume HUMANOID's present cut-out and debriefing functions will be thoroughly familiar with their duties by the time HUMANOID leaves.
5. It is anticipated that at about mid-year this project will be resubmitted as two separate projects. In the meantime, however, it seems advisable to request renewal for a full year.
6. Attached is a list of the dispatches and disseminations based on information provided by the principal agent and sub-agents. Of the 118 reports submitted, 91 were used in 86 disseminations.

Attachments:

- 1 - List (see par. 6, above)
- 2 - Revised Project Outline
- 3 - Original Project Outline

J. C. KING

(Date)

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REVISED PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONIM HUMANOID

Part I

1. Area of Operations and Headquarters: Project is confined to the geographical limits of Costa Rica with Headquarters and principal activity located in the capital city, San Jose.

2. References: Project is related through the provision of 1) cut-out services and 2) direction to the following sub-agents:

HUMANOID-1

HUMANOID-2

HUMANOID-3

HUKIST

3. Purposes:

A. Objectives:

- a. Cut-out services as assigned.
- b. Directs Communist Party penetration (HUMANOID-3).
- c. Directs **Postal Intercept** Project (HUMANOID-1 and 2).
- d. Provides information on local university and intellectual circles of which subject is a member.
- e. Will endeavor to obtain parallel penetration of the **Vanguardia Popular** (Communist Party of **Costa Rica**).
- f. Will endeavor to develop additional sources of information on **Costa Rican** political movements.

B. Targets:

- a. The **Vanguardia Popular** (Communist Party of **Costa Rica**) and other CP sponsored groups.
- b. Leftist university and intellectual groups.
- c. Ultra-nationalistic and anti-U.S. groups.
- d. Incoming and outgoing mail units in the general post office.

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C. Tasks:

This project conforms to the tasks assigned to the San Jose Station in SOI of 19 August 1952, 2a, 2b, and 2c.

D. Personnel:

- a. This project, in addition to HUMANOID, involves the following agents:

HUMANOID-1
HUMANOID-2
HUMANOID-3
HUMIST

b. HUMANOID is an American citizen born in 1922 in Illinois. Subject spent approximately five years doing general Air Force Intelligence work after joining the U.S. Air Force in April 1946. Subject is presently living in San Jose, where he has been until recently attending school. Since June 1949, when project HUMANOID was first activated, subject has been the most valuable single agent of the San Jose Station. HUMANOID-1 is a Costa Rican, employed in the **post office** in San Jose. HUMANOID-2 is a Costa Rican, employed in the **post office** in San Jose. HUMANOID-3 is a Costa Rican, and member of the **Vanguardia Popular**. He has provided consistent high-level information on Communist activities by virtue of his position in the Party. HUMIST is a naturalized American born **in Germany**, who is self-employed and has lived in **San Jose** since 1947, after serving in the U.S. Army as an interpreter in a P.W. camp in Virginia.

E. Case:

- a. Case officer in contact with HUMANOID: Normal social contact of Americans.
- b. By the agent performing his operational tasks: Subject is established in San Jose on a purely personal basis with no apparent connection with the San Jose Station. He is a home owner, married, and a fully accepted member of the community on that basis. **He has been attending school in San Jose, but has recently resigned in preparation for his eventual departure from Costa Rica after the July presidential elections to attend school elsewhere.** (See **Lineable**.)

F. Contact and Communications:

- a. Case officer and HUMANOID have weekly appointments which are held in many places **of natural communication between Americans**.

- b. HUMANOID and the following:

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- (1) HUMANOID-1 and 2: Mail intercepts by these two agents are deposited in an envelope and placed in a post office box. It is removed by HUMANOID who transmits it to the case officer, the material being returned to HUMANOID for replacing in the post office box after being photographed in the office of the Chief of Station.
- (2) HUMANOID-3: A safehouse in use since May 1952 is presently being used. Due to certain security weaknesses in exit and entry, it will be terminated at the end of January 1953. Another safehouse is presently under development, as well as a two-way dead drop and post office box to minimize live contacts.
- (3) HUMIST: Normal social contact between Americans.

a. A safehouse is indispensable to debrief HUMANOID-3, who has to report on Communist meetings which are often over 3 hours long. Three safehouses have had to be abandoned due to demonstrated weaknesses, but the new safehouse should prove satisfactory.

7. Control:

a. The control of HUMANOID is based upon his past service record with the U.S. Government, demonstrated loyalty, and judgment of the present and former Chiefs of Station. In addition HUMANOID is a U.S. citizen, and at present depends almost wholly on the financial assistance he receives for the performance of his duties.

b. The control of HUMANOID-1 and 2 is based upon the threat of exposure to the government. Motivation is the generally anti-Communist nature of their work and the financial gain from their duties.

c. Control over HUMANOID-3 consists of signed receipts, reports, etc., which could be used as a threat. However, the agent's high regard for his salary and developing personal friendship with HUMANOID are motivating factors.

8. Special Equipment:

No special equipment is involved at the present time.

9. Coordination: This project was originally initiated with the co-operation of the Panama Station. Continued coordination with Panama, or any other station, is not considered necessary or desirable.

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10. Limtable: HUMANOID was engaged by the San Jose Station in June 1949 and has been a most satisfactory agent since inception. He is presently planning to leave San Jose, having completed his studies at the university, but has agreed to remain until after the presidential elections on 26 July 1953. When he leaves, his cut-out duties for HUMANOID-1 and 2, which are presently being gradually turned over to HUMIST, will be taken over by HUMIST, who will then have direct contact with the case officer on much the same basis as HUMANOID. By that time, HUMORESQUE should have operation clearance to act as an American cut-out for HUMANOID-3.

Part II

11. Estimated Cost:

	Fiscal Year 1953	Fiscal Year 1954
Salary: HUMANOID	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
HUMANOID-1	96.00	192.00
HUMANOID-2	160.00	320.00
HUMANOID-3	560.00	1,120.00
Agent Expenses:	200.00	400.00
Safehouse:	200.00	400.00
Local Transportation, Miscellaneous supplies, etc.	<u>50.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>\$2,266.00</u>	<u>\$4,532.00</u>

12. Annual Problems or Contingencies: HUMANOID is interested in making a career in the intelligence field, and has demonstrated willingness to continue this work in Argentina. While in the United States in the fall of 1952, he talked with the former chief of the San Jose Station, now at Headquarters, and was told that in the event of his removal to Argentina for further schooling, he would be continued on his present salary as a minimum. He was also advised to request covert training in the United States preparatory to going to Argentina, and was told that at the time of that request it would be up to Headquarters to determine the advisability of paying any part of transportation for himself and family to the United States and from there to Argentina.

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21 January 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH Division

SUBJECT : Humanoid

1. At the request of Mr. Caldwell, I met with Humanoid on the occasion of his visit to Washington last November and made certain oral commitments on behalf of the Division. No committee, however, was very specific and all were cleared with the Division in advance. My participation in the matter was, of course, owing to the fact that I had recruited Humanoid originally and enjoy his confidence.

2. Humanoid in the past has pursued his activities on behalf of this organization as somewhat of a profitable avocation. His performance, nonetheless, has been outstanding from the point of view of initiative, production and understanding of operational principles. He would now like to make it a career but lacks sufficient information upon which to base a decision and, being partially aware of the uncertainties involved, insists upon maintaining an alternate vocation. In pursuit of this latter objective, he plans to move to Buenos Aires in June or July of 1953 and establish himself there on a permanent basis. His inquiries were to ascertain what effect these plans would have upon his present and future relationship with this organization.

3. I advised Humanoid to continue with his plans as outlined above, stipulating only that he remain in his present location until after the forthcoming elections and assured him that as a consequence of his past satisfactory service he would be picked up in Buenos Aires at a compensation at least equal to that which he is presently receiving.

4. I then explained that our participation in his move would necessarily have to be determined at a later date but requested him to keep us informed of his plans on a continuing basis, assuring him that it would do no harm to request such assistance as he might need. In this connection, I advised him to request formal training, which he has never had, implying that this would be granted, and suggested that a formal contract, future compensation, travel expense and so forth could best be negotiated here at that time.

5. I recommend, therefore, that Humanoid be brought to headquarters for a period of training and that a contract agent relationship containing the usual travel and allowance provisions be formalized at that time. Basic compensation should certainly consider his past record and proven reliability in addition to the initiative he has shown in laying on his own cover. Although his future assignment is none of my business, I would point out that he has proven adept at spotting, recruiting and agent handling and suggest that his talents would be greatly circumscribed if assigned to direct exploitation of a specific target.

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Edward A. Marelius
Executive Secretariat, DO/P

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OPERATIONAL REVIEWCRYPTONYM: HUMANOID

COUNTRY: Costa Rica PERIOD: May 1 to December 31, 1952.

OBJECTIVES AND TASKS: No change.

SALARY: \$1,600 per month effective March 1 1952, per DIR 17384.

EVALUATION OF SERVICES: Excellent and of major importance to this station.

EVALUATION OF INFORMATION: Of considerable value with reference to information produced through sub-agents. During the period under review, agent has done independent reporting and has produced several reports of value **on political matters and has contributed useful operational background data.**

OTHER FACTORS: The removal of operational restrictions on agent's activities during this period has permitted fuller use of his capabilities, i.e., increased spotting and recruiting activities.

COMMENTS: Operation of this project was greatly enhanced by the salary raise which was effective in March, 1952. Subject has resigned his position with the School of Agronomy and is now able to devote more time to our interests as a result of the betterment of his financial status. In November Agent travelled to the United States and contacted Elmer C. Mercer, former Chief of Station, San José, at which time the possibilities of reassignment to another **Latin American country** were discussed. After discussion with WHD officers, Mercer advised HUMANOID A REASSIGNMENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED. (This matter is being covered in dispatch form).

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HUMANOID PLANNING DEPART FOR STATES 5 NOV, ARRIVING WASHINGTON 6 NOV OR 7 NOV, **LATER VISITING DAYTON, OHIO, CHICAGO** AND RETURNING SAN JOSE ABOUT 30 NOV. PURPOSE IS TO VISIT STATES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR FIRST TIME IN SEVEN YEARS. SUBJECT ALSO DESIRES CONTACT ELMER G MERCER AND/OR OTHER HHS OFFICER TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FUTURE ASSIGNMENT IN OTHER **LATIN AMERICAN** COUNTRY, **PARTICULARLY CUBA.** BE IN FAVOR VACATION TRIP DESPITE TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION HUMANOID OPERATION AND RECOMMEND HCS CONTACT. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR REACTION AND CONTACT INSTRUCTIONS IF APPROPRIATE.

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13 October 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, BRANCH III

SUBJECT: HUMANOID

1. Attached hereto is a letter received from HUMANOID by Mr. Edward A. Marelius, now at Headquarters and the former Chief of Station at Costa Rica, who recruited HUMANOID.

2. Particular reference is made to Paragraph 6 regarding a change in assignment. Mr. Marelius thinks that when subject finishes his school year in 1953 he should be brought to Headquarters for training, and that he should be converted to Staff Agent for possible reassignment in Latin America under deep cover. Mr. Marelius thinks that HUMANOID will go stale in San Jose and that a change should be made to better utilize his services. Although subject is the principal source in Costa Rica, he feels that arrangements could be made for an orderly turn-over and departure.

3. While I was assigned in Panama I met subject, at which time he was contemplating moving to Panama, attending the University, and working for the Panama station. He impressed me very well and would have been quite an asset, but the deal fell through due to the higher cost of living in Panama and the fact that he would lose considerable credits in transferring.

4. I do not know whether it can be worked out but I certainly would go along with recommending that he be afforded training in the U.S. and that he be reassigned, preferably to Argentina or one of the other countries where he is urgently needed for additional unofficial cover. The question of his converting to Staff Agent might be worked out also.

W. J. Caldwell
WM. B. CALDWELL
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Box 779
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7 Oct 52

Dear Ed,

The interval has been long enough for me to wonder if you are still around ! We'll just go ahead with this and hope for a decent forwarding service at that end.

How are you and Betty these days ? I'll bet you miss the old days in LA at times...but just remember this, things are not what they used to be ! This place, (in spite of increasing political pulse) is deader than Hell. Take it from me.

This is our beloved winter now...you remember; dreamy, sunny mornings...until about 1100...then swoosh ! Your walking around thru another dark, clammy and moldy rainy season. - Well, I guess bitter cold waves are not so pleasant either.

Marco seems to be getting prematurely old. He's healthy enough, but I guess the country is just as boring for him as it is for me. He still cannot pass up a chance to jump in car for a ride now and then and seems to be just about his № 1 thrill.

As for the family here, everyone is fine. I believe I had told you that Lillian Caridad was born June 1951 so now we are quite satisfied with the pair. They are both fat, dumb and happy (and how I envy them for that). Ross A. is now over three years and quite the boy.

As for me, same old stuff. Fourth year at the U. with passing grades and possibilities of the degree next year wherever it may be undertaken. I am pretty well fed up with the environment (again) and this time am sure to be gone sometime within the first quarter of 53. I have very little idea where...Panama U. is once again encouraging. I would like Cuba in spite of the high standard of living there. Even Mexico would get me close enough to the continental US for more frequent visits which is what I need at the moment. (That is actually Doctors advice now.) At any rate, I feel that I might be able to do more somewhere else. Do you have any ideas ? They would certainly be welcomed.

All the old acquaintances are still around. Mary is well and apparently happy. Judy is fine. I like Dave's new friend very much and am reminded of the old Marelius touch. We haven't many new friends these days and its my impression that we had better be getting a little more social minded.

Well, going to clip this short and head for the U. There's a petty strike on and one must keep up with the current at least. Best wishes to you folks and hope to hear from you soon.

As ever,



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 TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL **EXPERT FOR BRIEF POSTAL CENSORSHIP IMPACTS.**
 HOWEVER, EXISTING **ENHANCED OES AND TWO** FACILITIES AND COVERAGE
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for M. B. Cacchini
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