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20 August 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WE/1/CE

FROM : ER/2/CE

SUBJECT : CE Aspects of ⁰²ARPAKHEL/5 Contacts with GOLUB

REFERENCE : ²²CFRA-3961, 10 July 1959
²²CFRA-4032, 31 July 1959

1. The very fact that ⁰²ARPAKHEL/5, a KUBARK agent, is in contact with GOLUB, a known RUSNIK, has CE implications which warrant close scrutiny. While it may be a bit too early to ponder the direction GOLUB's interest could take, the following comments are offered in the knowledge that they are, by and large, self-evident.

⁰²2. GOLUB has taken the initiative in maintaining contact with ⁰²A/5, which follows the not uncommon MO of dinners, gifts, movies, an appeal to the intellect, language lessons, and a little affair initiated through the "jilted husband" routine.

3. GOLUB has made provocative remarks to both ⁰²A/5 and ⁰²COSTILLE, including some pertaining to the ⁰²A/5 - ⁰²COSTILLE relationship. ⁰²A/5's trip to the USSR, the likelihood that GOLUB's contact with ⁰²A/5 had come to the attention of the U.S. Embassy with resultant inquiries instigated by ⁰²COSTILLE, and to the possibility that ⁰²A/5 was reporting on her contact with GOLUB to the U.S. Embassy.

4. ⁰²A/5 appears to be a bit naive, both emotionally and politically (even discounting the fact that she is pretending naivete vis-a-vis GOLUB). This, together with her expressed aversion to covert activity could make for problems in running her as a penetration/DA.

5. ⁰²COSTILLE says he has never been seen with ⁰²A/5 and that all contact with her has been held in his apartment or car. ⁰²However, it appears quite possible that ⁰²COSTILLE's meetings with ⁰²A/5 have been observed---if the RIS had an inclination to do so---and it may well be that GOLUB is aware of the contact. (This is admittedly taking the darker view of the matter).

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6. The pattern of Subject's contacts with OQUIS suggests that the latter has spotted and is in the process of exposing, and multiverting O2(A)5. It may be that OQUIS is trying to involve (A)5 in a romantic relationship in which emotional control could be exercised, since it is quite unlikely that this shrewd intel operator "libes her for her mind", to quote our gal. It would also seem that the Soviets have a continuing interest in COSTILLA and assuming that they are aware of at least some of the COSTILLA - (A)5 contacts, they may have in mind recruiting O2(A)5 to get info on COSTILLA and other American targets. The Soviets certainly appear to be trying to get (A)5 on the "little book".

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