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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Support Branch

FROM : Chief, Cover Support Desk

SUBJECT : COVER, ²⁴(NONOFFICIAL) - GENERAL
(Proposal for A&E Assessment of Potential
REDSKIN Agent Candidates)
#90682

1. Reference is made to my previous memoranda pertaining to the Subject as captioned above, ending with the Memorandum for the Record dated 28 February 1961.

2. As indicated in the referenced memoranda, CCG has been experiencing difficulty in obtaining an appropriate (nonofficial) ²⁴cover activity that can be used for the initial assessment of REDSKIN candidates. The activity in (Pittsburgh) is no longer under consideration for use in this connection. 10

3. After appropriate coordination was effected among the Chief of Assessment and Evaluation Staff, the Deputy Chief of SR Division, Tom STRANGE of CCG, and the writer, it was decided that due to the time element it would not be possible to utilize ²⁴a (nonofficial) cover unit for the initial assessment. Since CCG has no suitable cover assets, they are requesting the SB/2 Desk, by separate memorandum, to make a survey to come up with several companies which can be utilized for this purpose next year.

4. As a result of CCG's inability to provide an appropriate cover, the REDSKIN program, for this season, will proceed along the lines that were utilized during the past years, i.e., after the candidates have been appropriately cleared, they will be contacted by a representative of SR/10 using alias Agency credentials. The only change in the procedure will involve the dual contact by a representative of SR/10 and of the Assessment and Evaluation Staff of CTR. The latter, a psychologist, will be documented with a CIA alias credential similar to that carried by the SR/10 representative; the psychologist will make the initial assessment in the field.

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5. There is attached a copy of a memorandum from the Chief, Assessment and Evaluation Staff dated 9 March 1961, which requests alias CIA credentials for this purpose for two psychologists of that Staff. Due to the expedite nature of this request, it has been processed by the Cover Support Desk and the Physical Security Division (Badge Office) and CIA alias credentials are currently being prepared. They will be issued directly to the two psychologists involved. As you will recall, credit checks were conducted on all of the A&E Staff; no record was found reflecting Agency employment for the two psychologists concerned. They will be placed under domestic cover by CCG as a further precaution.

6. No further action is indicated in this matter at this time.


Ervan E. Kuhnke, Jr.

Attachment:

A&E Memo dated 9 March 1961

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