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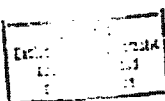
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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Summary of S/W Training and Issuance of Materials.

AGENT : AMLASH/1

PLACE : Paris, France

DATE : 17-22 August 1962

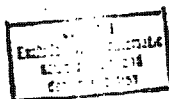
TRAINER:  TFW C/O.

1. AMLASH/1 was instructed in S/W techniques by the undersigned in a Paris Station safehouse on 17 and 18 August, and was given an S/W review in the final briefing session held in the hotel room of Wallace A. Growery (Madrid Station C/O) on 22 August. Instruction was given in the use of carbon writing system No. 15136 and in the use of liquid developer system No. 56638. The "scorch" method of development was also demonstrated to A/1 as an alternate system. A total of five hours was devoted to this instruction.

2. A/1, who was recruited a short time prior to coming to Paris, was introduced to the idea of using S/W by the undersigned during discussions held in Copenhagen. Although for security considerations, he was skeptical at first about using such a means of communication, he was without undue effort convinced that any productive relationship depended upon his being able to communicate with his C/O on a regular basis through the medium of S/W letters sent through normal mail channels. It was apparent from his early questions that he was unfamiliar with the principles of S/W and clandestine communications in general. After further talks in Paris with Growery on 16 August, A/1 was fully prepared to accept the concept of S/W communications, and arrangements were made for this instruction to begin the following day.

3. The first training session on 17 August lasted a little more than two hours, and was devoted to an explanation of the S/W system of communication, including careful instruction in the preparation of a letter containing S/W. A/1 also prepared an S/W letter of his own under the supervision of the undersigned. He seemed to grasp readily the principles of the preparation of an S/W

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message and experienced only a little difficulty at first in remembering all the steps in sequence necessary for the preparation of an S/W message. He was generally attentive to the instruction given. However, in keeping with his temperament, he was a little impatient during the preparation of the S/W message itself upon the cover letter. At the end of this session, he demonstrated that he remembered the basic steps in a satisfactory manner, particularly considering that it was his first day in S/W instruction.

4. The second period of instruction took place in the same safehouse, lasting about two hours. This session was devoted to a review of the S/W procedures and the preparation by A/1 of another practice S/W letter. Following this, A/1 was instructed in the development of S/W messages, using the liquid developer No. 56638. The scorch system of development was also demonstrated. A/1 was impressed by the simplicity of the liquid developer and the immediate reaction which it produced. The undersigned developed one message; then A/1 was allowed to prepare the developer from its dry pill form and to develop a second practice S/W message for himself. Following the period devoted to S/W development, a general review of S/W communications was held, the basic points apparently being well-fixed in A/1's mind.

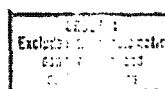
5. During the final formal meeting with A/1 on 22 August with Growery and the undersigned participating, the latter gave A/1 a general review of all the S/W procedures which were to be used in his contact with KUBARK. He also was provided with the following items:

- A. Two sheets of S/W carbon paper ( No. 15136)
- B. Forty-seven pills of developer ( No. 56638)
- C. One tablet of writing paper provided by TSD and known to be compatible with the carbon sheets.
- D. 3 No. 2 pencils of French manufacture.
- E. One ball-point pen with water-resistant ink.
- F. Two accommodation addresses: one in Madrid for regular contact; one in New York City for rapid emergency contact (see attached S/W data sheet).
- G. Appropriate indicators (see S/W data sheet)

It is noted that A/1 did not have a secure accommodation address in PERUMEN to give us at this time. He was told, however, that it was imperative that he provide one for us by S/W letter within two weeks of his return to PERUMEN. This he stated he would do.

6. During the last S/W review, A/1 was shown a photograph of one of his practice messages which he had prepared. He was quite interested in seeing this, which served to illustrate a number of the training points which had been covered during previous instruction.

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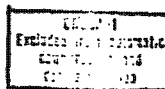
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Generally, A/1 was an interested pupil and it is believed that he will be able to carry out the instructions in a proper manner. He is quite security conscious, a factor which it is believed, will add to his attempts to seek perfection in his S/W correspondence and in the secure storage of his S/W materials when not in use. It is also known that A/1 practiced his S/W techniques in his hotel room after leaving the 22 August meeting. This is known because he had an additional question to ask us at a brief meeting on 23 August.

7. It should also be noted that the TSD technician who developed A/1's practice letters recommends that for best results, all letters from A/1 be subjected to ammonia fuming before immersion in the developer.

Attachments:  
Agent S/W Record  
Form #H-55900

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REPORT OF S/W TRAINING, PARIS.

AGENT S/W RECORD

Date 29 August 1962

1. Agent Cryptonym: AMLASH/1
2. SW supplies issued to the Agent (date and quantity):  
2 sheets of carbon S/W paper #15136 and 48 pills of developer #56638 both issued on 22 August 1962.
3. ☐ correspondence to the agent will be in Spanish and handwritten or typed; from the agent will be printed or typewritten (in Spanish).
4. Location assigned for placement of S/W text: S/W text will be placed on the face of the ☐ letter; agent has, however, been instructed to check both sides of letters received for S/W. Letters from the agent on face of ☐ text.

5. Accommodation addresses:

To be supplied by agent in first S/W letter he sends (this to be by 15 September 1962 at the latest.)

Accommodation addresses for letters from the agent:

Regular accommodation address:

Rapid/Emergency accommodation address:

Agents letters to be signed ☐

6. Re-supply arrangements:

If carbons lost: Agent writes ☐ letter to Madrid address in normal manner. Absence of S/W message indicates loss of carbons and Agent is to expect next letter he receives to be a re-supply of carbons (in the form of the letter itself).

If developer lost: Agent so indicates in letter to Madrid (in S/W): re-supply will take place through one of the three Dead Drops which Agent has been told to locate and report soonest by S/W. Identity of Drop utilized and date loaded to be conveyed to Agent through S/W message developed by "scorch" method... see below.

7. Required indicators:

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- C. Indicate carbon re-supply by mail: Upon indication of loss of carbon sheets (see above), preferably the next letter sent to Agent will be a carbon sheet. In any case agent understands that any cover letter containing the word "finca" (Spanish for farm) has been written on a carbon sheet, which he is then to use for S/W correspondence as needed.

8. Optional indicators: Any letter received by Agent containing the word "hacienda" in the ☐ letter is understood to indicate that the S/W message contained therein is to be developed by the "scorch" system.

Danger or control indicators:

Letters from Agent: Any word, mark, phrase, etc., after the Spanish word "FIN" at the end of the S/W message indicates agent is under control.

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