

17. Headquarters, USFET, MISC, Lt. Col. John R. Deane, Jr., to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, USFET, "Plan for the Inclusion of the Bolero Group in Operation Rusty,"
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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE CENTER
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SUBJECT: Plan for the Inclusion of the Bolero Group in Operation Rusty.

TO : AG of S, G-2, Headquarters, United States Forces European Theater, APO 757, U.S. Army.

I. GENERAL

The Bolero Group which has been exploited since August 1945 by the War Department, MIS, Russian O/B Section will arrive in this Theater on or about the 15th of July 1946.

It is proposed to include the main part of this group in Operation Rusty to increase the efficiency and value of the work carried on at the present time at the Blue House.

Arrangements have been made by Col Wentworth to have this group picked up at the port of arrival and brought to the airport at Eschborn.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

To insure the most efficient merging of the Bolero Group with Operation Rusty the following points are Recommended.

1. Conference at the Eschborn Airfield

A conference will be held upon arrival at the airfield by Capt Waldman with Gehlen, Berndt (Hermann) and Wessel (former assistant to Gehlen) for the purpose of determining who of the Bolero Group will be excluded from the work at the Blue House. It is believed that the disposition of the members of the Bolero Group will be as follows:

Gehlen, Siemenz, Hinrichs and Schoeller to be moved to the Blue House.

Stephanus, Herre, and Fusner to be moved to MIS Center.

Von Luetgendorff to be brought to a camp to be discharged. Procedure and location depending upon decision of G-1. (Von Luetgendorff was a General Staff officer, but is an Austrian citizen)

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2. Disposition of the Group Coming to the Blue House

That part of the Bolero Group which will come to the Blue House should be discharged as soon as possible under assumed names by one of the mobile discharge teams. These men should be provided with German identification papers made out with their new names.

3. Disposition of the Group to be Brought to HIS Center

These men are to be brought to HIS Center for the purpose of having a conference there with Berndt (Hermann) and Capt Waldman because Berndt is planning to include them in his organization in the field. If these men agree to work in Berndt's organization they must be discharged by a mobile discharge team and given German identification papers and new names.

4. Disposition of Von Luetgendorf

He should be discharged at any PW camp and returned to Austria (Graz) because his services are not longer needed with the Bolero Group.

5. Families to be Quartered at the Blue House Enclosure

The families to be brought to the Blue House will be notified by Capt Waldman a few days in advance of their transfer to the Blue House enclosure. The families will be transported by U.S. Army vehicles to the Blue House. Mrs Schoeller who lives at present in Switzerland will require special arrangements which can be made after the arrival of Mr Schoeller.

Rations will be supplied by MISC and the cooking will be done by the families in the quarters in the Blue House enclosure.

6. The Organization of Work at the Blue House

a. It is recommended that the part of the Bolero Group to be kept at the Blue House be identified as the Intelligence Group. It will consist of:

(1) Gehlen, who will be in charge of the Intelligence Group and who will be responsible for the coordination of the efforts of this group with those of the Information Group outlined below.

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- (2) Wessel, assistant to Gehlen.
- (3) Niemenz, Order of Battle, maps, and O/B files and personality files.
- (4) Hinrichs, evaluation of economic and political reports, expert on Soviet intelligence and counter-intelligence organizations and methods.
- (5) Echoeller, evaluation of military reports.
- (6) Three additional men to be supplied by Berndt's organization as translators, typists and for American and English press evaluation.

b. It is recommended that the Berndt Group be known as the Information Group. It will consist of the following:

- (1) Berndt, in charge of Information Group.
- (2) Staff members. (4)
- (3) Agents.
- (4) Radio monitors. (15)
- (5) Soviet press evaluators. (1)
- (6) Clerical help and assistants. (2)

c. US Personnel in control of Operation Rusty under the direction of Brig Gen SIBERT:

- (1) Officer in Charge: Col PHILP.
- (2) Operations Officer: Lt Col DEANE.
- (3) Asst Operations Officer: Capt WALDMAN.
- (4) Asst Operations personnel and clerks: Cpl Harder and Cpl Kuksatel.
- (5) Secretary and typist: Mrs Waldman.
- (6) Translators and typists (two).

7. Working Procedure and Reporting Channels.

It is recommended that in addition to the present intelligence reports which are forwarded to the Intelligence Branch, G-2 Division, USFET, one copy of the intelligence reports be forwarded to the Intelligence Group at the Elus House
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for evaluation and coordination with other available material. The results of this evaluation by the Intelligence Group by Capt Waldman are then to be forwarded to the Intelligence Branch, G-2, Division, USFET, as a new series of reports to be identified as Evaluation Reports. It is believed that the Evaluation Reports will be of great value to the G-2 Division in that they will furnish the closest thing to finished intelligence that can be obtained from sources other than U.S.

It will be necessary to furnish the Intelligence Group with essential background material, part of which is contained in the documents of the Bolero Group which are at present at PO Box 1142, Washington, D.C. These documents consist of the material which the Bolero Group brought to the US plus other material formerly of Fremde Heere Ost (Foreign Armies East) which came to the US via official documents channels. The latter are therefore joint US and British property. These documents, however, were all for some time in London and therefore the British War Office already had sufficient opportunity to make photostatic copies if they so desired. These documents consist of about 62 cases of O/B files, very complete Soviet military personality files, organization charts, numerous publications of Foreign Armies East covering most aspects of Soviet military activities, and very important historical background material on the USSR.

It was recommended in Washington by Lt Col Shimkin, Chief of the Russian O/B Section, to request these documents through the highest echelon of command to avoid delay in transmitting these documents back to the Theater.

In addition to the newspapers and magazines available at the present time it is recommended that the Intelligence Group be furnished with intelligence material available to us from other sources, such as the weekly Soviet Military Roundup prepared by MIS War Department, the daily Foreign Radio Broadcast Reports published by MIS War Department and the SIS prepared by the Intelligence Branch, USFET G-2 Division. It should be noted that the Bolero Group during its stay in the US received the material from the Soviet Military Roundup and also received copies of the O/B material which was transmitted over the teletype from the Intelligence Branch, USFET G-2 Division to the Russian O/B Section, MIS, War Department.

8. Additional Security Measures

Additional security measures will be arranged to insure complete security for the operation. These measures will include (a) the closing off of the Blue House area from Alaska, (b) the family members of the Intelligence Group will not be allowed to leave the area and (c) certain contacts, which were made until now in this area, will be transferred to Heidelberg, Munich and Lemptan.

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9. Recommended Monthly Paytable for Intelligence Group

Name	Base Pay (in RM)	Allowance for wife (RM 100.-)	Allowance for children (RM 50.- per child)	Total (in RM)
Gehlen	600.-	100.-	200.-	900.-
Wessel	500.-	100.-	50.-	650.-
Schoeller	400.-	100.-	-	500.-
Hiemenz	400.-	100.-	-	500.-
Hinrichs	400.-	100.-	50.-	550.-
Herre	400.-	100.-	200.-	700.-
				<u>3800.-</u>

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