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Summary:

An OPC official, drawing negative lessons from Free Europe Committee autonomy, argues that AMCOMLIB (cryptonym Cinderella) should be a pure front and not be allowed the autonomy gained by the FEC.

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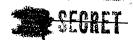
SUBJECT: Consideration in Choosing the Members and Executive Secretary for the Sinderella Sever Consistes

- 1. The most vital element in the over-all project Cinderella is the Executive Secretary of the American cover consists. Upon his ability and his relationship with CPO will depend in large part the success of the operation. The experience gained in establishing and operating the HUFF has glassly descripted the importance of this individual. So is either the keystone which successfully binds whole operations together or he is a bettle-neck and point of friction.
- 2. An analysis of the history of the BUTE shows that its Executive Secretary's semi-autonomous position as the representative of a semi-autonomous committee is one of the basis difficulties in the whole project and the cause of a great number of our worst headaches. OPG has not had adequate control of this key figure; such control is an absolute essential from an operational standpoint. In Sinderella there must be no question of whom he is working for. He must get his orders from OPG and his policy guidance from State through OPG.
- 3. The semi-autonomous sever committee is the other major difficulty connected with the MSFR which we wish to avoid this time. The MOFR is composed of a group of active, aggressive and ambitious individuals who insist on playing a much bigger vole in the activities of the MOFR than was intended and who regard themselves as cant-autonomous from OFC. As a result the MOFR has unasquescrip had its already difficult activities combitioned by its manhars politics, struggle for influence, and interference with sperational problems. We do not wish this to happen with the American cover committee for distorable which should be solely a front mechanism.
- s. To avoid having a too against committee, we believe it would be wise to select individuals pipe would be willing to act as a front but who would not try to do more than who asked of them. They should be distinguished, able but not particularly ambitious. Older men cuch as Charles Seymour and Henry Maga Crific, who have retired after distinguished carears, would seem to be smally the right type. Such men would ably perform any duties assigned them, but would not attempt to carry the ball on their own. There are

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two additional qualifications which members of the consistee should meet; (a) they should have either the means or connections necessary to land credence to the consistee's fund-raising front, and (b) their past activities and interests should be such that their connection with the connection with the connection are presented to the connection with the connection with the connection of the connection with the connection of the connection with the connection of the connection

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