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Summary:

Frank Wisner solicits George Kennan’s suggestions on the organization of AMCOMLIB (cryptonym Cinderella) and the composition of its board of directors.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADPC

SUBJECT: Cinderella Discussion with Mr. Kennan of
 21 August 1950

1. A final meeting was held with Mr. Kennan before his departure from the Department in his office at 11 a.m. on 21 August 1950 attended by Messrs. Kennan, Wisner, [redacted] and [redacted]. The short memorandum outlining OPC's views on the composition of the committee and the selection of an executive secretary was shown to Messrs. Kennan and [redacted] who approved it.

2. Mr. Kennan said that he felt we should include Mr. Alan Wardwell on the committee as certain arrangements had already been made with him by Mr. Wasson. It was, therefore, agreed that the committee should be composed originally of the following individuals or as many of them as would serve:

- a. William Henry Chamberlain, President
- b. Gordon Wasson, Treasurer
- c. William Y. Elliot
- d. Eugene Lyons
- e. Kurt Reissinger
- f. Alan Wardwell
- g. Matthew Well

3. It was agreed that Mr. Kennan would within the next few weeks speak with Messrs. Wasson, Wardwell and Reissinger and inform them that Mr. Chamberlain would approach them about the formation of the committee which had his, Mr. Kennan's, blessing. Mr. Kennan would ask Mr. Wasson if he would be willing to serve as treasurer of the committee and, if he would not, would ask him to suggest someone, perhaps Mr. Wardwell or perhaps someone else, to act in this capacity. A representative of OPC would approach Mr. Chamberlain and request him to act as president and as such to make an official approach to the prospective committee members. It was agreed that the members of the committee should be told the truth about who was behind the project and what its real purpose was.

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However, it was decided that OPC did not wish at the present time to have any direct dealings with them, but that at some future date we might consider taking over their project for our own purposes. Mr. Kennan who was seeing [redacted] in the afternoon would tell him that he knew of some private citizens who were interested in the Russian problem and that he felt that funds might be available to help continue [redacted]

5. After some discussion, it was agreed that [redacted] and his group would be extended an invitation by the center in Germany to join the united front. At this time Mr. Kennan would speak to [redacted] and ask him to cooperate.

6. Mr. Kennan said that in the forthcoming discussions with the British, we should tell them that:

- ✓ a. We are using our influence to stir up the creation of a private committee which would attempt to unite the various Russian groups in a united front.
- ✓ b. This will be essentially a private project and we do not plan to interfere very much in its operation.
- ✓ c. What political guidance we do give will be along the lines of [redacted] report, a copy of which they have received.

7. On the question of the support for [redacted] Mr. Kennan said that he had not been able to see Mr. Robert Fabst, but would do so.



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