ACTION REQUIRED: As indicated

REFERENCE: None

1. In June 1962, ACSI requested that Headquarters run an operational interest check on STERANT/1. We do not know whether the matter has been discussed in the field, although we assume it will be handled by the 500th MIG. In any event, Headquarters feels that the most efficient and expeditious way of handling any discussions regarding STERANT/1 would be to have the responsible CINTIN Agency in the field contact the appropriate ACHART officials at

2. Headquarters is advising ACSI that STERANT/1 had a long and close operational relationship with KUBARK. This, coupled with what was a rather difficult termination in 1956, could place KUBARK in a rather embarrassing position should STERANT/1 find difficulty in operating with a new CINTIN officer. Furthermore, STERANT/1's past operational activities have compromised him to the Chinese Communist Intelligence services, to the Japanese services, and maybe other services we are not aware of. KUBARK would be much more receptive to relinquishing operational interest in the matter if we could be assured that STERANT/1 was going to be handled on an unwitting basis, or possibly through another agent.

3. In conjunction with the foregoing, we have requested that ACSI discuss the matter with... prior to departure in September 1962, since is quite knowledgeable and personally familiar with the case.