

AEACRE Amendment No. 2

FY 1954

PART IV SOVIET AREA ORIENTATION PROGRAM

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PART IV

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this portion of the AEACRE Program for FY 1954 is to provide authorization for development of a Soviet Area Orientation Program for selected staff employees of the SR Division and other units of the Agency.

2. BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

a. Past experience has clearly indicated the great need for language and area orientation of staff employees concerned with operations directed against the USSR. After preliminary discussions with the Office of Training in January 1953, it was agreed that OTR would provide for language training and that the responsibility for developing a program of Soviet Area Orientation would be delegated to the Domestic Operations Base of SR Division. A detailed plan for a six month's course in Soviet Area subjects received the approval of Chief, SR and the Director of Training in July 1953, the first course to begin in January 1954. The approval of the Office of Training was predicated on the understanding that OTR did not have the specialized assets to organize a Soviet Area course in the Russian language meeting the requirements of SR and that these assets did exist in SR/DOB.

b. The Inspection and Review Report of October 1953, mentioned in Part I, recommended that the entire program be transferred to OTR inasmuch as staff employees and not agents were to be trained. Although not specifically stated in the recommendations, it is assumed that the transfer was to include all facilities and specialized personnel required for running the course.

c. During the last six months of 1953, however, further considerations by SR of the goals to be achieved and the availability of instructors and students has forced a postponement of the original starting date of Jan 1954, as well as reduction in the length of the course from six months to four. These more limited requirements change the scope of the course and place it in the category of interim training which can be accomplished more efficiently by DOB in conjunction with OTR as outlined below.

d. The planning and organization of this program has resulted in the following specific accomplishments:

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- (1). A four month's course of approximately 360 hours of instruction has been planned and organized by DOB for from 6 to 10 students to begin in September 1954.
- (2). Three qualified contract instructors possessing the necessary language and area qualifications have been selected to teach the program.
- (3). Actual lecture outlines for approximately sixty per cent of the proposed course have been completed by two of the above instructors and reviewed by SR/DOB.
- (4). Exploratory work on cover facilities and the site for this training has been conducted and conclusions reached as noted in the appropriate paragraphs below.

3. COURSE DESCRIPTION

a. The aims of the Soviet Area Orientation Program are to orient selected staff employees in the environmental reality of the USSR and to equip them to apply this knowledge to the planning and conduct of agent operations directed against the USSR.

b. Prerequisites for the students attending the course will be (1) a good working knowledge of the Russian Language in speaking, reading, and writing, and (2) successful completion of Phases I, II and III of the course of common instruction offered by the Office of Training.

c. The initial presentation of the course is planned for 1 Sept 1954 to run approximately 4 months. Later scheduling will depend on the availability of students and the needs for this instruction as determined by the SR Division.

d. Inasmuch as the instructors will be covert associates and because disciplines of a classified nature will be presented, this program will be conducted covertly, in a building apart from other Agency installations.

e. Presentation will be keyed particularly to that information which must become part of the knowledge of an agent who is to operate within or against the USSR. The fullest possible use will be made of Soviet films, agent and defector debriefings, simulated live situations, and other training media. A detailed outline of the training program is attached as Tab "B".

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To continue planning and preparation within DOB during FY 1954 for the course described in order to assure its initial presentation in September 1954.

5. PERSONNEL

a. Staff Employees

Staff employees to direct the Soviet Area Orientation Program of DOB are furnished as support by the AEACRE T/O.

b. Contract Personnel

Existing authorities in the project provide for twelve contract instructors for the training of agents (see Part II, para 5 b). Two of these instructors have^{been} utilized in the preparation of SAOP and a total of three will be^{needed} full time during the running of the course. As SAOP will offer its course during a low period of agent training activity by DOB, no additional authorities are required in project AEACRE for the hiring of instructors.

6. COVER AND SECURITY

Arrangements have been completed through the Liaison and Control Branch to designate this school as the Language and Area Evaluation Section of the Training Branch coming under G-3, the Department of Defense, which Branch employs both civilians and military officers.

7. SUPPORT

a. Support furnished by AEACRE -

- (1) Normal headquarters support to include such items as office facilities and supplies, salaries of covert associates, SAOP staff personnel, and transportation.
- (2) Classroom space, approximately 1600 square feet, in the Washington, D.C. area for conducting the course. Two government owned buildings meeting the physical requirements criteria of SAOP are presently under consideration. One of these may be procured in sufficient time for presentation of the first course after project approval of this AEACRE Amendment No. 2 has been obtained.

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- (3) Vehicle and vehicle operating cost.
- (4) Movie projector and screen, 10 tape recording machines, classroom furniture and accessories.

b. Support furnished by the Liaison Control Branch.

Backstopping for the cover described in para 7 a above.

8. COORDINATION

Close coordination and liaison will continue with the Office of Training who, together with SR Division, will furnish staff supervision over the substantive aspects of the training involved. A detailed course outline will be presented for their approval prior to the presentation of each course in order to assure that no conflict exists with the training principles as established by OTR and that no duplication of effort is being undertaken in respect to staff employee training conducted by an office other than OTR.

9. COMMITMENTS

No commitments have been made. The SAOP has been announced to SR Division personnel.

10. TIMETABLE

a. It is intended that SAOP will be presented at a time of year when a low period of agent training activity exists at DOB. Thus good advantage will be taken of the availability of both contract instructors and students.

b. The first course is scheduled for September of 1954, but in order to make proper preparations, it is necessary that project approval be granted at this time. Subsequent courses will be presented at the discretion of Chief, SR and subject to the availability of both instructors and students.

11. BUDGET

Operational or field costs are not shown separately for this program, as they are in fact a proportion or share of the overhead of project AEACRE and not extra costs incurred solely because of SAOP. Such equipment as tape recorders, movie projectors, blackboards, desks,

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as well as training materials, will be furnished on loan by DOB or other offices of CIA. For an estimate of the proportional cost of this program in the AEACRE FY 1954 budget see Part V attached.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. That SAOP as described in this Part IV of AEACRE Amendment No. 2 receive approval for FY 1954.

b. That the authority for the procurement of government owned space for classrooms at no cost to CIA be written into project AEACRE for the purposes described in para 7 a (2) above.

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