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PART II.....AGENT TRAINING AND SUPPORT FACILITIES

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PART II

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of Part II of AEACRE Amendment No. 2 for FY 1954 is to provide authorization for the basic agent training activities of the Domestic Operations Base. Described are all personnel and facilities necessary for the training of penetration agents to be dispatched into the USSR. Included also are the DOB headquarters support facilities furnished to Parts III and IV.

2. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In addition to the general accomplishments described in the Preface, the following are listed as specific accomplishments connected with the agent training mission assigned to DOB on 22 January 1952:

a. A cadre of qualified operations officers has been assembled and is presently functioning as a nucleus of experience for the planning and running of agent training programs to be conducted during FY 1954.

b. Up to 1 February 1954 the record of DOB in agent training cases was as follows:

Completed Training:

Penetration agents	11
Principal agents	6
Other agent personnel	6

Withdrawn during training:

Penetration agents	10
Principal agents	1

Still in training:

Penetration agents	<u>7</u>
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Total	41
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In addition DOB, in support of SR Division requirements, had assisted in seven holding or disposal cases of defectors or

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former agent personnel.

c. Complete agent training programs in tradecraft and Soviet Reality subjects have been established and qualified contract instructors assembled to give instruction in the following tongues: Russian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian and where necessary, Polish or German. For certain specialized subjects instructor support is furnished by the Office of Training or TSS and interpreters are furnished by DOB to cover the subjects involved.

d. Agent airborne, maritime and survival training programs have been established by qualified staff employees of the Domestic Operations Base. These programs use facilities furnished by the Military Establishment, thereby effecting considerable savings to CIA in construction and equipment costs.

e. The Domestic Operations Base has served as a training ground for career officers of the SR Division and CIA. Intelligence officers have been assigned to the base for one to two years to assist in training and to acquire experience in agent handling and directing, as well as the techniques of agent operations.

f. A headquarters building has been established where the planning, administration, transportation, supply, security, finances and training support of all activities is centralized. From this headquarters up to 7 safehouses with training units have been put into operation providing small compartmented areas for secure training.

3. AGENT TRAINING PROCEDURES

a. Agent candidates are spotted and assessed by DOB itself (see Part III) or the mechanism provided for this purpose by CSOB in Munich, Germany. After acceptance and recruitment by the appropriate Area Branch of SR for an approved project, the movement of the agent candidate to DOB for training is approved and authorized by the Chief of Operations, SR Division.

b. Prior to arrival of the agent, a minimum of three months is required to obtain the following facilities and support in the Washington area for each agent training unit:

(1) A safehouse within 100 miles of the Washington area, isolated enough to provide for a secure living and training area.

(2) A safehouse

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(2) A safehouse keeper couple to maintain the safehouse and to perform household duties for the agent training establishment.

(3) An average of three vehicles to provide secure transportation for agents from the safehouse to other training areas, to provide contact of case officers with DOB headquarters and CIA, to transport instructor personnel and to effect the supply of the safehouse operation. For security reasons, one vehicle must remain at all times with the case officer on duty with the agent.

(4) If rented unfurnished, the furniture and household equipment must be procured. Training aids equipment such as film projectors, tape recorders, blackboards, communications equipment, and photographic equipment must be set aside.

(5) Training schedules and materials must be prepared, coordinated and approved on an individual basis for each training unit to suit the specific needs of the agents and their mission and to cover a training period of from four to eight months.

(6) One senior and two junior case officers must be selected and prepared for the needs of each training unit. Instructor personnel, both staff and contract, capable of speaking one of the agent's languages must also be readied for their part in his training.

(7) Field facilities for weapons, maritime, airborne, survival and other fieldcraft training must be scheduled and the necessary equipment procured to accommodate this and other training units.

c. After the agent or agents have been received by DOB, they must be kept under twenty-four hour surveillance and guard for the entire period of training by case officer personnel. Daily, weekly, monthly and summary reports must be prepared to assist DOB and the SR Branch concerned in judging the success of the training and the agent mission which has been planned.

d. During all of the training period the agent must be clothed, fed and the necessary relief must be furnished from his intensive training in the form of athletics, recreation and entertainment. At the same time as the training and these other needs are being provided for, an agent's confidence, morale and motivation

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must undergo a continuous process of developing and strengthening. If substantial progress in this regard is not achieved, the chances of a successful mission are largely negated.

e. After the agent has completed his training and intensive indoctrination for the physical, mental and psychological conditions he will face in the target area, control of him reverts to the SR Branch concerned, for assignment of mission, briefing, equipping, dispatch and all the operational phases of his mission.

4. OBJECTIVES

a. To maintain and operate the personnel, facilities and equipment required for the simultaneous training of seven agent training units in support of operations directed at penetration of the USSR.

b. To furnish the support necessary for continuation and expansion of the spotting and assessment activities described in Part III.

c. To furnish the support necessary to initiate and maintain the Soviet Area Orientation program described in Part IV.

5. PERSONNEL

a. Staff Employees

A table of organization of 60 staff employees was approved in August of 1952. This T/O is being revised and re-submitted to conform with the organizational pattern of DOB presently in force. The number of slots requested will remain substantially as at present.

b. Contract Instructors

Existing authority in the project for hiring of twelve contract instructors is sufficient for the present scope of DOB activities. These instructors are housed in a safe-office apart from DOB headquarters, for security reasons, and are transported to the safehouses to conduct training in their specialized subjects as required.

c. Contract Translator-Clerical Personnel

Existing authorities in the project do not provide for

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clerical and translator personnel for the safe-office, although their hiring has been considered proper in the past, over and above the limitation of twelve contract instructors covered in para 5 b above. For clarification purposes approval is herein requested for a total of three part or full time clerical assistants and translators. One full time secretary translator @ \$3200 per annum and one part time secretary translator @ \$1.65 per hour (average annual \$2400.00) are presently under contract. ✓

d. Safehouse Keepers

Existing authority for the hiring of ten safehouse keepers or safehouse keeper couples is sufficient for present needs of DOB. ✓

6. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

a. Rents

Existing authorities in the project provide for 1 DOB headquarters building and 10 safehouses. Provision for only nine safehouses at any one time (including the safe-office for contract personnel, para 5 b above, and the safe-apartment for assessments, Part III attached) is being incorporated in the budget. Authority for renting the tenth safehouse will be utilized only in an emergency caused by the necessity of separating members of an agent team, a disposal problem, or other unforeseen circumstances. Authority for the procurement of an additional property at no cost to CIA is being requested in Part IV attached.

b. Vehicles

Existing authorities provide for the procurement of twenty vehicles. An increase in this authority is requested to a total of 23 vehicles, the number considered necessary to support the training projects scheduled for this year and the other ~~activities of the base.~~ The distances involved between DOB headquarters, the safehouses, the safe-office and the different areas where maritime, airborne and survival training is conducted, all create a substantial communications and transportation problem. Security requires that one vehicle remain at all times with the case officer on duty with the agent at the safehouse and moreover that agents be driven only by responsible case officers. Contract personnel or chauffeurs cannot be used for such purposes. With the strictest control over vehicle usage in force, the twenty vehicles authorized will not permit DOB to operate as much as six projects, and seven agent training projects are scheduled for this

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year. An increase of authority to purchase 23 vehicles is therefore necessary to provide the required clandestine transport facilities to DOB.

c. Supplies and Equipment

The authority for the procurement of necessary supplies, material and equipment to support seven agent training units and the other activities of DOB is controlled by the limitations of the budget.

7. COVER AND SECURITY

a. The headquarters building of DOB operates under the cover of]
Although backstopped, this cover is only used for nominal inquiries at the headquarters building itself, and for certain of the DOB staff personnel. This problem is being continuously reviewed by DOB in coordination with such offices as the Security Office and the Cover Division, in order to provide deeper backstopping or a new cover if necessary.

b. Each safehouse is approved by I & S and provided with its own cover story, which is backstopped through the Security Office or the Cover Division. As soon as the record indicates that the security of a safehouse has been seriously breached, arrangements are made to stop using it or terminate the lease. In no case is one safehouse used for more than two operations or rented beyond a two year period.

c. The security officer of DOB is appointed with the approval of I & S.

8. SUPPORT AND CO-ORDINATION

a. Office of Communications

Support by the Office of Communications will continue to be needed as provided for in the Communications annex to this project.

b. Logistics Office

The support of the Logistics Office in the procurement of real estate, supplies, equipment and materials will continue

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to be required as at present and as provided for in the AEACRE administrative plan.

c. Security Office

The support of the Security Office in the procurement of real estate and in other special problems connected with safehouse operations will continue to be required as at present and as provided for in the AEACRE administrative plan.

d. Cover Division

The support of the Cover Division in the procurement of real estate and the establishing of suitable cover for safehouse operations will continue to be required as at present and as provided for in the AEACRE administrative plan.

e. Office of Training and the TS Staff

The support of the Office of Training in furnishing instructors and other support for certain specialized subjects will continue to be required as at present. Liaison and coordination with the Office of Training will continue on all special problems where their facilities will best serve SR Division requirements.

9. COMMITMENTS

a. Real Estate

All safehouses and safe-offices are being contracted for on a year to year basis. No commitments have been made to Military installations for use of their facilities.

b. Contract Personnel

Contract instructors are initially hired on a two year contract, if the SR Division provides for their movement to the US from abroad. After this period, they are ordinarily contracted on a year to year basis. All other contract personnel are hired on yearly contracts.

c. Staff Personnel

DOB assumes the same responsibilities towards its assigned staff employees as would normally be assumed by any similiar

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[] Staff salaries must be provided for in the AEACRE budget.

d. Other Commitments

AEACRE has effected no other commitments except those of supporting the activities of Part III and Part IV of this amendment.

10. TIMETABLE

In order to procure the safehouses, safehousekeepers, vehicles, equipment, and supplies and properly schedule training, DOB must have a definite commitment in terms of an approved SR Branch project three months in advance of the first day of agent training. While the authorities for activating a training unit may have been approved in AEACRE, the actual procurement of the facilities required is never effected for reasons of economy until absolutely necessary. For example, if a safehouse is terminated and the immediate need for another does not exist, a new one is not procured until a training unit is definitely scheduled. The functions of AEACRE, however, are continuing ones and the need for DOB will go on as long as agents are to be trained in the manner described.

11. BUDGET

See Part V attached.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. That continuation of the agent training program of DOB as described in the Part II of AEACRE Amendment No. 2 receive approval for FY 1954.

b. That authority for the hiring of three part or full time secretary-translators be written into project AEACRE for the purposes described in paragraph 5 c. above.

c. That authority for the procuring of vehicles under project AEACRE be increased from 20 to a total of 23.

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