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DD/P 2-8755

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Project AEACRE (Renewal)

12 NOV 1956

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2. Authority is requested to obligate *()* from the DD/P-SR Division budget for the current fiscal year.

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5. The reservations of SR/COP/CE regarding specific items in the project (as indicated on the routing sheet) have been clarified and resolved in his discussions with Deputy Chief of SR Division.

6. I recommend approval of the renewal of Project AEACRE.

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Chief
Foreign Intelligence

Concur: []
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Approved: []
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Attachment: Project Outline AEACRE

Responsible officer: []

Staff Coordination:
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