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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Foreign Intelligence

SUBJECT: Present Status of Contract Employees (AEACRE)

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Chief, SR to Chief, FI dated
28 January 1958, same subject

CI/OA desires to submit the following caveat to SR Division memorandum of 28 January 1958 addressed to the Chief, FI concerning Project AEACRE.

a. Roger N. WITTHOF (P)

(1) A Covert Security Approval dated 14 February 1958 has been issued on WITTHOF which authorizes his covert training under project AEACRE and also permits his training at ISOLATION in Black Border Crossing.

(2) The 22 November 1957 Covert Security Approval amendment request (DOB Notice 972) was premature and has been superseded by SR/DOB/58/1029, dated 27 January 1958, which requests authorization for his PCS tour at Teheran Base. This request is presently being processed by the Office of Security.

b. Lewis N. UNDERBORN (P)

(1) The statement that Subject was granted a Covert Security Approval on 22 January 1958 is incorrect. By memorandum dated 20 February 1958, the Office of Security advised that in view of still unresolved security questions, processing of Subject's Covert Security Approval request would take a minimum of an additional 45 days. In answer, the Division requested that Subject be permitted in the meanwhile to make field trips within the U.S. in connection with the collection of additional biographic data on certain AKREADY candidates. Action on this request is likewise being held in abeyance by the Office of Security.

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c. Patrick B. NEWENS (P)

(1) SR Division memorandum of 31 January 1958 to CI/OA, which resulted from an SR/DOB conference on 29 January 1958 with representatives of CI/OA, contains a clear statement that NEWENS has not been used beyond the authority of his Provisional Covert Security Approval of 29 April 1957. NEWENS' status has been resolved to the satisfaction of CI/OA.

d. Conrad G. VACONTE (P)

(1) On 30 January 1958 a Covert Security Approval was issued on this Subject, following a waiver by the Office of Security of the recommendation for a re-LC-FLUTTER in order to resolve a question concerning Subject's morals. VACONTE's status is resolved to the satisfaction of CI/OA.

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Chief, CI/OA

cc - SR/DOB

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SR/DOB/58/1032

28 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Foreign Intelligence

SUBJECT: Present Status of Contract Employees (AEACRE)

REFERENCES:

- a. DD/P 3-6612 dated 6 December 1957
- b. FI/OPS Division Memorandum on Project AEACRE (renewal) dated 20 November 1957
- c. CI/OA Comments on Project AEACRE Renewal dated 5 November 1957

1. Project AEACRE was renewed on 30 December 1957 with the stipulation that the SR Division observe the limitations and accomplish the action recommended by the CI Staff.

2. This memorandum will deal specifically with the problems outlined by the CI Staff relative to the contract employees noted below.

a. Roger N. Witthof (P)

(1) Covert Security Approval was amended 6 August 1957 for use of subject in performing unclassified contact work with OSI, outside of Agency buildings under guidance and direction of representatives of OSI and the SR Division. Subject's transfer to AEACRE was purely administrative to facilitate handling. Subject has not been utilized for AEACRE activities.

(2) Subject is presently undergoing training in preparation for a PCS assignment to the [redacted]. A request for a covert security approval was initiated on 13 January to authorize training of subject by OTR at Isolation commencing 19 January 1958.

(3) On 22 November 1957 a clearance request (DOB notice 972) was submitted for subject's use PCS [redacted]

b. Lewis N. Underborn (P)

During the review for renewal of the project, subject's status was unresolved due to a security investigation. This

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investigation was instigated by SR/DOB in order to resolve an incident connected with three Virginia youths accosted for robbery. The investigation was terminated by the Division of Security on 21 January 1958 and SR/DOB was notified that subject was issued a CSA on 22 January 1958.

c. Patrick B. Newens (P)

(1) SR/DOB's records, which include subject's monthly activity reports, reveal no information to substantiate that subject has not been confined to the operational use as granted under his provisional covert security approval.

(2) Frankfurt Base, early in September, referred to subject in a cable as "Staff Agent" and requested permission to utilize subject on the AEROOT operation. In reply, DIR 38662 (OUT 97562), the field was reminded as to the limits of subject's PCSA and informed of his status as a non-staff type contract employee.

(3) SR/DOB agrees that had the field station utilized subject as recommended without prior approval a reappraisal would be in order. The subject cable was interpreted by SR/DOB as a request for a change of activities for subject. If the intended changes had been approved by Headquarters, this office would then have initiated a request for an approval from CI/OA authorizing such activities.

(4) On 24 December 1957, SR/DOB forwarded to the office of CI/OA copies of the activities reports of subject for the months August-November 1957. These reports account in great detail for subject's time, both regular and overtime, and demonstrates that he was engaged exclusively in support of REDSOX operations. They give no indication of improper use of Newens by the field station.

d. Conrad G. Vaconte (P)

(1) CI/OA has requested that subject be given a repolygraph in order to resolve the question of subject's morals. Subject's original polygraph revealed "emotional disturbances" to the question, "Since 18 have you engaged in sexual activity with another man or boy?"

(2) On 17 January 1958 (DOB Memo. 1018) to the Chief, Security Office, SR/DOB requested that CI/OA's request for repolygraph be waived. Subject will be used only as a spotter of agent candidates on a short-term basis.

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In his capacity with the Ukrainian Youths League of North America, he has excellent facilities for making available to the Agency information on agent candidates.

(3) Subject is an investment counsellor in New York and earns \$15,000 per year and is not interested in the financial returns for the services he will perform. He has displayed a willingness to help the U.S. Government in any way he can to fight communism.

(4) If subject is requested to submit himself to repolygraphing, it is believed he would sever his relations with the Agency rather than be embarrassed again and inconvenience himself by again taking the time necessary to perform the testing.

(5) No further action is contemplated in regards subject's status until SR/DOB is notified of the action taken on the request for waiver of subject's repolygraphing.

 Chief, SR Division 

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