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12 SEP 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Chief of Operations, DD/P
SUBJECT : Project AEACRE (Renewal)

1. The attached project, originating in SR Division, is presented for your approval of renewal for the period 1 July 1958 through 30 June 1959. It is designed to provide for contract personnel of the SR Division Domestic Operations Base (SR/DOB) and certain operational expenditures which support REDSOX and other SR Division programs.

2. Authority is requested to obligate [] from the DD/P-SR Division budget for fiscal year 1959, subject to the availability of funds. The staff personnel and the administrative and support costs of the operation of SR/DOB are funded from the SR Division budget. Previously these personnel and costs were funded from Project AEACRE.

3. Attached are the AEACRE Project Outline, SR Division's request for renewal, dated 19 June 1958, and an addendum, dated 25 August 1958, which summarize the important factors involved. Plans for the renewal year include utilizing AEACRE personnel to support two REDSOX operations, two new AEDEPOT training classes, and TSS, OTR and other components as necessary. AEACRE accomplishments during the past year were briefly as follows:

a. REDSOX Operations: The full-time support of one AEACRE individual was provided Project AEAMBER - a joint attempt with the Danish IS to air-drop an agent into the Lithuanian SSR. The operation was abandoned after two unsuccessful attempts. Some support was given operations AESCOUTER, AESPANGLE and AEOASIS. Project AESCOUTER is a joint operation with the Norwegian IS to undertake visual and photo reconnaissance of targets in northwest USSR. It is scheduled for September 1958. AESPANGLE refers to the REDSOX effort initiated by the Turkish National Security Service (TNSS), supported by CIA, and now included under Project AEGAZER. AEOASIS was a developmental operation which is now defunct.

b. Project AEDEPOT: Four AEACRE personnel gave full-time support to AEDEPOT and five people gave temporary assistance in instructing and interpreting. Class I AEDEPOT graduated eight students, and Class II,

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seven students as cadre for REDSOX operations in a hot-war situation.

c. Agent Spotting and Assessment: Two hundred and forty two candidates for the AEDEPOT program were interviewed. Of this number, 41 were debriefed and assessed, and 31 were finally recruited.

d. General Support: Each of the project's personnel continued to assist TSS, OTR and other SR Division activities as necessary. One individual was on loan to TSS for most of the project year.

4. Appropriate Staff components concur in renewal. CI Staff concurrence is subject to the granting of a Covert Security Approval by the Office of Security for Ralph J. MUHLENBURG (p) before his use in Project AEACRE, and to the clarification of the case of Lewis N. UNDERBORN (p) previous to his use in the project.

5. I recommend renewal of Project AEACRE, subject to the CI Staff stipulation as set forth in paragraph 4, above.

Concur: []
GOP-DD/P

Approved: []
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Attachment: Project Outline AEACRE

Responsible Officers:
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Chief,
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25 August 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: FI/Projects

SUBJECT : Addendum to Project AEACRE Outline

1. The purpose of this Addendum is to outline more specifically the assignments performed by SR/DOB contract personnel per verbal request by FI/Projects.

2. As previously outlined in Para. 2 of Project AEACRE, the contract personnel have greatly contributed toward the success of this component. These employees are instructors, translators, consultants, analysts and compose the backbone of our instructor staff.

3. Following is a list of activities performed by contract personnel assigned to SR/DOB during the past fiscal year:

a. Instructors for Project AEDEPOT. A total of four contract personnel were utilized in support of Project AEDEPOT on a full time basis. This support consisted of preparation of training and aids prior to instruction, research, and individual and classroom instruction. A total of seven weeks field training was included in Class II AEDEPOT with five contract employees given TDY assignments to assist in instruction and interpreting.

During the next fiscal year it is contemplated to run AEDEPOT Class III and IV with a total of 15 students per class.

b. In support of REDSOX operations

All of the contract personnel assigned to this component can be called upon to support REDSOX operations at any given time contingent upon the requirements and assistance necessary.

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During the past fiscal year one contract agent was assigned full time duty in support of AEAMBER and others to some degree supported REDSOX projects AESCOUTER, AESPANGLE, and AEOASIS.

During fiscal year 1958 - 1959 SR/DOB will continue to plan for two major REDSOX operations and support the many short-term cross border operations. It is difficult to determine at this early date the exact operations which may be attempted. The amount of success of 1958 operations will greatly influence the type and amount of REDSOX operations planned for the future.

c. In support of Spotting and Recruitment

Two contract employees are assigned to the Spotting, Assessment and Evaluation Section of SR/DOB on a permanent basis. This section has utilized the services of all of the contract employees at one time or another when needed.

During the past twelve months 23 field trips have been made and 242 potential candidates have been interviewed in the field to determine their qualifications for the AEDEPOT program. Of the above number interviewed in the field, 41 candidates were debriefed and assessed in the Washington area. This debriefing and assessment consumed five working days per candidate and the majority of the work is done by the contract employees. A total of 31 candidates were recruited for the AEDEPOT program from the original 242 interviewed.

So that it may be possible to recruit 30 additional agents for AEDEPOT Class II and IV, it will be necessary that this spotting and assessment mechanism be continued at its present pace.

As reported in Para. 2 f. of Project AEACRE, one contract employee has been assigned PCS to Western Europe in support of REDSOX recruitment.

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d. Miscellaneous activities

Each of the contract employees assigned to this component has supported and continues to support, as the need arises, TSS, OTR, and SR Division in general, in such matters as document analysis, language instruction, legend document preparation and interrogation. Their services are often requested for TDY in the field for periods from two to four months duration depending upon the type of assignment conditioned to their qualifications in order to best fulfill the mission.

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Chief, SR/DOB

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