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BASIC PLAN

CRYPTONYM AE-ACRE DIVISION USSR DIVISION

DOMESTIC OPERATIONS BASE FOR AGENT TRAINING

Recommended by _____
(Case Officer) (Date)

(Branch Chief) (Date)

(Division Chief) (Date)

(Chief, Plans, FI) (Date)

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Approved for the period ending 30 June 1954

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30 June 1953

SR Domestic Operations Base

(Project AE-ACRE, Amendment No. 2)

I. PURPOSE: To provide authorization and funds for the continuation and expansion of an agent training base (the SR Domestic Operations Base) in the United States during Fiscal Year 1954 in support of operations against the U.S.S.R.

II. BACKGROUND: The basic Project AE-ACRE, which established an agent training base in the United States was approved by ADSO on 22 January 1952 and by the PRC for the remainder of Fiscal Year 1952 on ~~14~~ April 1952. Amendment No. 1 which continued and expanded this project for Fiscal Year 1953 was approved by ADSO on 7 May 1952, by ADPC on 6 May 1952 and by DD/P on 8 May 1952.

III. PROPOSALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1954:

A. It is proposed to continue the Domestic Operations Base and to expand its facilities during Fiscal Year 1954 to include the following:

1. A central headquarters removed from the regular CIA buildings. (Already procured).
2. Ten safe houses (these include apartments in town as well as farms within a 150 mile radius of metropolitan Washington, D. C.).
3. A safe office for contract indigenous employees.
4. A building for SAOP, Project AE-JULEP. (May be combined in one building with safe office, see paragraph IV-D).
5. Twenty ¹⁵(20) contract instructors. (twelve are presently on duty).
6. Three (3) house trailers.
7. Thirty ¹⁴(30) vehicles to include: one 2½ ton truck, three panel trucks, 26 sedans and station wagons. At the present time there are 17 vehicles assigned to the Domestic Operations Base.

B. It is estimated that the total cost to provide the above facilities and other expenses of the base will require a budget of [] for Fiscal Year 1954.

IV. DISCUSSION:

A. Additional operational requirements have been placed on the Domestic Operations Base (Project AE-ACRE) by the shifting of additional responsibilities from the Munich Agent Training Station in Germany to the SR Domestic Operations Base in the United States. As indicated above, the total budget is estimated at [] for Fiscal Year 1954. Justification for this sum is reflected in the attached Budget Annex.

B. During the past three years agent training for SR Division missions, whether based in Asia or Europe, has been conducted principally in Germany. Several factors militate against continuance of this practice:

- ✓ 1. Experience has indicated that the security of our principle areas in Germany is threatened.
- ✓ 2. The vast manpower pool of displaced persons which was the principal source of recruits for SR missions has largely dissipated due to emigration abroad. As a result of this, emphasis is being placed upon recruitment in the United States and the Western Hemisphere.

C. During the past eighteen months, the Domestic Operations Base of the SR Division has been developed and is now functioning as the principal agent training establishment of the SR Division. During this time the following concrete and tangible results have been achieved:

- ✓ 1. A cadre of qualified operations officers has been assembled, and is presently functioning as a nucleus of experience for REDSOX and REDSKIN training programs which will be conducted during Fiscal Year 1954.
- ✓ 2. A total of 23 agents has been trained by the Domestic Operations Base. Of this number 8 have been dispatched to the U.S.S.R., 7 are still in training, and 8 have become disposal cases.
- 1 3. A recruitment and assessment team has been created by the Chief of the Domestic Operations Base to recruit and screen prospective agent candidates for REDSOX and REDSKIN missions. In view of the increased program to recruit agents in the United States and the

Western Hemisphere, this team will continue to gain in stature and scope. Proper assessment of prospective agent candidates will greatly reduce the number of aborted missions.

4. Agent airborne and maritime training program has been established by qualified officers of the Domestic Operations Base. This program uses facilities which have been furnished by the Military Establishment, thereby allowing considerable savings in construction and equipment costs.
5. The Domestic Operations Base is serving as a training ground for future senior intelligence officers in that junior case officers from the CIA Professional Training Corps have been assigned to the Domestic Operations Base in positions of an apprenticeship nature. An established program of "on the job" training of these junior case officers is being conducted by a cadre of experienced and qualified intelligence officers of the Domestic Operations Base staff.

D. The primary purpose of the Domestic Operations Base was the spotting, assessment, recruitment, interrogation, and preparation for dispatch of REDSOX agents. Experience has shown, however, that the facilities developed under the Domestic Operations Base are equally suitable for the training of REDSKIN agents. In addition, coordination with the Office of Training has determined the desirability of establishing a Soviet Area Orientation Program (Project AE-JULEP) which will provide "on the job" training for junior case officers.

E. In examining the functions of the Domestic Operations Base it is necessary to provide a maximum of flexibility and security to this station. When the original project AE-ACRE was written, it was intended that the Chief of the Domestic Operations Base should be considered as an [redacted] who geographically happened to be located in the United States. The origin of the Domestic Operations Base was the gradual shift of Munich Area Training Station, Germany to the United States. This change is now being completed. The Project Administrative Planning Staff, DD/A, has been working on the new Administrative Plan since March 1953. This plan should formalize the station status of the Domestic Operations Base and elaborate on the degree of responsibility and autonomy to be exercised by the Chief, Domestic Operations Base.

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F. The operations of the Domestic Operations Base were considered as joint FI and PP in Fiscal Year 1953. Half of the funds were provided for PP function on the assumption that agents trained in FI/REDSOX methods would be available for PP methods at the target site. It has been determined by experience that the PP interest is small and secondary. Although some training is of para-military nature and some of the staff are career military personnel, it has been determined that the PM interest is also small and secondary. In Fiscal Year 1954 all operations are primarily of FI interest.

V. CONCLUSION: The continuation and expansion of the Domestic Operations Base is necessary in order to provide proper support for SR Division operations against the U.S.S.R.

VI. RECOMMENDATION: That the station budget for FI operations of the Domestic Operations Base be approved in the amount of [] for Fiscal Year 1954.

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TO: ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Budget Planning & Fiscal Officer

THROUGH: PLANS

SUBJECT: Allotment of Funds to AEACRE
Project Name or Allotment Account No.)

1. The cost estimates in the columns below indicate:
- (A) Maximum cost of the above project during the period for which ADSO or Plans approval is requested. (Do not confuse with allotment of funds)
 - (B) A conservative estimate of actual cost for this fiscal year only (1 July-30 June) based on recruitment, timing, etc. (This is allotment)
 - (C) Space for amendment of original allotment as necessary. (Forward direct to ADMIN/BUDGET for processing and return to case officer)
 - (D) Same as (C)

Object	(A) Amount Authorized By ADSO or Plans	(B) Total Allotment this Fiscal Year 1 July-30 June	(C) 1st. Amendment New Total FY 1 July-30 June	(D) 2nd. Amendment New Total FY 1 July-30 June
Compensation	[]	[]		
Allowances				
Travel	56,500	56,500		
Operational Exp.				
Other (Specify)	229,700*	229,700		
TOTAL	[]	[]		

2. Project allotment will be charged to the budget of 4-3400-53-006
(Station name or allotment account number)

3. Additional cryptonym(s) or pseudonym(s) chargeable to this project are:
AEACRE, AEJULEP, AEFPEUD

* Consists of \$190,400 materiel, \$39,300 facilities.

4. Remarks:

Case Officer _____

Extension _____

Chief _____

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Amount Allotted (B) _____
Amendment #1 (C) _____
Amendment #2 (D) _____
Funds are available:

Project approved from _____
to _____ in the amount
of _____.

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OSO Budget Planning & Fiscal Officer

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