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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Foreign Intelligence

SUBJECT : Project AECHAMP (Renewal)

1. The attached project, originating in the SR Division, was initially approved primarily to support the development and execution of REDSOX operations and assets in Lithuania. Due to the loss of REDSOX operations originally launched under the project, the emphasis in objectives is now being directed toward CE activities. Project AECHAMP is presented for your approval of retroactive renewal for the period 1 September 1956 through 31 August 1958.

2. Authority is requested to obligate [] from the DD/P-SR Division budget: [] for the fiscal year 1957, [] for the current fiscal year, and [] for the fiscal year 1959, subject to the availability of funds.

3. The SR Division memorandum requesting renewal is attached. It summarizes the important factors involved and presents a detailed breakdown of the funds believed necessary for the renewal period.

4. I recommend renewal of Project AECHAMP as submitted.

[Signature]
Chief, FI/OPS Division

Approved: *[Signature]* *
Chief, FI

16 AUG 1957

Date

Attachment: Project Outline AECHAMP

Staff Coordination:

For C/FI/OPS s/[]
For C/CI s/[]
For CI/OA s,[]

* This constitutes 2 year approval including 1 delinquent year. Delinquency can be accounted ~~SECRET~~ by a series of reasons for non-occurrence, but Div should have taken some kind of action 1 year ago. C FI Ops to speak to Div and get assurance of future improved handling.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM:

SR/2/Lithuanian *JE*

x 8580

NO.

DATE

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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29 MAY 1957

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SR/ADMIN

J/... []

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SR/ER

5/31 []

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SR/COP/CE

6/3/57 6/4/57

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SR/COP/FI

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FI/OPS/Proj

13 JUN 1957

19 June

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Chief, FI/OPS

JUN 16 1957

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Project Branch 24 JUN 1957

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PROJECT RENEWAL

CRYPTONYM AECHAMP
AREA DIVISION SR
STATION Washington, D.C.

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:
[Signature]
Room No. 1056 J Building
Extension 8580
Date 27 May 1957

The attached Project is presented for renewal.

[Signature]
Chief, SR/2
[Signature]
SR/COP/FI
[Signature]
SR/COP/CE
[Signature]
Chief, SR Division
13 June 1957
Date

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27 May 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Foreign Intelligence

SUBJECT : Project AECHAMP (Renewal)

1. Purpose: This project is a vehicle for FI operations against Soviet Lithuania, with primary emphasis on CE activities. In the past the principal activities carried on under this project have been the development and execution of REDSOX operations against the USSR. The shift in emphasis to CE is the historical outcome of the fact that the REDSOX operations originally launched under this project are now under RIS control. Specifically the main tasks to be undertaken under this project are recruiting and running of double agents, interrogating of Soviet Lithuanian defectors and escapees, maintaining contact with underground organizations in Soviet Lithuania, and spotting among defectors for agents who can be returned to the USSR. Secondly, spotting and recruiting of REDSOX agents will be carried on under this project. Although the emphasis of the project has been shifted to counter-espionage, the purpose and the objectives of the project as stated in the last renewal of the project, dated 18 November 1955, still are valid. See the attached project outline. (Tab A)

2. Project AECHAMP is undertaken in accordance with and in furtherance of the USSR country program for Fiscal Year 1957 as approved by the DD/P.

3. Personnel: The following changes in personnel have taken place in Project AECHAMP since 1 July 1955:

a. Two agents, [redacted], were recruited for a REDSOX operation into Soviet Lithuania. They were transferred to [redacted]

b. Grover R. MOLONORIE has been transferred from Project AECHAMP to Project AEPOLE, because his usefulness is primarily in the PP field. His services in furnishing intelligence and operational leads will continue to be used.

c. Arthur J. HAWORTH has been transferred to Project AEPOLE because he, too, is primarily useful in PP fields. Intelligence and operational leads such as he has furnished in the past will continue to be exploited under this project.

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- d. [] is being terminated and resettled via HARVARD.
- e. [] last communication was received from the USSR via S/W on 14 June 1956. [] have informed us that [] departed for West Berlin via Poland. It is assumed that either [] is lost or that the RIS is using this device to remove him from the operation.
- f. [] is a real or notional Lithuanian underground resistance organization with which contact is currently maintained by S/W correspondence. Because contact with [] was made through [] it is assumed that [] is either partially or completely under the control of the RIS.
- g. [] is a Lithuanian who defected in Germany in October 1955. He had been recruited by the RIS for a mission to penetrate the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania (VLIK), a Lithuanian emigre organization. His tasks included an attempt to recruit for the RIS a member of the VLIK executive committee who had been first recruited by the RIS during WW II but who had never worked for it. When [] confessed his RIS mission, he was recruited to return to Soviet Lithuania as a long term double agent, but the operation was cancelled when [] changed his mind about returning to the USSR. He has now been terminated and is being disposed of through HARVARD. In order to try to neutralize future usefulness to the RIS, the story of his work for the RIS has been released to the emigre and German press.
- h. [] is a Lithuanian Roman Catholic priest and local Lithuanian emigre leader in Western Germany. He is used to service letter drops for mail from the USSR and for reporting operational leads from his local Lithuanian community.
- i. [] is a Lithuanian woman who is now a gymnastics teacher in Western Germany. She was recruited in November 1955 for use as a letter drop for mail from the USSR.
- j. [] is a German POW returnee from the Soviet Union who had been a member of the Lithuanian partisan forces. After his capture by the Soviet security service he was recruited as an agent by the RIS. He was allowed to repatriate to Germany by the Soviets after agreeing to work for them in the West. He voluntarily confessed this mission to CIA in Frankfurt, Germany. He has been recruited as a double agent.

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k. [] is a German who was born and reared in the Klaipeda (Memel) area of Lithuania. He was recruited by the RIS in Lithuania to inform on foreign seamen in Klaipeda and to perform other operational tasks. When he immigrated to East Germany with his family he was to be given new targets after he was settled. He and his family escaped to West Berlin, where he confessed his RIS connections to a CIA officer and was recruited as a double agent.

l. [] is a Lithuanian emigre in Western Germany who will be used as an accommodation address for mail coming from the USSR. He is not aware of U.S. Government interest.

m. [] is a Lithuanian freelance writer and journalist in Western Germany, who, when confronted with evidence that he was working for the RIS, admitted these connections. He has been recruited as a double agent.

n. [] is a German, now living in West Germany, who lived for many years in Lithuania. He was recruited as an accommodation address for mail from the USSR. He is not aware of U.S. Government interest.

o. [] is a person in Soviet Lithuania who claims to be a friend of [] and his associate in anti-Soviet work. A direct S/W correspondence is being maintained with [] in the S/W system assigned to []. Because of his connection with [] he is assumed to be RIS controlled.

4. Operational Review, 1 September 1955 to ^{1 May 1957} ~~28 February 1957~~ During the period under review the following FI and CE activities were carried on under Project AECHAMP: 802.

a. Four secret writing channels into the Lithuanian SSR were maintained. One of these is with a CIA-dispatched agent, [], who is presumed to be under RIS control. The other three channels are used by a Lithuanian underground organization, [] and two agents, [] who are indirectly connected with the organization. Both the underground and the two agents connected with it are presumed to be under RIS control, either directly or indirectly. Contact with [] is current. No communications have been received from [] since 14 April 1956 and from [] since 14 June 1956. The channels are used to obtain RIS reactions to international events, to elicit information on its modus operandi, and to acquire intelligence information in instances when we believe that it would be unprofitable for the RIS to practice deception.

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b. One agent, [] was successfully dispatched into the Lithuanian SSR in 1955. Because the agent was a courier from the underground group, [] that is presumed to be under RIS control, we assume that [] infiltration through East Germany and Poland was aided by the RIS. The agent's promised re-infiltration to West Berlin in the summer of 1956 was not fulfilled and contact with him has been lost.

c. Three RIS agents in West Germany were identified and recruited as double agents. One of these [], was repatriated to West Germany in 1956. Another [] was repatriated to East Germany from where he defected to West Germany. The RIS has not as yet assigned specific targets to either of these agents. The RIS has assigned emigre targets to the third DA [].

d. Confessions were obtained from three RIS agents, [], [] They were exploited for positive and operational intelligence. [] has been surfaced through the emigre press.

e. Three Lithuanian REDSOX agents, [] were recruited in Europe. [] were brought to the United States for training and dispatch under [] Three REDSOX agent candidates were spotted for use in a possible REDSOX operation planned for 1958. One or more of these candidates may be suitable for a repatriation mission to Soviet Lithuania.

f. Five accommodation addresses for mail from the USSR were recruited in West Germany.

g. All defectors and escapees from Lithuania of whom we were made aware have been interrogated and exploited for positive and operational intelligence.

5. Operational Plans for the period, 1 ^{May} ~~March~~ 1957 to ^{31 August} ~~28 February~~ 1958.

a. General Objectives are

(1) To provide a vehicle for the increasing CE program in the Lithuanian field by exploiting the growing number of defectors and RIS agents from the Lithuanian SSR and other parts of the USSR. Such exploitation will produce positive and operational intelligence on Soviet Lithuania, other parts of the USSR, and information on the RIS.

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(2) To explore and employ all feasible means for introducing agents into the Lithuanian SSR, including the repatriation channel which seems to offer a legal gateway to the target area for REDSOX agents especially trained for long term operations.

(3) To spot REDSOX agent candidates for recruitment. The recruitment program under project AECHAMP will be in direct support and in consonance with the SR Division's REDSOX program and its training program for "hot-war" standby agents.

b. Specific proposed tasks are:

(1) To assess and recruit two or three REDSOX agent candidates who have already been spotted in Belgium.

(2) To try to reestablish S/W contact with [] with the objective of inducing the RIS to let him exfiltrate. A successful conclusion in a similar case is on record in the instance of one British agent in the Baltic States.

(3) To continue S/W contact with [] with the objective of maneuvering the RIS into sending to the West an [] leader. [] currently indicates its willingness to send out a representative on a tourist trip.

(4) To continue to develop the DA cases of [] in order to get information on RIS methods, personnel and activities, and in the case of [] to get information that will increase the security of operations that make use of Lithuanian emigres in the West.

(5) To develop the potential of the [] S/W correspondence for positive and CE intelligence.

(6) To interrogate escapees and defectors from the Lithuanian SSR. If as a result of interrogation any of these are determined to be RIS agents, they will be assessed for a double agent role. Those defectors and escapees who are determined to be clean will be considered as agent candidates for a short return to the Lithuanian SSR to recruit persons living legally there.

(7) To surface and dispose of [].

(8) To maintain and support [] during the course of his present illness, and then to dispose of him.

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(9) To recruit new accommodation addresses for mail from the Soviet Union and to service those that are already recruited.

(10) To recruit a principal agent to be used for debriefing and interrogation in Germany.

6. Finances.

a. A total of [] was disbursed on Project AECHAMP between 1 July 1955 and 31 August 1956.

b. On 13 July 1956 approval to extend Project AECHAMP for the period 30 June 1956 to 31 August 1956 was granted. The extension authorized an expenditure of [] .

c. The funding requirement for the renewal period of 1 September 1956 to 31 ~~July~~ 1958 is
Aug.

(1) For agent salaries

[ ]	.....	\$ 2,100
[]	(including room and board).....	2,100
[ ]	.....	800
[ ]	.....	1,000
[ ]	.....	1,000
[ ]	.....	2,500
Arthur J. HAWORTH	(\$100 a month from 1 July 1956 to 30 April 1957)	<u>800</u>
	Sept.	
		\$10,300

(2) Travel

Domestic Travel []
Station area travel []

(3) Entertainment []

(4) Purchase of Information []

One Year Total []

Two Year Total []

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7. Special Problems and Commitments

a. An additional request of a \$5,000 bonus for [] will be submitted in the case of his exfiltration. Additional amounts of \$2,000 have been promised for each additional person that [] may bring out.

b. The disposal of [] will be accomplished during this period.

c. [] will be provided medical care until his resettlement.

8. It is requested that project AECHAMP be approved for the period 1 September 1956 to 31 ~~July~~ ^{Aug.} 1958.

[]
[]
SR/2/Lithuanian Section

CONCUR:

[]
Chief, SR/2

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