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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI

VIA : FI/OPS/Projects Branch

SUBJECT : Project AECHAMP

1. Project AECHAMP, a vehicle for FI operations against Soviet Lithuania with primary emphasis on CE activities, expires 31 August 1958. Much of the FI activity originally supported by this project is now carried on under other SR projects. As a result, the production rate of the project has been very low. While there has been a positive gain in CE knowledge of RIS techniques and personnel, we do not believe it sufficient justification for renewal of the project. Therefore, we request that Project AECHAMP be terminated at the end of the current renewal period. EGFA-22233 indicates that the Field concurs in this action.

2. The following disposition has been made of the project's agents:

a. [] , a REDSOX agent dispatched into the USSR in 1951, has not been heard from since the spring of 1956. Because of the information obtained from debriefings in the [] , he is assumed to be RIS controlled. The financial commitments made to him in the event of his exfiltration would be paid only after a thorough CE review of the case and on the basis of the intelligence that he furnishes.

b. [] has been transferred to Project AEPOLÉ for use in writing and mailing PP letters to the Lithuanian SSR.

c. [] , a 1954 escapee from Lithuania who subsequently had a mental breakdown, disappeared from Frankfurt in June 1957. It is believed that he returned to the USSR.

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d. S/W correspondence will be maintained with [] the Lithuanian underground resistance organization, and [] a Lithuanian indirectly connected with the organization. The very small cost of continuing these operations will be taken care of on a spot basis, from OOA funds.

e. We will continue to use [] to service letter drops for mail from the USSR. He does not receive a regular salary.

f. [], letter drops for receipt of mail from the USSR, will either be transferred to another project or terminated.

Continue project g. [] a double agent recruited in 1956, has maintained a rather infrequent S/W correspondence with the RIS. However, the case was given new impetus in May of this year by the visit of an RIS courier. A Field Project Outline will be written for []

h. Since his recruitment as a double agent in 1956, [] has maintained a desultory and sporadic correspondence with the RIS. Because of the possibility of an RIS courier visit, we will keep a letter channel open to him. His monthly retainer can be discontinued since he now has a certain amount of financial security.

i. [] will be transferred to [].

j. [] In view of this agent's unwillingness to accept RIS proposals to meet in East Germany, there is little to be gained in continuing the operation. He will, therefore, be terminated.

3. All commitments will be fulfilled prior to the project termination date, with the exception of our obligations to [] in the event of his exfiltration.

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