

10 August 1953

ADDENDUM - Project AECOB

1. On 10 August 1953 this case was discussed by Messrs. [] and the writer. Inquiry was made to ascertain the scope of this envisioned "society" and the necessity for its creation in terms of the return of intelligence and support. Mr. Hartman described in general the Latvian operational problem with respect to the identification of possible agents and the obtainment of data and materiel which might be used for the support of infiltration missions. It was illustrated that the RECAP and REDSKIN possibilities of approach with respect to Latvia are almost nil and that for this reason it is felt by the SR Division our major effort should be placed in the REDSOX-type of approach. The Society is to be created to furnish REDSOX opportunities as may be discovered. [] pointed out that the Society will exist in such a manner that it will be completely controlled by him and will undertake only such activities as is permitted by him. The Society will have no independent life of its own and will not be used for emigre political activities. On the basis of this explanation it was decided that this activity is not a subsidy.

2. Approval is given to the request on the basis that the Society is to be managed in such a way that it will continue to be under complete control of the Agency and that its activities will be restricted to matters in direct support of operations and minimum activities outside of this field necessary to indicate its logicity as a bona fide society in order to maintain its cover. In addition, the case officer in presenting the project for renewal, will clearly indicate the control factors which have been established, the scope of the Societies' activities, and set forth in detail a justification for the creation of this mechanism as distinguished from the pursuit of the same objectives through other lines of approach such as REDSKIN and REDCAP.

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