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SR/DOB/59/ 1543

FY 60

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI

SUBJECT : Project AEDEPOT Renewal

1. The attached project provides for a trained cadre of agents who could be utilized during a period of reinforced alert or during actual hostilities against the Soviet Union in accordance with the Clandestine Services War Preparation. It is submitted for renewal for the period 1 July 1959 - 30 June 1960.

2. Authority is requested to obligate \$ 84,400.00 from the DD/P-SR Division budget for FY 60, subject to the availability of funds.

3. Attached is the Renewal Request with previous project actions.

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PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM AEDEPOT

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:

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AREA DIVISION SR

ROOM NO. 1052 J

EXTENSION 8331

STATION Domestic Operations Base

DATE 1 May 1959

The attached project outline is presented for renewal.

CONCURRENCES:

[] Chief, SR/DOB

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[] Chief, SR Division

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DATE OF APPROVAL

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PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM AEDEPOT

PART I

1. AREA OF OPERATIONS

a. Domestic

2. PURPOSE

a. The AEDEPOT Program is a part of the CIA unconventional warfare activities being undertaken by SR/DOB specifically to prepare timely support for the military forces in anticipation of open hostilities against the Soviet Union.

3. BACKGROUND

a. The project was initiated in 1956 as Project AEREDY, registered Top Secret #147212 and assigned the file number 74-132-20. Its first amendment dated 3 December 1956 authorized assignment of three enlisted men in support.

b. The project was renewed for FY 58 on 13 January 1957 and amendment #2 authorized the purchase of three U. S. Army vehicles on 24 October 1957.

c. The project was renewed for FY 59 and its cryptonym was changed to AEDEPOT and its classification was downgraded to SECRET.

4. REFERENCES

a. DD/P memo dated 22 December 1955 "Clandestine Services War Preparation."

b. "CIA Criteria for Determination of Wartime Military Requirements for Clandestine Operations" (TS #109734).

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c. SR/DOB Project AEAGRE for FY 60.

5. OBJECTIVES

a. The objective of Project AEDEPOT is to recruit, train and hold externally, select personnel who would be ready for dispatch to designated targets at the direction of the DCI in the event open hostilities seem imminent.

6. TARGETS

a. The project is predominantly FI in nature and a list of JCS intelligence requirements is due in the Agency in the next few months.

b. Currently, sixty-three targets in SR area of interest have been levied on SR/DOB in accordance with memo dated 18 September 1958 from CPP to C/SR, subject "Revised U/W Requirements" with five attachments as follows:

- (1) Revised CINCEUR U/W Areas in Baltic States and USSR
- (2) PPC Analysis of EUCOM Requirements Categories
- (3) Revised CINCPAC U/W Areas
- (4) PPC Analysis of CINCPAC Requirements Priorities
- (5) Revised CINCAL U/W Areas.

These U/W requirements have been accepted but no commitments to the above mentioned targets will be made using such assets for U/W purposes until they are fully developed and according to the priorities as expressed by proper authority.

7. TASKS

a. Each target is assumed to be an area of approximately 25 miles in radius around the designated coordinates. Each target area could be normally satisfactorily covered by a team of three agents, i.e., a leader

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to protect the U. S. Government interests, a former national of the target area who would establish contact with resistance potential and a competent W/T radio operator to provide communications. However, one fully developed agent alone may be qualified to perform all the functions in certain target areas. The mission for each team or solo agent will be:

- (1) To be prepared for immediate commitment;
- (2) To report operational intelligence;
- (3) To refrain from overt and direct acts of sabotage and raids which may unduly expose its members (or himself if solo) to capture;
- (4) To organize, support, and advise indigenous friends in U/W through their leaders;
- (5) To provide in certain categories and some instances such support and turnover of responsibilities to Special Forces as directed by proper authority;
- (6) To assist in the development of an E&E capability;
- (7) To perform any mission directed by proper authority.

8. PERSONNEL

a. Each agent candidate is assigned a pseudonym to be used in his relationship with the U. S. Government (for contracting); an alias to be used in his relationship with his associates while in training; and, unknown to him, he is assigned a cryptonym (AEDEPOT--numerical order) upon his successful completion of the 16 week basic training course.

b. Recruitment of agent candidates is performed by any secure means available and is based on all four of the following factors:

- (1) potential ability to perform tasks involved;
- (2) motivation;
- (3) unquestionable loyalty;
- (4) voluntary acceptance.

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9. OPERATIONAL and/or SECURITY CLEARANCE

a. Initial recruiting and assessment phases are usually performed under the cover of U. S. Government officials seeking translators and/or consultants because of their specific area knowledge or language background.

b. All Agency personnel deal with the agents under alias.

c. The training activities are under the cover of the U. S. Army Materiel Testing Unit (8723).

10. CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION

a. During the recruiting phase the candidates maintain contact with an SR/DOB/SA&E case officer in alias through a Washington, D. C. accommodation address and an unlisted sterile telephone number.

b. During the training phase the trainees communicate with their next-of-kin through an accommodation address in nearby Maryland.

c. During the holding phase the graduates communicate with the project officer through a Washington, D. C., post office box and a sterile telephone number. They are instructed not to maintain contact with each other after graduation regarding association with the program.

11. CONTROL AND MOTIVATION

a. Each candidate is evaluated to determine at least one good reason why he would want to participate in this program. Individuals whose families have been persecuted by communist rulers or who display a particular desire for revenge, or immigrants who are particularly appreciative of the benefits they have received in this country, are generally adequately motivated to perform clandestine duties against the Soviet Union and for the U. S. Individuals who appear to be soldiers-of-fortune or of a mercenary nature may still be acceptable candidates when it is determined that they are genuinely sincere in being willing to perform their duties under the terms of the contract. During the assessment their loyalty is determined by every means available and their participation is on a strictly voluntary basis.

b. Each candidate who is accepted is required to sign a secrecy agreement and a contract which defines his obligations for the specified period and explains his remuneration and benefits authorized. An additional contract is again signed in pseudonym by the successful graduates to continue the mutual relationship as reservists.

12. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT

a. Facilities, equipment and messing is provided at U. S. Army installations under PASCO-57.

b. Additional supplies and support are provided by SR/DOB/Logistics under Station Support funds.

c. OTR furnishes instructor personnel, training material and such facilities that are adaptable to the program.

d. Services and technical equipment are provided by the Office of Communications on a continuing basis. Other Agency offices contribute on an on-call basis.

13. COORDINATION

a. This project originated in Headquarters and is being implemented by the Domestic Operations Base solely within the areas of interest of the SR Division.

b. Since its inception, this project's activities have been coordinated with other offices on a need-to-know basis in acquiring necessary support, and liaison has been maintained in areas of mutual interest.

14. TIMETABLE

a. To date, thirty-one agents have been given the basic phase of training and are under contract as reservists to take annual two-week refresher courses and to be available for commitment when called during a period of alert.

b. For FY 60 Class V is expected to commence on 2 August 1959 with 12 trainees, graduating 21 November 1959. Class VI, with 12 trainees,

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will start on 31 January 1960 and end on 21 May 1960. Refresher training for 22 graduates of Classes I, II and III is scheduled for the period 11 - 25 July 1959.

PART II

15. ESTIMATED COST

a. It is requested that funds in the amount of \$84,400.00 be allotted to continue Project AEDEPOT for FY 60.

b. It is estimated that agent costs will include:

1. Salaries of Agents

Twenty-Four agents @ \$500.00 monthly average for a period of four months	\$48,000.00
Twenty agents (Classes 1-2-3) @ \$250.00 average for two week reserve training	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Salaries	\$53,000.00

2. Travel

Twenty-Four agents @ \$200.00 per round trip	4,800.00
Twenty agents (Classes 1-2-3) round trip travel for two week reservist duty @ \$100 per	2,000.00
Emergency travel	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Travel	\$ 7,800.00

3. Holding Admin Costs

Thirty-Two agents (Classes 1-2-3-4) @\$50.00 per quarter - full year	6,400.00
Twelve agents (Class V) @\$50.00 per quarter - half year	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Holding	\$ 7,600.00

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4. Resettlement

Twenty-Four agents - One Month Salary \$12,000.00
(Note: It is unlikely that this number will need such compensation but it is provided for against such exigency)

5. Commo Equipment

Twenty-Four Instructographs for graduates
@ \$41.23 each Approx. \$ 1,000.00

6. Miscellaneous

Military and/or Agency aircraft @ \$100.00
per hour for 30 hours \$ 3,000.00

All Costs Total \$84,400.00

16. SPECIAL PROBLEMS AND COMMITMENTS

a. Resettlement: Upon the successful completion of four months training and if world political conditions do not necessitate the immediate utilization of these agents, they will be returned to their respective areas of residence to continue their normal occupations. It is probable that some of these agents will be unable to regain immediately their former jobs. Therefore, a resettlement sum of one month's salary would be paid each agent in such cases.

b. Attached are sample copies of contracts which describe commitments made to the agents. The salaries are generally commensurate with their accustomed earnings plus 15 percent but with a minimum of \$400 per month.

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AGREEMENT

1. a. In full consideration for the payments to be made under this contract, I, _____ hereinafter known as the TRAINEE, do hereby contract with the United States Government, hereinafter known as the TRAINOR, to undertake over a period of 16 weeks from the effective date of this instrument such full-time training as may be directed by the TRAINOR. It is understood and agreed that payments received hereunder include partial and substantial consideration for future services by the TRAINEE in executing specific assignments directed at the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and/or its satellites during a period of reinforced alert or national emergency. It is further understood that said specific assignments will be performed outside the continental limits of the United States in a manner designated by the TRAINOR and that the full consideration for undertaking such assignments shall be an amount which is mutually agreeable to both parties, taking into consideration factors such as, but not necessarily limited to, the amount paid hereunder, the family situation and the earning power of the TRAINEE at the time he is directed to undertake such assignments and the type of assignment.

b. FURTHER, I, _____, as the TRAINEE, do enter into this contract without reservations either implied or stated.

2. For said services, the TRAINOR hereby agrees to pay the TRAINEE:

I. CONSIDERATION

a. A total salary of \$ _____ from which Federal Income Tax and FICA contributions will be withheld. Payment will be made in cash in 8 equal bi-weekly installments.

b. As directed by the TRAINOR, transportation costs of one (1) round trip by first-class common carrier or commercial aircraft between Washington, D. C. and _____.

c. Further, while in the performance of duty under this contract, the _____ will be entitled to death and disability benefits equal to those afforded Government employees under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, as amended. It is understood and agreed that claims by the TRAINEE, his heirs or legal representatives under this paragraph will be processed by the TRAINOR in accordance with its procedures and in such manner as not to impair security. Under the terms of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, as amended, claims are not recognized if the injury, disability or death is a result of the TRAINEE's gross negligence, willful misconduct or intemperate act.

II. DEPENDENTS

The TRAINEE acknowledges that:

a. The transportation of dependents or household effect for the purpose of establishing a residence near the training site is not authorized.

b. The TRAINOR is not obligated to arrange for or make available to the TRAINEE any living quarters for his dependents.

III. INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions received by the TRAINEE from the TRAINOR in briefing, training or otherwise are a part of this contract and are incorporated herein provided that such instructions are not inconsistent with the terms hereof, Federal Taxes and Social Security to be withheld in accordance with existing tax laws and regulations.

IV. SECRECY

The TRAINEE will be required to keep forever secret this contract and all information which he may obtain by reason hereof (unless released in writing from such obligation by the undersigned Contracting Officer), with full knowledge that violation of such secrecy may subject him to criminal prosecution under the Espionage Laws, dated 25 June 1958, as amended, and other applicable laws and regulations.

V. TERM

This contract is effective as of _____, and shall continue thereafter through _____. The TRAINEE agrees that the TRAINOR may sooner terminate this agreement without further obligation by paying to the TRAINEE a lump sum payment equivalent to four (4) weeks salary plus transportation costs as directed by the TRAINOR of one (1) trip by first-class carrier or commercial aircraft from Washington, D. C. to _____. The TRAINOR may sooner terminate this agreement upon notice and without further obligation hereunder if the TRAINEE violates the security provisions hereof or otherwise renders himself unavailable for acceptable service. Subject to the availability of funds, this contract may be renewed for additional periods upon notice from the TRAINOR accepted by the TRAINEE. Termination of this agreement does not release the TRAINEE from the obligation of any security oath he may be required to take.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Contracting Officer

ACCEPTED:

WITNESS: _____

APPROVED:

1. In full consideration for the payments to be made under this agreement effective _____, I, _____ do hereby agree to undertake over a period of two years the following cooperative action as directed by the United States Government:

- a. Maintain the proficiency of my previous training by this unit as directed, and to be available for further training as may be necessary.
- b. Maintain correspondence - mail, phone or telegraphic with only designated individuals.
- c. Furnish any pertinent information reflecting changes in my personal status which would affect my relations with the United States Government.
- d. Maintain strict daily security consciousness.

For such cooperative action, it is understood that I shall be granted a quarterly allowance of \$50.00 for operational expenses.

2. When recalled for Advanced Training, I will receive compensation at the rate of \$ _____ for any two week period. In addition, transportation between my recorded residence and the training site via first class common carrier will be paid by the United States Government. Quarterly payments set forth above will run concurrently with the two week training pay. Federal Income and Social Security Taxes will be deducted from the two week salary payment.

3. Termination of this agreement may be effected upon 30 days actual notice by either party hereto.

4. I understand my former contract with the United States Government effective _____ is hereby terminated effective _____.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BY Contracting Officer

APPROVED:

ACCEPTED:

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30 APR 1959

ATTN : Chief, Soviet Russia Division
: Chief, SR/7 DOB

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Chief, Telecommunications, Training and Techniques Staff/OC

Transmittal of Communications Annex for Project AEDEPOT

1. Attached is the Communications Annex to Project AEDEPOT for the Fiscal Year 1960 as approved by the Director of Communications.

2. It is requested that the Communications Annex be attached to the basic Project Outline to accompany the outline through the review and approval process. The Office of Communications should be advised by memorandum when the Project Review Committee approves the basic Project.

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PROJECT AEDEPOT

COMMUNICATIONS ANNEX

I INTRODUCTION

A. Description

1. AEDEPOT is a SR/7/DOB project with the objective of providing trained cadre of Agent W/T Operator/Cryptographers for utilization during periods of reinforced alert or during hostilities with the Soviet Union.

B. Purpose

1. The purpose of this annex is to outline the support required from the Office of Communications in the accomplishment of this objective.

C. Status

1. Communications training for the first Class of AEDEPOT trainees was initiated on 6 March 1957. Since that time, Classes 2 and 3 have completed their training and Class 4 is scheduled to complete their training in May 1959. One group of trainees were given supervised refresher training in June 1958.

2. The following program is scheduled for fiscal year 1960:

(a) Refresher training in July 1959 for graduates of Classes I, II and III.

(b) Basic Communications training for maximum of 12 trainees (Class V) is expected to commence on 2 August 1959 and end 21 November 1959.

(c) Basic Communications training for a maximum of 12 trainees (Class VI) is expected to commence on 31 January 1960 and end 21 May 1960.

II COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT

A. Circuits and Equipment

1. Sufficient Agent training equipment is on hand to conduct training for a maximum of 12 students in any one class. If any AEDEPOT class exceeds this number, additional training equipment will be required.

2. All Communications training including on-the-air contacts will be conducted within the AEDEPOT training area and will not require the support of the U. S. Base Station.

B. Personnel

The Office of Communications will provide two training officers to conduct the initial training and the refresher training for the AEDEPOT classes

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throughout the fiscal year 1960. However, if any AEDEPOT class exceeds 15 in number of trainees, one additional ceiling position in the Office of Communications will be required to provide a third Communications training officer. Also, inasmuch as the Covert Training Staff of the Office of Communications is presently operating at full capacity, the AEDEPOT training may be subject to delay if the DD/P should levy higher priority requirements on the OC Covert Training Unit.

C. Training

1. Initial Training

- (a) Although AEDEPOT I and II each received six months Basic Communications Training, future courses for AEDEPOT III and thereafter were reduced to a total of 320 hours (four months) of scheduled Communications Training. Although this shorter course will not provide sufficient time to fully qualify the trainees as Agent W/T Operators, it will provide an excellent evaluation of their capabilities and a means of selecting the best qualified students for additional training and for screening out those with limited capabilities. It is estimated that a minimum of 80 hours of additional training will be required to qualify those trainees in AEDEPOT III and subsequent classes as Agent W/T Operators.

2. Refresher Training

In order to maintain the proficiency of the AEDEPOT trainees until such time as their services are required, the Office of Communications will be required to conduct a two to four weeks refresher training program each year. At present the trainees can be handled as a group, however this may be altered somewhat if it is deemed more advisable for the graduates to receive refresher training in ethnological groups. This is due to the difference in Basic Training courses and the proficiency of each trainee upon returning for refresher training. In due time additional training officers will be required to handle the refresher training as the amount of trainees receiving the training will increase by a maximum of 24 each year.

III COMMUNICATIONS LOGISTIC SUPPORT DATA

A. Personnel

Paragraph II, B refers.

B. Equipment

Present training equipment being used is sufficient to meet the requirements during the FY 1960, as outlined in paragraph I, C, 2.

C. Finance

No additional funds are requested to support the Communications Training during the FY 1960.

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IV SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

A. Agent communications assessment and training will be provided in accordance with CSI F No 10-5, OC 58-295 and FR 90-100. Issuance of the RS-6 agent radio equipment to trainees with POA's during the earlier part of the Basic Training is authorized for the AEDEPOT Training. Issue of Cryptographic materials and training will not take place unless all trainees possess an OA clearance.

B. Cover and other non-communications support will be provided by the SR Division for Communications personnel assigned to this project.

C. Communications support to this project is subject to revision in view of changing requirements. Major changes constituting an amendment to the basic plan will require a corresponding amendment to the Communications Annex.

D. Operational mounting of AEDEPOT trainees will require separate Sub-projects with additional Communications Annexes as required.

V IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Implementation of the communications support to this project on the part of the Office of Communications will take place subsequent to receipt of written notice of project approval by appropriate authority.

B. Administration of the communications support to this project will be the responsibility of the Telecommunications, Training and Techniques Staff, Office of Communications.

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