


Renewal - FY 1962

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**PROJECT APPROVAL NOTIFICATION**

PROJECT <b>ARDEPOT</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> CA	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETARY
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ACTION		AREA	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW PROJECT		DIVISION <b>SI</b>	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL		DESK	
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AUTHORIZATION			
APPROVING AUTHORITY <b>CCP-JB/P</b>		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED	FY
		\$ <b>39,650</b>	196 <b>2</b>
			196
PERIOD OF APPROVAL		AMOUNT <b>809,650</b>	
FROM <b>1 July 1961</b> TO <b>30 June 1962</b>		FINANCIAL CODE SYMBOL <b>111-000-3257</b>	
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL			
SIGNATURE			DATE
DDP/PG 			<b>19 JUN 1961</b>
DISTRIBUTION			
1	FINANCE DIVISION	<del>33A-DD/S</del>	1
1	BUDGET DIVISION		1
1	OPERATING DIVISION CHIEF OF SUPPORT		1
1	CASE OFFICER		1
			DDP/PG

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<b>PROJECT ACTION</b>				PROJECT CRYPTONYM <b>AEDEPOT</b>	
	TYPE OF ACTION		FI/CI		CA
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION <b>SR</b>			
	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION <b>Domestic Operations Base</b>			
<b>X</b>	RENEWAL FY 1962	BRANCH <b>DOB</b>	DESK		
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER			
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. <b>1062</b>	BUILDING <b>J</b>	EXTENSION <b>11-57724</b>	

**CONCURRENCES OF DIVISION**

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (And signature)	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
SR/DOB/AO	[Signature]	5/9/61				
CSR/DOB		5/10/61				
SR/BF		5/15/61				
SR/Pers		5-15-61				
SR/SS		5/15/61				
SR/COP		<i>[Signature]</i>				
DC/SR						
CSR			22 May 61			

**CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS**

<del>CI/OG</del>						
DDP/PG/PI						

**APPROVAL**

	PERIOD		TOTAL AMOUNT	FY	AMOUNT	
	FROM	TO		1962	\$ 89,650	
			\$	196	\$	
APPROVING AUTHORITY		SIGNATURE		DATE		

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PROJECT RENEWAL

1. Current Objectives

a. The progress of Project AEDEPOT in training agent cadres and slotting them against target complexes is advancing satisfactorily. Potential agent candidates are constantly being screened and processed, under strict security measures, to determine their adaptability and suitability for the Project. Moreover, such screening is conducted with the aim of satisfying the most urgent of the outstanding requirements. The current anticipated results are indicated in paragraph 4.

b. The immediate objectives for Fiscal Year 1962 are those of satisfying the NE requirements for trained agent personnel. At the present moment it is confidently hoped that their requirement of 15 agents will be reached in the two training courses to be held (August 1961 and February 1962).

c. The secondary, but no less important, objective is that of selecting and recruiting agents who can be logically slotted against the CINCAL and CINCPAC target requirements. It is anticipated that this will be partially realized during the forthcoming fiscal year. Furthermore, it is expected that the selection and requirement of agent personnel for EE target requirements will commence, on a more active scale, during Fiscal Year 1962.

2. Changes

a. There have been two notable changes in the Project. Through agreement entered into between SR Division and EE and NE Divisions, the former, with the concurrence and approval of DDP, has formally accepted the "hot war" training programs of these divisions and has integrated them into the AEDEPOT Project.

b. Another change which has taken place in the AEDEPOT Project has been the reevaluation of the target requirements by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As of this date the (SR) target requirements are as follows:

CINCEUR	27
CINCAL	15
CINCPAC	5

3. Intelligence Production

Project AEDEPOT, being primarily a holding project, has not attempted to produce any positive intelligence reports.

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4. Effectiveness

a. Previously, the question of effectiveness has been one of conjecture based on probable courses of action. During calendar year 1960, however, the opportunity presented itself for determining the potential effectiveness of Project AEDEPOT agent personnel. Selected reservists, at the behest of WH Division, were contacted and "recruited" for participation in the JMATE Program. The response by the graduates showed their extreme loyalty to the tenets of Project AEDEPOT. These graduates proved their effectiveness--and thereby demonstrated the value and capabilities of the Project--by training JMATE trainees in UW activities.

b. Another method by which the effectiveness of the AEDEPOT Project may be judged is that of showing the continuing growth of agent cadres. The following represents an ethnic breakdown of the assets:

SR Assets

Armenian	1
Azerbaijani	1 *
Belorussian	4 **
Estonian	5
Georgian	1
Kabardin	1
Kalmyk	5
Latvian	9
Lithuanian	8
Russian	9
Ukrainians	<u>17</u>
Total	61

EE Assets

Albanian	<u>1</u>
Total	1

NE Assets

Syrian	<u>1</u>
Total	1

Note: \* An asset which can readily be used in the Near East.  
\*\* Includes an asset which can be used in Eastern Europe.

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Thus of the SR requirements (47 targets @ 3 men per target = 141), each target can be covered by at least one individual. It may also be stated that the personnel requirement (141) will be more than 60% fulfilled by the end of Fiscal Year 1962.

## 5. Problems

There were no significant problems which were not effectively resolved on the local (project) level.

## 6. Liaison

The Project has no liaison with other governments, intelligence or security services.

## 7. Interagency Coordination

Liaison and coordination of necessary activities pertaining to the Project is maintained with other U. S. Government Agencies through appropriate CIA offices. This is effected on an ad hoc basic with ACSI, individual Army commands, Department of Interior, Immigration and Naturalization Service, etc. The coordination with ACSI, in particular, has been invaluable in furthering and facilitating the preliminary recruitment phases of the Project. Also of extreme importance has been the backstopping provided by the Department of Army to various aspects of the Project.

## 8. Plans

Project AEDEPOT stands ready to commit its graduate agents in support of UW training to be administered to friendly forces or nations combatting the inroads of communism. There are no outstanding limitations which may affect conduct of the Project; to the contrary, with the emphasis placed by the President of the United States on the expansion and perfection of CLW capabilities, it may reasonably be expected that the role of Project AEDEPOT will be increased and its importance strengthened.

### 9. a. For the Past Period

#### (1) Itemized Costs

Salaries including taxes	\$55,804.72
Travel	14,574.35
Building maintenance	1,000.00
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	\$71,379.07

#### (2) Estimated case officer time and other support given the Project

2 Project Officers,	full time
4 Recruiters	full time
Medical	as required
Training Staff	as required
Communications Personnel"	"

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b. Costs for the ensuing period (1 July 1961 through 30 June 1962)

(1) Salaries of Agents

(a) 26 Agents @ \$500 per month for  
a period of 4 months \$52,000.00

(b) 50 Agents (Class I-VIII) reserve  
training @ \$250 per 2-week period 12,500.00

Total Salary \$64,500.00

(2) Travel

(a) 26 Agents @ \$125 per round trip 3,250.00

(b) 50 Agents @ \$125 per round trip  
for reserve training 6,250.00

(c) Emergency travel 1,000.00

Total Travel 10,500.00

(3) Holding Costs

(a) 50 Agents (Classes I-VII)  
@ \$50 per quarter 10,000.00

(b) 9 Agents (Class VIII) @ \$50  
per quarter ( $\frac{1}{2}$  year) 900.00

Total Costs 10,900.00

(4) Resettlement

2 Agents @ one month's salary,  
average salary of \$500 per 1,000.00

(5) Communications

26 Instructographs for graduates  
@ \$41.23, approx. 1,100.00

(6) Miscellaneous

Military and Agency aircraft @ \$110  
per hour for 15 hours 1,650.00

TOTAL \$89,650.00

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10. Annexes

The effectiveness of equipment and services provided by TSD and DDS (OC) has been outstanding.

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Chief, SR/DOB

I CERTIFY THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE

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ALLOTMENT No. 2134-2000-3257

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AUTHORIZING OFFICER

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DD/P 1.3.014

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DD/P  
SUBJECT : Project AEDEPOT (Renewal)  
SR - Headquarters

1. The attached project, originating in SR Division, is presented for renewal for the period 1 July 1961 through 30 June 1962. The project provides for a trained cadre of agents who could be used during a period of reinforced alert or in actual hostilities with the Soviet Union. New agents receive a four-month training program, are placed in a "reserve" status, and thereafter are given two weeks of refresher training annually.

2. Authority is requested to obligate \$89,650 from the DD/P-SR Division budget in fiscal year 1962 subject to the availability of funds. This estimate includes \$64,000 for the salaries of twenty-six agents at \$500 per month for a four-month training period, and fifty agents at \$250 for a two-week period of refresher training; \$10,500 for travel of seventy-six agents for training; \$10,000 for the administrative expenses during training; \$1,000 for possible re-settlement costs; \$1,100 for twenty-six practice communications instruments; and \$1,600 for costs of the use of Agency and military aircraft.

3. The attached request for renewal summarizes project activity and changes in the previous period. The Division notes that progress in training the cadres and slotting them against target complexes is proceeding satisfactorily. It notes that, in addition to the normal recruitment, screening, and training activity, a selected number of AEDEPOT agents were used for training JMATE personnel in UW activities. Agent personnel at present include sixty-one SR assets, one EE asset and one NE asset. The Division states, as a change in the activity, that SR Division has accepted the "hot war" training programs of EE and NE Divisions and has incorporated them into this project. It further notes that a re-evaluation of target requirements has been made by the Joint Chiefs of Staff resulting in a total of forty-seven

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target requirements for project fulfillment, involving CINCEUR, CINCAL, and CINCPAC. It further notes that the target requirement of 141 personnel will be 60 per cent fulfilled by the end of fiscal year 1962.

4. Appropriate Special Staff elements recommend renewal and comment as follows:

(a) CI Staff, in its attached comments, recommends that the number of staff personnel having access to the identities of the AEDEPOT personnel be kept to a minimum. It notes that [ ], a contract employee, knows the identities of all of the SR agents through his function as a DOB debriefer. CI Staff recommends that someone else debrief the EE and NE agents to avoid over-concentration of knowledge of "hot war" agents.

(b) FI Staff, in its attached memorandum, comments that the project renewal provides a clear and concise picture of a project that has been well supervised since its inception in 1956. It suggests that information pertaining to refresher training of reserves be incorporated in the next renewal request.

5. I recommend renewal of Project AEDEPOT as presented, and invite the Division's attention to the Staff comments and recommendations noted in paragraph 4 above and in the attached comments.

[ ]  
Chief, DDP/PG

Approved: [ ]

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9 JUN 1961

Date

Attachments:

Project Outline AEDEPOT  
FI Staff Memorandum  
CI Staff Memorandum

Staff Coordination:

For FI Staff -s, [ ]  
For CI Staff -s, [ ]  
For CCG -s, [ ]  
For FI/Plans -s, [ ]  
For FI/TRNG. -s [ ]

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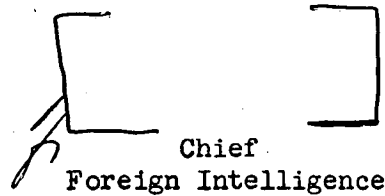
MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DD/P

THROUGH: DDP/PG

SUBJECT: Project AEDEPOT

1. The Foreign Intelligence Staff recommends renewal of Project AEDEPOT.

2. The renewal request for Project AEDEPOT shows excellent preparation, providing a clear and concise picture of a project that has been well-supervised since its inception in 1956. It is suggested that information pertaining to refresher training of reserves be incorporated in the next renewal request.

 Chief  
Foreign Intelligence

Attachment  
Project

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