

Renewal - FY 1959

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DD/P

11 AUG 1958

SUBJECT : Project AEDEPOT (formerly AEREADY) (Renewal) FY59

1. The attached project, originating in SR Division, is designed to provide SR Division with a trained cadre of principal agent communications personnel for use in a period of reinforced alert or during actual hostilities with the Soviet Union. It is presented for your approval of renewal for the period 1 July 1958 through 30 June 1959.

2. Authority is requested to obligate \$92,760 from the DD/P-SR Division budget for fiscal year 1959, subject to the availability of funds.

3. Attached is the SR Division project outline which summarizes the important factors involved, presents a breakdown of the funds required, and requests renewal.

4. Appropriate Staff components concur in renewal without comment.

5. I recommend renewal of Project AEDEPOT as presented.

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Chief,
FI/OPS Division

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Chief,
Foreign Intelligence

Approved: []

COP-DD/P

11 AUG 1958

Date

Attachment: Project Outline AEDEPOT
AEDEPOT Commo Annex

Staff Coordination:

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PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM AEDEPOT

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER

AREA DIVISION SR

Room 1052 J
Extension 8331

STATION: Domestic Operations Base

DATE 9 July 1958

The attached memorandum is presented for project renewal.

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Date
Chief, SR/DOB

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Chief, SR

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9 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI/DDP

SUBJECT : Renewal of Project AEDEPOT for FY 59

REFERENCES : A. Project AEREADY, 29 December 1956
(1) Amendment #1, 3 December 1956

B. Project AEREADY Renewal, 13 June 1957
(2) Amendment #2, 23 August 1957

1. Introduction

a. This memorandum represents the renewal request for Project AEDEPOT for the period 1 July 1958 to 30 June 1959.

b. The purpose of Project AEDEPOT is to develop a reserve of agent teams for the collection of positive intelligence, assistance to our military forces as directed and for establishment of radio communication between revolutionary elements and this Agency during a period of reinforced alert and for actual hostilities against the Soviet Union. SR/DOB has been given no specific number of agents to be trained nor a specific date by which they are all to be trained. SR/DOB has however set a goal of recruiting and training 48 agents per year which is the limit of our present facilities.

c. The tasks to be performed are:

- (1) To spot, assess, and recruit candidates.
- (2) To train acceptable candidates as agents.
- (3) To maintain a system of control, communications and annually to provide progressively advanced training in order to insure their intelligence effectiveness.

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2. Review of Project to Date

a. The cryptonym for this "hot war" reserve program was changed from AEREADY to AEDEPOT and registered with SR/SS on 11 March 1958.

b. Personnel - The full-time efforts of an average of 15 Agency employees, including six staff, six military (including three U.S. Army enlisted men authorized by Amendment #1, dated 3 December 1956), and three contract, plus the part-time efforts of numerous others have supported the project since the first class started training on 25 February 1957. Eight trainees graduated from the first class on 24 August 1957. Seven trainees graduated from the second class on 16 May 1958.

c. Equipment - The project has required the use of four assigned military vehicles authorized by Amendment #2, dated 23 August 1957 and four Agency automobiles full-time plus occasional use of Agency trucks and station wagons. Additional supplies included safes, movie projector, slide viewer, cameras, weapons, explosives, Army and Agency aircraft including helicopters, parachutes, maritime items, communications equipment, survival equipment, office supplies, field clothing, field rations, and recreational equipment plus training films and appropriate publications. These additional items are paid for from SR/DOB Station Support Funds.

d. Other Support - The principal training site is Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Three barracks type buildings have been assigned to the cover unit, The U.S. Army Materiel Testing Unit No. 1. Negotiations are under way to renovate two of these barracks. Renovation is necessary before the barracks can be utilized. Cost of renovation will be carried by SR/DOB Station Support Funds. An administrative type building at Camp Pickett, Virginia, has also been assigned for permanent retention. Camp Pickett, Virginia, Camp Drum, New York, Camp A. P. Hill, Virginia, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina, have been utilized for short periods of training. OTR has furnished training materials, instructors, A & E representative, aircraft and crews, training site for black-border crossing; TSS furnished instructor support in documentation; OO has assisted in field contacts; Cover Branch furnished guidance on cover problems; and OC provided communications instruction.

e. Communications Annex - Attached

f. Financial - Salaries of the trainees are computed on the basis of their individual civilian earnings plus a bonus of 15 percent.

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A minimum of \$400.00 per month is paid to those who were earning less. They are reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred in line of this duty. The Army is reimbursed directly from Station Support Funds for meals furnished at the training sites and meals or food purchased off military posts are paid for in cash from the same fund. Successful graduates are paid \$50.00 quarterly under contract to continue their participation in the reserve program and they will receive a pro rata share of their current salary for the annual two-week refresher training.

Outlined below is the estimated expenditures for student salaries, student travel, radios and retainer fees for FY-59:

- (1) Class I annual refresher training 12 - 26 July 1958
for eight trainees
 - (a) Salaries \$2,000.00
 - (b) Travel 800.00
 - (c) Retainer fees 1,600.00
- (2) Class II (seven trainees)
 - Retainer fees 1,400.00
- (3) Class III (twelve trainees)
 - (a) Salaries @ average of \$500 per month 24,000.00
 - (b) Travel 600.00
 - (c) Retainer fees 1,200.00
 - (d) ¹²Radios @ \$130.00 ea. 1,560.00
- (4) Class IV (sixteen trainees)
 - (a) Salaries @ average of \$500 per mo. 32,000.00
 - (b) Travel 800.00
 - (c) Retainer fees 800.00
 - (d) ¹⁶Radios* @ \$130.00 ea. 2,080.00

*(See Commo Annex)

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TO BE CARRIED UNDER
ADM FUNDS -

(5) Enlisted men's Salaries	\$12,000.00
Three enlisted men assigned for Class I Reserve Training and Classes III and IV.	
(6) Miscellaneous - Military and/or Agency aircraft @ \$100.00 per hour for 15 hours.	1,500.00
(7) Communications Equipment*	<u>22,420.00</u>
*(See Commo Annex)	Total <u>\$14,760.00</u> <u>92,760.00</u>

Expenditures for recruitment, administrative, and operational expenses are made from SR/DOB funds. (Station Support)

3. Projection - Fiscal Year 1959

a. FY-59 Schedule

- (1) Refresher course for Class I is scheduled for the period from 12 to 26 July 1958. (Eight trainees, estimated)
- (2) Basic training for Class III is scheduled for the period from 31 August 1958 to 20 December 1958. (Twelve trainees, estimated)
- (3) Basic training for Class IV is scheduled for the period from 19 January 1959 to 9 May 1959. (Sixteen trainees, estimated)

b. Personnel and Equipment

The requirement for personnel and equipment during FY-59 should remain about the same as before.