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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT : Project AEREADY (Approval) *FI 57*

1. The attached project, originating in SR Division, is herewith presented for your approval for the period 1 December 1956 through 30 June 1957. A seven months approval period is requested for administrative purposes.

2. Authority is requested to obligate \$123,228 from the DD/P-SR Division budget for fiscal year 1957. Funds are available in the SR Division budget for this period.

3. There is attached a memorandum prepared in FI/OPS Division which summarizes the important factors involved.

4. I recommend approval of Project AEREADY.

Under  
Foreign Intelligence

Concur:   DEC 1956  
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Approved:   19 Dec '56  
DDCI Date

Attachment: AEREADY Project Outline

Responsible Officer:   C/SR/7/DOB

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Plans Staff, FI

SUBJECT : Amendment #1 to Project AEREADY (TS 147212)

1. It is requested that Project AEREADY be amended to provide for three (3) enlisted U.S. Army personnel ordered to duty at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, with Materiel Test Unit #1 as Project AEREADY personnel. These persons should not be charged to the basic SR/DOB Headquarters or Field T/O ceiling since:

- a. They will not be located at the SR/DOB installation, and
- b. Will be subject to a regular tour of duty as provided in their individual military orders.

2. The inclusion of the military personnel will increase the project's financial requirements by \$5,727.78 for a six-months period, payable to the U.S. Army on a reimbursable basis.

Three (3) enlisted men @ \$318.21 per month each	\$ 5,727.78
Initial Project AEREADY Budget	<u>117,500.00</u>
Revised Total Cost	\$123,227.78

3. It is further requested that all advice of allotments forthcoming under Project AEREADY be forwarded to the Finance Officer, SR/DOB, for accounting and administrative purposes.

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Chief of Operations and I have discussed the use of three military men in this project. He has agreed that these individuals will not be charged against Headquarters T/O ceiling, but will, as is actually proposed, be part of the T/O of this Project, which for ceiling purposes is being considered as a field project.

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Special Support Assistant  
to the  
Deputy Director (Support)

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## PROJECT OUTLINE

### PART I

CRYPTONYM: AEREADY

#### 1. AREA OF OPERATIONS

United States

#### 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of Project AEREADY is to provide the SR Division with a trained cadre of principal agent communications personnel who could be utilized during a period of reinforced alert or during actual hostilities with the Soviet Union. As an emergency measure, the training course of such agents will be so organized as to give them a rudimentary dictation speed commo capability after the first two weeks of their six month training program.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

a. Earlier in 1950-51, several Soviet nationality groups were organized according to their ethnic components into "guard companies," near Landsberg, Germany. The purpose of these OPC-organized groups was for purely PM or Political Action activities during a period of hostilities with the Soviet Union. As the prospect of open hostilities became less imminent, many holding problems developed. With the concomitant reorganization of the clandestine services and the de-emphasis of REDSOX and PM activities, these "guard companies" were disbanded.

b. The idea of a "Hot War" cadre was, of course, strongly advocated by these emigre organizations which in part continued to be subsidized and operationally affiliated with the SR Division. On the occasion of the resuscitation of the REDSOX activity in late 1955, SR/DOB was given the total responsibility for maintaining such a cadre. The plans for such a cadre outlined in the REDSOX basic support project AEACRE were very modest and Paragraph IV of Project AEACRE, dated 1 July 1956, in part stated:

"DOB Hot War Planning has not proceeded very far during fiscal year 1956. However, study has indicated that by the end of fiscal year 1957, DOB should have a varied flexible, though modest, Hot War program. Our FY '57 program initially will be one only of spotting and recruiting such a cadre. These prospective Hot War agents will be briefly assessed, time allowing, and carded and filed. They will not be requested to do anything operational during FY '57 save notify a DOB letter drop when they have a change in their address, occupation, health or family status."

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c. No communications, or other training was contemplated for these agents in the immediate future. However, with the advent of the uprisings in the Georgian SSR, Poland, and more recently in Hungary, it became painfully evident that the SR Division had little capability to immediately exploit uprisings which could occur in the USSR or to have assets immediately available in the event of a "Hot War" or a period of reinforced alert. Therefore, the original modest program for a "Hot War" cadre delineated in Project AEACRE is being expanded and given additional priority and impetus under this project.

4. REFERENCES

- a. Guidance in the Clandestine Services General Plan, USSR Operational Program Revised FY 1957 - Initial 1958.
- b. Prevailing national and Agency policy.
- c. The Cold War Covert Operations Requirements and the Hot War Preparation Requirements checked as feasible, desirable, and authorized in Part 4, Annex A, of the FY 1958 General Plan.
- d. DD/P memorandum dated 22 December 1955, subject: "Clandestine Services War Preparation."
- e. DCI memorandum ER 7-0063, 2 June 1955, subject: "Wartime Mission of CIA."
- f. "CIA Criteria for Determination of Wartime Military Requirements for Clandestine Operations." (TS 109734)
- g. SR/DOB Project AEACRE, dated 1 July 1956 for FY 1957.

5. OBJECTIVES

Operating within the priority areas as outlined in paragraph 6 a. below or in any areas in the USSR which may be designated as emergency areas, the objectives of the AEREDY agents will be:

- a. To establish W/T communications between revolutionary or dissident elements and Headquarters.
- b. To provide communications for the resupply of such forces.
- c. To provide a communications nucleus for escape and evasion purposes.
- d. To recruit and develop agent nets for the collection of positive intelligence, O.B., and assist the military forces as directed.

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## 6. TARGETS

a. Specific intelligence priority targets have been delineated in the most recent IPC target listing. In addition CINCEUR has designated the following as priority, unconventional war areas:

<u>CINCEUR Area Designation</u>	<u>Location</u>
SR/1	Between KOENIGSBERG and INSTERBURG
SR/2	DRUJA area, SE of DVINSK
SR/3	Between LIDA and NOVOGRODEK
SR/4	TELECHANY area
SR/5	STEPAN area N of ROWNE
SR/6	Mountain SW of STRYJ
SR/7	Mountain S of KOLOMYJA
SR/8	KOPYEZYNCE area
BA/1	SW Estonia
BA/2	NE Estonia
BA/3	East Latvia
BA/4	Central Latvia
BA/5	NE Latvia
BA/6	SW Central Lithuania
BA/7	South Lithuania

b. Furthermore, revised USAFE requirements between the western border of the USSR and the 90th meridian will be available in the near future.

c. It is also anticipated that certain areas eventually will be provided by CINCFE and CINCAL.

d. In general, the target areas can be expected to develop initially primarily in peripheral areas inhabited by the non-Russian nationalities.

## 7. TASKS

Initially the tasks will be:

- a. To spot, assess and recruit "Hot War" cadre personnel.
- b. To train such personnel.
- c. To return and resettle these agents in their social and economic milieu upon the successful completion of the proposed six month training program.
- d. To maintain a system of control, communications and periodic refresher training to insure their intelligence effectiveness. (For the most part, such tasks will be accomplished by SR/DOB personnel, in keeping with the REDSOX and "Hot War" missions of DOB and guided by appropriate Agency directives.)

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## 8. PERSONNEL

To expedite the inauguration of the first course of training, many of the trainees will be recruited from the active membership of emigre organizations financially subsidized by or affiliated with the Agency. In future courses, however, it is intended that such emigre organization personnel will be limited to less than 50% of the total number of trainees in any one course. It is proposed to maintain the highest possible proportion of politically independent agents.

### a. Pseudonyms and Cryptonyms

(1) Agent trainees will be assigned an official pseudonym for financial and accounting purposes. In addition they will be assigned a training alias to conceal their true identity from their fellow trainees.

(2) The AEReady cryptonym prefix and a number will be assigned each agent upon the successful completion of his training.

### b. Personnel Data

Personnel data including a personal assessment and a training evaluation will be included when available.

## 9. OPERATIONAL AND/OR SECURITY CLEARANCES

a. The appropriate security clearance action as noted in paragraph 6 of FR 10-215 (POA) will be requested on all agents when such information becomes available.

b. In each case a memorandum will be written to the CI/OA staff on the Subject with an indication as to the type of activity for which the clearance is being requested. CI/OA will be notified immediately on any change in status of the agent personnel involved under the project.

c. If the candidates are assessed favorably and are to be included in the AEReady cadre complex, operational approval in the case of non-United States citizens as provided under paragraph 5 of FR 10-215 will be requested. In the case of United States citizens, covert security clearances as required under paragraph 7 of FR 10-215 will be initiated. A special clearance procedure has been discussed with CI/OA to facilitate the rapid processing of the candidates for the first course of training.

## 10. COVER

a. While in training at Fort Meade, the training activities will operate under the cover of the 8789th AAU, which is a U.S. Army unit established in 1952 by SR/DOB to cover its training activities. The 8789th AAU is adequately backstopped at the Pentagon and with the Second Army. It has the use of facilities at Fort Meade and can draw on any Army logistical support necessary.

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b. During training hours the trainees will wear appropriate Army fatigue or work uniforms. U.S. Army identity cards in training alias will be available to facilitate their movement on the military reservation.

c. The personal cover of each trainee will be developed as the need arises and shall be dictated by his personal circumstances.

#### 11. CONTACT AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. While in training, the agents will be under the direct supervision of the Senior DOB Case Officer responsible for Project AEREDY.

b. Upon the successful completion of their training and return to their normal occupations, the agents will be contacted directly or through cutouts.

c. In the event of hostilities or during a period of reinforced alert, the agents will be contacted by the most expedient means of communications available.

d. Contact will be maintained with the agents for periodic refresher training. A post office box and a sterile telephone number will be established by DOB to allow the agents to contact DOB in the event of an emergency.

#### 12. CONTROL AND MOTIVATION

a. While in training in the United States, the agents will be required to conform to the security regulations as contained in the U.S. Espionage laws.

b. On completion of their training, all agents will be told that they will be subject to occasional, though regular, security checks, including neighborhood checks, to determine whether they have committed any breaches of security or made indiscreet disclosures of their intelligence affiliation.

c. All agents participating in this program will be selected on the basis of their anticommunist motivation and their willingness to undertake such missions in time of war. Those selected from emigre groups have proven their ideological motivation in the past. They view this training as preparation for the eventual overthrow of communism in their homeland through the coordinated activities of the United States military forces and the indigenous partisan groups operating in the target areas. Those persons who will be dispatched into the Soviet Union look upon themselves as the vanguard in the struggle for independence. They are undertaking the training and limited regimentation imposed upon them under the operating terms of Project AEREDY as a moral obligation to their homelands.

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13. EQUIPMENT AND OTHER SUPPORT

The cost of any training equipment and support of Project AEREDY shall be funded in the usual manner of a REDSOX training unit under Project AEACRE. (An appropriate amendment to Project AEACRE is being prepared to procure additional funds for support of this activity.) In the event of dispatch of any of these agents, equipment and other support will be developed under appropriate subprojects.

14. COORDINATION

a. This project was originated at Headquarters by SR/DOB and will be coordinated with the appropriate SR and DD/P staff elements.

b. This project will also be coordinated with: the Office of Training; the Office of Communications; the Office of Security, the Alien Affairs Branch; and OO Contacts.

15. TIMETABLE

It is anticipated that the training of the first group of 25 agents will begin on or about 15 December 1956 and will continue for approximately six months. All training of this first group will be completed within the fiscal year 1957. If world political conditions warrant an expansion of this endeavor, appropriate amendments to this project will be forthcoming. In the meantime, it is proposed to continue this project on a year to year basis at the level indicated in this outline, i.e., one six-month training operation per year.

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PART II

16. ESTIMATED COST

a. It is requested that Project AEREADY be authorized for a period of 7 months commencing 1 December 1956 and ending 30 June 1957. The estimated cost of this project is based on the expenses involved in the training of one 25-agent group for a six-month period.

b. The compensation of these agents offers some unique problems in that most agents recruited for this project will be United States residents who come from different economic strata. Past DOB trainees have, for the most part, been non-United States residents. Thus, despite the ideological motivation of all agents concerned, it will be necessary to equal each individual's normal monthly salary. As participation in such a six-month training program might entail some hardships, expense and inconvenience, an additional 15% monthly salary differential will be paid each agent trainee.

c. However, the minimum monthly salary paid any agent participating in this program will be \$400.00 monthly. This includes those agents brought here from abroad. This minimum monthly salary figure is based on figures provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

d. The possible maximum monthly salary figure of \$600.00 will be used for computing the salary budget on this project. This should not be construed as the maximum salary which could be paid any one trainee, however. This amounts to:

25 agents @ \$600.00 monthly for a period of 6 months ..... \$90,000.00

e. It is still not possible to determine the place of recruitment of all the agents participating in this program. It is planned, therefore, that Project AEREADY will pay the cost of one round-trip commercial transportation of all agents. In addition, one round-trip emergency fare will be paid to any agent while in training. This will amount to:

Travel estimated cost 25 agents @ \$400.00 per agent ..... 10,000.00  
Emergency Travel ..... 1,000.00

17. SPECIAL PROBLEMS AND COMMITMENTS

a. Insurance

In the event of death or total disability connected and due to actual participation in the training program or travel to and from the training site, it is anticipated that all agent trainees will be covered by the provisions of the Federal Employees Compensation Act as amended to 14 October 1949. If such coverage is unavailable, a sum of \$10,000 will be paid the designated beneficiary. Although it is not anticipated that all 25 agents will be killed or totally disabled during training, it is requested that funds for such insurance not be included in the allotment for accounting purposes in this project but be provided

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from the clandestine services contingency funds. In the event of a total disaster this would amount to \$250,000.

b. Resettlement

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

25 agents @ \$600.00 each ..... \$15,000.00

c. Disposal

(1) In the event it becomes necessary to terminate the training of any agent for actions or reasons not due to his direct disobedience of training regulations, a sum of money equivalent to two months salary will be paid.

(2) In the event a temporary disability is incurred while in training, medical and hospitalization expense will be borne by this Agency. If the agent is unable to continue his training, his total salary for the remaining period of his training shall be paid him.

(3) If the agent trainee is involved in any flagrant violation of security or in the event that the agent's presence in the training group shall be detrimental to the morale of the unit, his services shall be terminated. Transportation and one month's salary shall be paid him.

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FINANCIAL RESUME

I. Salaries

25 agents @ \$600 per trainee for 6 months .....\$90,000.00

Total Salaries ..... \$90,000.00

II. Travel

25 agents @ \$400 per round trip ..... 10,000.00

Emergency travel 10% of above travel ..... 1,000.00

Total Travel ..... 11,000.00

III. Resettlement

25 agents @ \$600 per trainee for 1 month .... 15,000.00

Total Resettlement .... 15,000.00

IV. Miscellaneous

Military and/or Agency aircraft @ \$100 per hour  
for 15 hours

..... 1,500.00

Total Miscellaneous .... 1,500.00

TOTAL COST \$117,500.00