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CI Staff Comments - Project AEDEPOT

CI Staff recommends approval of renewal request for Project AEDEPOT.
Project personnel have stated that each agent is asked about
correspondence with Soviet bloc residents and about identities of
other agents known and that this information is recorded. C/DOB has
said that no security losses or exposure of AEDEPOT agents occurred
during utilization for the JMATE operation. In the case of NE agents
the agent file is transferred to NE upon completion of training, but
DOB keeps a card on each such agent, because of yearly training by DOB,
giving the agent's identity, address, nationality and other data. DOB
keeps the agent file on EE agents. Only staff personnel have access to
these files. CI Staff recommends that the number of such personnel be
kept to a minimum. Cyril ROSONY (p), a contract employee type "B" knows
identities of all the agents and debriefs them for biographical infor-
mation from birth. This information is obtained as a DOB debriefer,
under CSA granted in April 1959, when only SR Agents were involved.
For greater operational security it is recommended that someone else
debrief the EE and NE agents, to avoid overconcentration of knowledge
of "hot-war" agents. ROSONY satisfactorily passed LCFLUTTER examina-
tion in June 1957. Nevertheless he is Russian born, married to a
Russian born wife, who corresponds regularly with relatives in Belgrade,
Yugoslavia. Apart from the Soviet interest that both might have aroused
while post-war employees at the Army Language School at Monterey, ROSONY
was in contact with German Military intelligence (Abwehr) in Bulgaria
during World War II; was active in Russian emigre groups; and worked for
UNRRA and IRO in Germany. In 1957 ROSONY stated that an MVD major had
asked about him in Yugoslavia in 1947 or 1948 and that the Soviets in
1956 asked his wife's cousin, a Belgrade resident, about him.

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