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PROJECT OUTLINE

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AREA DIVISION SR
STATION MUNICH

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:

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Room No. 1509 J
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Date 15 June 1955

The attached Project Outline is presented for Renewal.

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9 June 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Foreign Intelligence

SUBJECT : Renewal of Project AEBATH

1. Project AEBATH expires 31 July 1955. It is requested that C/FI approve renewal of this project for the period 1 August 1955 through 31 July 1956 with an authorization of \$7,300.00 as itemized in the attached project outline.
2. PURPOSES: The new AEBATH project covers the proposed transfer from Germany to France of the AEBATH principal agent, AECAPÉLIN, to assist in the development of CE operations directed against RIS activities in accordance with the priority targets of the FI mission in France and with the increasing emphasis on CE in the Agency. It should be noted that if due to technical reasons AECAPÉLIN should remain in Germany, these purposes and objectives can be fulfilled with equal effectiveness from the standpoint of the German mission.
3. BACKGROUND: AECAPÉLIN, now under Munich Operations Base control, is a very discreet, qualified, capable and well-trained CE informant who has been used by KUBARK in Austria and Germany since 1947. The transfer to France and the new project AEBATH have been discussed with, and has received the concurrence of, MOB, which feels that AECAPÉLIN may have a production of eventually great significance if he is transferred to France. MOB case officers also feel that he would probably continue to produce information of value to Germany while in France, and that his contributions to CE operations against Soviets in France would be of long-range interest to Germany by giving a perspective to the emigre operations currently being run by the RIS.
4. PLANS: AECAPÉLIN's objectives will be to provide CE and political information on emigres from the USSR. As AECAPÉLIN is Ukrainian, the CE information will probably concern Ukrainians for the most part except when he is directed to develop another field or individual. Specifically, the targets of the project are Soviet personalities and installations in France, RIS activities in France, pro-Soviet elements among emigres from the USSR, and those emigres, pro or contra the Soviets, who have points of contact with them. It is proposed that, after the period of time necessary to his establishment, AECAPÉLIN's first mission will be to provide us with a general orientation on the emigration in relation to the Soviets. His second mission will be to develop unwitting sources of information on those with Soviet contacts and, thirdly, to spot individuals who might be recruited by us independently as witting sources.

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5. **FINANCES:** It will be noted that approval is requested to raise AECAPPELIN's local payment from \$100.00 (which was computed at the rate of 500 deutsche marks rather than the legal 420) to \$200.00. It is also requested that his escrow deposit be raised from \$100.00 to \$200.00. These salary increases are justified by the facts that AECAPPELIN has not had a raise for over two years, that he has and will continue to devote most of his efforts to CIA work and that he is once more delaying his emigration to the U. S. on our behalf. In addition, the increase will help compensate for the doubled cost of living should AECAPPELIN transfer to France. It is to our advantage to have AECAPPELIN build up a more substantial account in the U. S. in order to tide him over when he eventually emigrates to this country.

The total of funds requested in the renewal for the year 1 August 1955 through 31 July 1956 calls for \$7,300.00 rather than the \$7,992.00 approved for the current year.

Chief, Plans

Approved: _____
Chief, FI

Date

Attachments: Project Outline AERATH

FI Staff Concurrences:

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PART I

1. Area of Operation:

The area of operation will be concentrated in France but will extend elsewhere in Europe as operational opportunity warrants. In the event that his transfer is not accomplished, the primary area of operation will remain Germany.

2. References:

AECAPELIN has provided CI/CE information in Austria and Germany on the AECASSOWARIES and AECAVATINAS for Project AERODYNAMIC for the past six years. He has also provided information on the activities of the German, British, Vatican, Yugoslav and Japanese Services, passed CE leads and supplied background data on Ukrainian personalities and groups of CI/CE interest to this organization. Reference for the change in the area of operation, which has been approved by the SR and WE Divisions, is OFPA 12168, 18 February 1955 (FPOP).

3. Aims:

- a. CI/CE information on emigres from the USSR, with emphasis on pro-Soviet elements and those having points of contact with Soviet personalities.
- b. Development of leads on RIS activities in his area of operations, primarily concerning RIS penetration of emigre groups.
- c. Development of leads and information on Soviet personalities and installations in France.
- d. CI/CE information on AECASSOWARIES and AECAVATINAS.
- e. Provide general information on the background, activities and contacts of Ukrainian and Russian emigre personalities; religious, cultural and social groups in Western Europe, his area of operations.

4. Personnel:

AECAPELIN: Principal agent.

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5. Cover:

a. AECAPELIN has natural cover as an Orthodox priest with the official title of Chancellor of the Orthodox Autocephalic Church of Poland in Germany and as a representative of the World Council of Churches. As a former collaborator of the AECAVATINAS and a personal friend of the AECASSOWARISS, AECAPELIN has no difficulty maintaining close contact with both groups. Cover is not provided by CIA nor does it involve an American organization. As cover for his proposed transfer to France, AECAPELIN has applied for admission to a theological institute in Paris. Although he is older than most students, he feels that it is logical for him to attend the institute in line with his profession as it awards advanced degrees which he has not obtained elsewhere. AECAPELIN, in exploring the technical problems involved in moving to France during conversations with his friends, has introduced his plan of attending the Institute and claims that his friends accepted this as natural. He has arranged for a scholarship of about 300 deutsche marks per month from the World Council of Churches which has supported him and his activities for several years. He also plans, as cover for the fact that he will have enough money to live in Paris, to have approximately 300 DM per month transferred from his German bank account of 3,000 DM. In addition to his contacts in the institute with students of various Russian and satellite nationalities, AECAPELIN will also have access to his target in the form of contact with six or seven Ukrainian groups or individuals whom he already knows. These circumstances, combined with the freedom of a student and the operational know-how which he has, should enable him to build up with little difficulty a wide circle of unwitting informants in France just as he did in Germany. This cover as a student should remain valid for at least one year.

b. The case officer is (C)]

6. Contact and Communications:

Up to the present time AECAPELIN has been contacted in Germany in a sterile car with German plates according to prearranged times and places. If any passerby had spotted the case officer as an American, AECAPELIN would have explained that the American was connected with the World Council of Churches. As the World Council of Churches has an office in France, it may be possible to use the same excuse. However as the accident rate makes the use of cars with illegal plates hazardous, meetings will take place either on foot in a varied set of times and circumstances, or under legitimate cover, such as a teacher giving Russian or German language lessons regularly to the case officer. Emergency signals will be arranged through a mail drop.

7. Control:

Since 1946 when he was a penniless DP in Austria, there has been a gradual improvement in his position. At the present time he has the promise of eventual emigration to the USA and his future has become more and more dependent on the good-will of the USA as represented by his case officers. Although he has never been wholly dependent on CIA for his livelihood, his pay during the last two years has provided him with small luxuries and comparative freedom from worry, and his escrow account in the U.S. represents a safeguard against the future. In addition to that, he is an anti-Communist

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who has suffered on account of the Communists. Although he is a Ukrainian patriot, he has found a political party which expresses his views or provides a medium for what he considers effective outlet, and he has probably found a substitute outlet in his lone alignment with US intelligence. It is probable that he will remain loyal as long as his future existence is closely associated with the USA, provided he continues to have a satisfactory relationship with his case officer and to believe that the Americans are leaders in the cold war against Communism.

8. Special Equipment:

a. S/W and rapid copy or photographic equipment may be required.

b. It is recommended that AECAPELIN be given a secure two-way S/W system which can be handled on the one hand by the Paris Station and on the other by AECAPELIN using household products purchasable on the French market or equipment which can be concealed as such.

9. Coordination:

All action will be coordinated with WE Division for the period of AECAPELIN's stay in France, and with CI Staff and EE or other Divisions as required, in Headquarters and in the Field.

10. Timetable:

Reference paragraph 3 Aims a, b, and c, AECAPELIN has been reporting on these Subjects for the past six years and will continue to do so. Reference Aim c, AECAPELIN's reporting and initial development of specific CE leads has been gradually developed over the past three years in accordance with the increasing emphasis on this phase of AECAPELIN's activities. The project is of indefinite duration. It is anticipated that AECAPELIN will effect his transfer to France in one to three months, depending on the complications of obtaining his papers, ensuring the right to retain domicile, etc. Until that time AECAPELIN will continue his previous assignments under MOB jurisdiction in Germany.

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PART II

11. Estimated Annual Cost:

a. Salary paid locally (\$200.00 in local currency per month).....	\$ 2,400.00
b. Salary in escrow (\$200.00 per month).....	2,400.00
c. Purchase of information and allied operational expenses.....	1,000.00
d. Travel as directed by the case officer.....	750.00
e. Contingency fund for transfer of AECAPELIN and effects to France.....	300.00
f. Key money for living quarters in France.....	150.00
g. Material.....	<u>300.00</u>
Total.....	\$ 7,300.00

12. Special Problems and Commitments:

- a. Headquarters has authorized payment of passage to the United States for AECAPELIN and his wife. An amendment will be submitted to provide for this expenditure when it becomes necessary.
- b. For its own interests, CIA should consider and assist AECAPELIN in preparing for his future life in the U.S. prior to his leaving Europe.
- c. No cooperation is expected from officials currently in power and no change in government or political conditions sufficient to effect the operation is anticipated.

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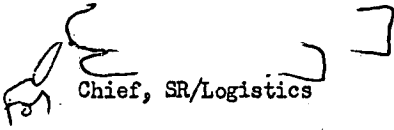
MATERIEL AND FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS ANNEX

PROJECT AEBATH - FI

Project AEBATH - FI, as submitted for renewal for the period 1 August 1955 thru 31 July 1956, requires \$300 offshore during Fiscal Year 1956 for the local procurement of supplies and equipment for document reproduction.


SR/3 Logistics Liaison Officer

APPROVED:


Chief, SR/Logistics

5 July 1955

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