

SECRET

CRYPTONYM AEMANNER

AREA DIVISION SR

STATION Headquarters

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER

        

Room No. 2607 J

Extension 8545

Date 28 January 1955

The attached Project Outline is presented for approval.

*Note: Changes made since this FPOP was written have been incorporated in brief submitted by Projects Branch.*

*Bd 17 April 1955*

*[Signature]*  
Chief, SR/2

*[Signature]*  
SR/COR/PI

*[Signature]*  
Chief, SR Division

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

DATE: 16 February 1955

*10 Feb 55 - studied copy sent to field*

87

SECRET

PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM: AEMANNER

PART I

1. Area of Operations

Operations will be conducted in the Lithuanian SSR from the Western Hemisphere and Europe.

2. Purpose

To procure intelligence concerning the Lithuanian SSR through legally existing channels.

3. Background

To date all activities concerning gathering of intelligence from the Lithuanian SSR have been done through Project AEGHAMP, a REDSOX project; for lack of a definitive and appropriate REDSKIN project, developmental REDSKIN operations and activities have been carried on under the auspices of Project AEGHAMP. Recent examination of the Lithuanian FI efforts has led to the conclusion that REDSKIN activities which have heretofore been carried out under Project AEGHAMP on a limited scale should be more vigorously and systematically pursued and should be authorized and properly administered through a separate project. In addition, it is believed worthwhile to explore the ever-mounting possibilities and opportunities of engaging in new REDSKIN activities.

4. References

Project AEGHAMP, renewal approved on 13 November 1954 by Chief, FI.

5. Objectives

- a. To spot Lithuanians contemplating repatriation to the Lithuanian SSR and to recruit and train them prior to such repatriation.
- b. To spot, recruit, and train Lithuanians employed on merchant ships calling at Lithuanian SSR ports; and to spot, recruit, and train Lithuanians having merchant marine experience for the purpose of having them obtain employment on merchant ships calling at Lithuanian or other USSR ports.
- c. To spot and develop existing postal channels between the Lithuanian SSR and the West for utilization in the covert

SECRET

... Copy of 7 Copies

SECRET

transmission of intelligence, interception of intelligence overtly transmitted through such postal channels, and obtaining possible contact points for agents dispatched to the Lithuanian SSR under this project or under Project AECHAMP.

- d. To interrogate repatriates, refugees, escapees, PW's, etc., who had been in the Lithuanian SSR, for the purpose of obtaining all intelligence such individuals possess.

*operational\**

*\* Inserted  
by SR Re-  
quirements*

6. Targets

a. General -- Lithuania

- (1) Warning of hostile moves by Soviet armed forces.
- (2) General economic trends.

b. Kaunas

- (1) Airfield
- (2) OB
- (3) Storage areas, barracks areas, and munitions depot
- (4) Railroad transloading facilities
- (5) Bridges and ferries across Nemunas River
- (6) Guided missile installation

c. Vilnius

- (1) Army and Air Force OB
- (2) Railroad and communications facilities
- (3) Barracks and depots
- (4) Electrical equipment plant
- (5) Aircraft engine plant
- (6) Superphosphate plant
- (7) Radio plant

d. Klaipeda (Memel)

- (1) Port facilities
- (2) Naval, Air Force, and Army OB

SECRET

-1- Copy of 2 Copies

~~SECRET~~

d. Svencionys

- (1) Port facilities
- (2) Naval, Air Force, and Army OB

7. Tasks

The immediate tasks to implement the objective set forth in paragraph 5 above are: (the subparagraphs below are keyed to the subparagraphs in paragraph 5)

a. Repatriation of Lithuanians:

- (1) to develop the case of a Lithuanian in Germany-- [ who is reportedly considering repatriation to Lithuania and who appears to be susceptible to recruitment.
- (2) Spotting, clearing, and recruiting select Lithuanians in advantageous positions in the Lithuanian emigre community throughout the Western Hemisphere and Europe for the purpose of using them to spot potential repatriates to Lithuania.

b. Lithuanians in Merchant Marine Employment:

Recruiting and training an American importer-exporter as a spotter of prospective recruits for this effort.

c. Postal Channels:

- (1) To develop known letter channels between the U. S. and the Lithuanian USSR.
- (2) To obtain names of persons in the U. S. and Germany who correspond with the Lithuanian SSR and to approach such correspondents with the intent of recruiting them.

d. Interrogation of Repatriates, Etc.

- (1) Examine interrogation reports of recent repatriates prepared by VLIK, a Lithuanian emigre organization in Germany, and to reinterrogate those persons who appear to possess worthwhile information.
- (2) Interrogate new repatriates, etc., as they arrive in the West.

e. Personnel

- (1) Cryptonyms

SECRET

- 1 - Copy of 7 - Copies

SECRET

- (a) ( )
- (b) ( )
- (c) ( )
- (d) ( )

(2) Personal Data

- (a) [ ] is a former Lithuanian businessman who left Lithuania during the wartime German occupation. He was active in the anti-German and anti-Russian resistance in Lithuania, and organized the uprising against the Soviets in Kaunas (as a member of the "Lithuanian Activist Front") on 23 June 1941. Subsequent to the war, [ ] served as a member of VLIK. From 1951 to date, [ ] has been employed by CIA as an interrogator of repatriates from Lithuania. He also carried out contacts with [ ] and [ ] in the early stages of the AEGANVASBACK operation. Subject is vehemently anti-Soviet and claims to have been sentenced to death twice by the Soviets. He is decidedly pro-American and considers the Americans as the sole saviours of his nationality and the world. Initially, [ ] will be used as a principal agent in Germany, where he is now. After his planned immigration to the United States, he will either be used as a principal agent by Headquarters or will be returned to Germany, contingent upon operational requirements for his services.
- (b) [ ] is a naturalized American citizen who is a partner in an international import-export business. He makes frequent trips to Europe and occasional ones to South America and Asia, and has extensive world-wide contacts. [ ] will be used as an unpaid spotter of Lithuanian merchant seamen and repatriates to Lithuania.
- (c) [ ] is a Lithuanian DP in Germany. He is presently serving a year's sentence in a German jail on what is believed to be a theft charge. He came to the Agency's attention through [ ]. [ ] turned over the file of his correspondence with [ ] which indicates [ ]'s repentance for his misdeed, his yearning for his homeland, and his desire to do something with his life to make up for his errors of the past. Subject

SECRET

- 1 - Copy of - 2 - Copies

SECRET

will be released from prison in January 1955. Contact with him will be established soon thereafter in order to assess his capabilities and willingness to repatriate to Lithuania. In the meantime, his whereabouts will be known to us through [redacted].

[redacted] is a former officer in the Lithuanian Army who fled Lithuania in 1944 before the advance of the Soviet Army. From October 1946 until June 1950, [redacted] was under training by the French Intelligence Service for a black mission to Lithuania. The mission was never realized, and subject entered on duty with CIA in June 1950 and commenced training for a CIA-sponsored mission to Lithuania. In 1952, because of a disabling fractured ankle, [redacted] was removed from the group with which he was training, and was appointed chief of operations of the emigre group in Germany with which CIA has been cooperating in FI and PP matters. Since that time, subject has aided in interrogation of refugees from the USSR, been principal agent in the AECANVASBACK operation, and assisted the case officers concerned in the [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] cases. Subject is ideologically opposed to Communism. He has a mature, realistic approach to the problems of intelligence operations and desires to continue participating in anti-Soviet activities as long as his country is under Soviet control. He is motivated by his opposition to Communism and his relatively secure financial position as a result of employment with CIA. Upon approval of this project, [redacted] will be transferred from Project AECAMP to AEMANNER.

- (e) It is planned to recruit approximately two additional agents, who are now being spotted or processed. It is believed that one of these two agents will be placed on duty about four months after this project is implemented, the second one about one year later.

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

9. Operational and Security Clearances

[redacted] possesses covert security clearance No. PZ-3166, C-28233, #69832, dated 29 September 1954. Operational clearance No. C-12784, dated 15 December 1954, was granted [redacted]. Covert security clearance for [redacted] was requested on 25 November 1954. Operational clearance for [redacted] was requested on 13 January 1955.

10. Cover

- a. Case Officer is known to [redacted] and [redacted] to be a member of an American Intelligence Service. [redacted] will presume the same.

SECRET

... Copy of ... Copies

SECRET

- b. [ ]'s cover for his activities will be as a representative of the "Lithuanian Front." In cases where a more innocuous cover is required he will represent himself as a correspondent for Lithuanian newspapers in the U. S., for which he prepares articles from time to time.
- c. [ ]'s import-export enterprise will serve as his cover.
- d. [ ] will pose as an employee of the U. S. Army in Germany, as the situation requires.
- e. Soon after implementation of this project, study will be given to the possibility of establishing a Department of Defense cover office in which agents stationed in the Washington area can be based. Such an office will provide a cover to the agents in their approaches to REDSKIN leads, as well as furnish a secure base from which to operate.

11. Contact and Communication

Direct contact between case officer and agents will be maintained. S/W will be used if any agent is placed in the Lithuanian SSR or if direct contact is not possible in the West.

12. Control and Motivation

a. The following control factors exist for each agent concerned:

- (1) [ ]: Subject's standing in the Lithuanian emigre picture would be subject to attack if it were known that he was employed by CIA.
- (2) [ ]: This agent's business would be almost completely ruined if his CIA connections were known overtly, since it is doubtful that his foreign business contacts would want to continue trading with his firm.
- (3) [ ]: Subject is in very poor financial condition and would be dependent entirely on CIA funds. It is hoped that an additional type of control can be developed later through subject's mother, who lives in the United States.
- (4) [ ]: Subject's immigration to the United States is being assisted by CIA. In addition, CIA is holding in escrow a substantial sum of his money.

b. The following motivation can be attributed to each agent:

- (1) [ ]: Strong ideological opposition to Communism, financial, and a desire to place the "Lithuanian Activist Front" in favor with the U. S. Government.
- (2) [ ]: Ideological opposition to Communism and a desire to place the "Lithuanian Activist Front" in favor

SECRET

- 1 - Copy of 7 - Copies

SECRET

with the U. S. Government.

- (3) [ ] : Desire to "do some good" with his life, dislike of the Soviets, and financial.
- (4) [ ] : Strong anti-Soviet feelings generated by the forcible occupation of his homeland by the Soviets; desire for a better living than that which the ordinary refugee leads, i.e., a life with a certain degree of excitement, and a sense of active participation in something ultimately beneficial to mankind; and, to a reasonable degree, financial.

13. Equipment and Other Support

It is probable that S/W systems will be required. However, it is not possible to estimate the quantity or quality at this time.

14. Coordination

Coordination with EE Division has been effected.

15. Timetable

This project will be activated immediately upon its approval. However, those activities which will be based in Germany will not start until the planned assignment in Germany of the case officer of this project in Spring 1955.

SECRET

- 4 - Copy of 7 - Copies



CRYPTONYM: AEMANNER

PART II

16. Estimated Cost \*

The estimated cost of AEMANNER for the first year is as follows:

Compensation:

<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	- - - - -	\$3000.00	1,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	- - - - -	\$2000.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	- - - - -	<del>\$4000.00</del>	5,000	
Total Compensation - - - - -				6000.00
				<del>\$9000.00</del>
Travel - - - - -				\$3000.00
Operational Expenses - - - - -				4000.00
				<del>\$2000.00</del>
				13,000.00
				<del>\$14,000.00</del>
				TOTAL - - - - -

*Note: Changed after discussion with Hq. 10, 15 April 1955. Bl*

17. Special Problems and Commitments

- a. If   declines to remain in the Lithuanian SSR indefinitely and returns to the West, assurances to assist him in immigrating to the United States will be made. If such a commitment is necessary, the case will be coordinated with Alien Affairs Staff of the Security Office.
- b. In the event that   and   are unable to emigrate from Germany to the United States because of long waiting periods to receive a quota allotment, it will be necessary to assist them in this matter.

*1 cc destroyed  
8 Jan 1958-72*