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11 May 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI Plans Staff

SUBJECT : Request Renewal Project AEMANNER

1. The main effort of Project AEMANNER during its initial phase, 30 April 1955 to 30 April 1956, was to develop REDSKIN leads. Project AEMANNER did produce operational information but not positive intelligence during that period.

2. Project AEMANNER has produced a number of REDSKIN and REDSOX leads which are of operational value. These leads were developed through the part time involvement of one field case officer and a small investment of approximately \$13,000. No other support personnel of CIA were involved.

3. The activity undertaken under Project AEMANNER is furthering the Clandestine Services General Plan - USSR Operational Program - Revised FY 1957 - Initial FY 1958. (NOTE: See Section B, page 5.)

4. Summary of 1955-1956 activities and planned future activities:

a. AEMANNER Project was initially approved 30 April 1955 and has been in operation for one year. During the past year this project has:

- (1) established approximately 8 mail channels into the Lithuanian SSR,
- (2) recruited one individual for a repatriation mission into the USSR,
- (3) assisted in recruiting three REDSOX agent candidates,
- (4) spotted two individuals that can be exploited of FP and operational information concerning the Lithuanian SSR,
- (5) recruited three individuals that have accessibility to merchant seamen plying the Baltic Sea and visit SSR seaports,
- (6) established contacts among emigre groups who inform us of information concerning REDSKIN activity.

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- b. The field would like the continuance of Project AEMANNER because it has:
- (1) requested the status concerning the planned dispatch date to Germany of contract agent [redacted],
 - (2) recruited [redacted] for a repatriation mission to the USSR and [redacted] is presently undergoing training in Germany,
 - (3) requested that security clearances for [redacted] be amended to include [redacted]'s use as a principle agent in Project AEMANNER,
 - (4) requested Headquarters to include two safe-houses in the financial allotment for Project AEMANNER.
- c. The future plans for Project AEMANNER activity are the following:
- (1) to train, brief and dispatch [redacted] to the USSR,
 - (2) to continue spotting, recruiting, briefing, debriefing, and developing REBSECK agents which will lead to prospective agents for repatriation,
 - (3) to continue spotting for prospective REBSECK agent candidates,
 - (4) to continue spotting and developing leads which will lead to mail channels into the USSR,
 - (5) to continue spotting and recruiting merchant seamen plying the Baltic Sea and who put into SSR seaports,
 - (6) to continue developing FP and operational information concerning the Lithuanian SSR,
 - (7) to recruit one more agent presently residing in Stockholm, Sweden. This possible agent has been granted an Operational Approval. This man is well known among Lithuanian emigre circles and can be used as a REBSECK spotter and developer. If he is recruited an amendment to Project AEMANNER will be submitted for salary purposes,
 - (8) to dispatch [redacted] to Germany approximately mid-July. [redacted] was recruited in the United States and is presently undergoing training in the Headquarters area.

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d. It is expected that Project AEMANNER will produce some information and positive intelligence in the period 1 August 1956 to 31 July 1957 period.

e. The contract agent personnel have performed satisfactorily in regards to cover and security, however, it is expected they will be more effective in bringing forth information and positive intelligence.

f. Finances

(1) A total of \$13,000 was spent on Project AEMANNER from 30 April 1955 to 30 April 1956.

(2) The funding requirements for the renewal period 1 August 1956 to 31 July 1957 is as follows:

Salary:

=	1	\$ 1,500.00
£	1	2,000.00
£	1	1,500.00
£	1	<u>5,000.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$10,000.00

Travel:

Area Travel for Project AEMANNER . \$ 3,000.00

Operational Expenses:

Expected rental for 2 units @ \$2,000 per year. \$ 4,000.00*

Entertainment, recruiting, spotting, developing leads, briefing, debriefing, and for the purchase of information \$ 4,000.00

Purchase of operational vehicle. . \$ 1,400.00**

Maintenance of vehicle @ \$50 per month. \$ - 600.00

TOTAL \$13,000.00

GRAND TOTAL \$23,200.00

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*Furnishings and titles to housing units will be retained by KUBARK. This expenditure is necessitated to procure houses for safehouse purposes on the German economy. Houses were previously provided by the Army at no cost to KUBARK.

**The bill of sale made out to [] will be kept by KUBARK and [] will sign a Declaration of Trust certifying government ownership of the vehicle.

g. Commitments

(1) Approved Commitments:

If [] and his wife are unable to emigrate from Germany to the United States due to a long waiting period to receive a quota of allotment, it will be necessary to assist them in this matter. If assistance is required, the case officer will coordinate with Alien Affairs Staff of the Security Office.

(2) Contemplated Commitments:

If [] is transferred to Project AEMANNER, an additional \$1,000 will have to be set aside for salary purposes, and will be done by an amendment to Project AEMANNER.

(3) If [] returns from his mission to the USSR assurances will be made to assist him in immigrating to any location in the West exclusive of the United States. If [] accepts to remain in the USSR on a long term basis and returns bearing vital information, then attempts will be made to assist him to immigrate to the United States. If such commitments are necessary, the case officer will coordinate with Alien Affairs Staff of the Security Office.

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h. Approval is requested for the period ^{1 August} ~~30 April~~ 1956
to ~~30 April~~ 1957.

31 July

SR/2/Lithuanian Section

CONCUR: _____

Chief, SR/2

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