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1 MAY 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DD/P

SUBJECT : Project AEMANNER (Extension and Termination)
SR - Frankfurt OB

1. The attached project, originating in SR Division, is presented for your approval of an extension for the period 1 August 1958 through 30 April 1959 and the termination of the project on the latter date. Activities under the project have been directed principally to the exploitation of mail channels to Lithuania and contacts with selected emigres and legal travelers to and from the USSR, particularly the Lithuanian SSR. This extension provides for the continuance of the project activities during a period in which the assets of the project are being liquidated, or transferred to other project entities. This action (to terminate the project) is consonant with a decision to reorganize the projects supporting Baltic FI operations, on the basis of a project for each of the principal agents and his operations.

2. Authority is requested to obligate \$26,500 from the DD/P-SR Division operating budget for fiscal year 1959. These estimates contain the terminal salaries of the agents credited to the project with their terminations or transfers to other projects occurring throughout the period. Principal salary items are for [redacted], now [redacted] and [redacted], who was transferred to Project AECORSAIR effective 1 March 1959, and [redacted] who will be placed in Project CAMANNER, under the control of EE Division. Other estimates are for agent travel, operational expenses and safehouse rentals and maintenance during the period of the extension.

3. The attached memorandum, prepared by the Division, emphasizes that although the project AEMANNER is being terminated, the objectives of the project are not. The recruitment of legal resident agents in the Lithuanian SSR, the briefing and debriefing of legal travelers to and from Lithuania, and the production of intelligence on the Lithuanian SSR are to be continued through other projects and operational activities. The memorandum details the disposition of the agent and operational assets and reviews the activities conducted under the project since December 1957. It is reported that most of the activity was carried out by [redacted] and [redacted] in support of operations against CAVENUE or as a part of the AECORSAIR and AECOMPASS operations.

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4. Appropriate components of the Senior Staffs recommend the extension and termination of the project as requested. I recommend this action also in view of the fact the viable assets of the project are thereby being utilized and that appropriate project actions have been or are being taken to transfer and/or dispose of the agent assets.

Chief
FI/OPS Division

Chief
Foreign Intelligence

Approved: _____
COP-DD/P

Date

Attachment:
Project Outline AEMANNER

Staff Coordination:
For C/FI/OPS -s/ []
For C/CI Staff -s/ []
For C/RQM/RE -s/ []
For C/CCD -s/ []

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI

SUBJECT : Project AEMANNER - Extension and Termination
Frankfurt Operations Base

Headquarters Case Officer
Name E
Room 2611 J
Extension 8545
Date 1 April 1959

1. The attached project memorandum provides for the termination of Project AEMANNER. It is submitted for extension from 1 August 1958 to 30 April 1959.
2. Authority is requested to obligate \$26,500 from the DD/P-SR Division budget for FY 1959, subject to the availability of funds.
3. Also attached is the field renewal request with Branch comments.

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Chief, SR Division

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CRYPTONYM: AEMANNER

1. Reference is made to our memorandum on the same subject, dated 3 September 1958, which is superseded by this memorandum. The memorandum was reworked on the basis of discussions between FI/OPS/Projects Branch and SR/2, because of operational developments in the field that required greater expenditures than originally anticipated, and in order to carry [] until Project AECORSAIR was approved, effective 1 March 1959.

2. We ask you to authorize extension of Project AEMANNER from 1 August 1958 through 30 April 1959 and its termination effective 30 April 1959. This date was chosen at the request of the field case officer in order to give the field sufficient time to liquidate or transfer the assets now being financed by the Project AEMANNER as outlined below. Because the termination date is nine months beyond the expiration date of the last renewal, we ask at the same time for a nine months extension of Project AEMANNER in the amount of \$26,500. The decision to terminate the Project is based on a study of a Field Project Outline submitted by Frankfurt Operations Base, of which a copy is attached. It is also consonant with our belief that a project can be more efficiently administered and controlled if it is based on one principal agent rather than on a variety of agents and activities. This approach was jointly worked out by officers of FI/OPS/Projects Branch and SR. See memorandum on SR/2 Baltic FI Projects addressed to Projects Branch, and dated 4 November 1958. The Field is aware of and agrees with this termination action.

3. The reasons for deciding to terminate Project AEMANNER are based on the changes in paragraph nine of the attached Field Project Outline. The principal change is the transfer of [] to Project AECORSAIR, leaving [] as the only remaining major asset. According to paragraph five b. of the FPO, [] now spends most of his time in operations outside of the Baltic field. Therefore, a separate project to support his activities is indicated.

4. We wish to emphasize that although we are terminating Project AEMANNER, we are not dropping its principal objectives, namely, the recruitment of legal resident agents in the Lithuanian SSR, the briefing and debriefing of legal travelers to and from Lithuania, and the production of intelligence on the Lithuanian SSR and the USSR by the use of Lithuanian, both in Lithuania and in the West. These activities will be continued at FOB by such contacts as [] and by looking on a developmental basis for new means of legal contact with Lithuania. If the potential REDSKIN travel does not exist, the objective will be modified.

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5. The activities in the period of this extension and disposition planned for the agent assets now under Project AEMANNER is as follows:

a. [redacted], Operational Approval, C-3719, granted 28 August 1952.) [redacted], who is now living in Chicago, has been receiving \$25.00 a month for occasional REDSKIN spotting. He has provided occasional information. However, because there has been little REDSKIN travel from the United States to Lithuania and because of the limited opportunities for case officer contact with [redacted], we are terminating his retainer effective 30 April 1959. However, we will continue his OA on an active status in case he is needed for spot operational assignments.

b. [redacted]. (Operational Approval, C-36744, dated 27 April 1955.) Because of other operational activity [redacted] has not yet contacted [redacted]. We will therefore terminate him with the termination of the project keeping his OA active so that he can be available on a spot basis for REDSKIN contact work. Arrangements are such that he can be contacted through ([redacted]), FOB, or Headquarters.

c. [redacted], Covert Security Approval 5992, dated 29 September 1954 and amended 20 August 1955.) [redacted] was transferred to Project AEJAMMER on 24 April 1958.

d. [redacted], ([redacted], CSA C-34792, #117057, granted 14 January 1956.) [redacted] is now primarily engaged in EE Division activities, CAVENUE and CAPLEXUS. FOB has submitted a field project outline which EE Division will process. During the past year [redacted] has recruited and spotted assets to work against CAVENUE, has served as a trainer, helped installment of an audio installation. He has made agent contact with AECOMPASS agents. [redacted] will be carried under this project until 30 April 1959 unless the new project is approved earlier.

e. [redacted] (C-42995; OA granted 24 January 1956.) [redacted] has been terminated. He was used to receive mail from the USSR.

f. [redacted] (C-36770) [redacted] has been terminated. His OA was cancelled on 2 September 1958. He was previously used to receive mail from a REDSOX agent in Lithuania.

g. [redacted] (C-43002) has been terminated. His OA was cancelled 22 September 1958. He was used to receive mail from the USSR in an operation that is no longer necessary.

h. [redacted] (C-43879) was terminated effective 31 October 1958. His OA was cancelled 17 October 1958. He was used to receive mail for the USSR.

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i. [] (C-43260; OA granted 25 February 1956) is to be terminated effective 25 February 1959 because of immigration to the United States. He was recruited as an accomodation address.

j. [] . There has been no contact with [] since 1956. He will be dropped from any project until such time as contact again becomes possible.

k. [] (C-43080; OA granted 13 February 1956) has been terminated. He was used to receive mail from the USSR.

l. [] (C-53805; OA granted 23 August 1956) is no longer being used regularly in any capacity. The OA will be kept active, however, for targets of opportunity. If she should be used in the future, spot payments may be made from SR/OOA. She maintained correspondence with a Soviet Lithuanian who was a potential traveler to the USSR. The travel, however, never took place.

m. [] (C-56643; OA granted 25 March 1957) was terminated effective 31 October 1958. The OA has been cancelled. She was used as a letter drop.

n. [] (C-57869; OA granted 25 March 1957) has been terminated. The OA was cancelled 22 September 1958. He was used as a letter drop.

o. [] (C-56210; PCSA granted 1 May 1957) was terminated in June 1957 when agent responsibility was accepted by OO/Contacts Division.

p. [] (C-64008) was never recruited because of his past connections with UPSWING.

q. [] (C-61158) was terminated because of immigration to the United States. He was used as a letter drop.

r. [] ; C-42522; OA granted 15 December 1955 and amended 26 March 1956) now designated [] is hereby transferred to Project AECORSAIR, effective 1 February 1959. [] was used as principal agent by FOB for a variety of activities, including AECOMPASS, CAVENUE, and Baltic REDSKIN. He also developed a letter writing and mailing operation. He directed the activities of four other agents for FOB. Complete details were submitted in Project AECORSAIR.

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6. Activities since the last renewal, 23 December 1957.

a. Conduct of an SW operation with an internal asset recruited by [redacted]. This asset was given early warning requirements from which several reports and one dissemination was made. We are now trying to get him to report on a high priority air field. His production to date has been discouraging and his bona fides have not been definitely established. His activities will continue under Project AEPONIARD, which is being submitted for approval.

b. Several prospective travelers to Lithuania were spotted and contacted. All of them were of Lithuanian national extraction, but they did not receive Soviet visas. Two of these were spotted at FOB, several at Headquarters, and one by [redacted].

c. A Lithuanian American was recruited for a trip to the Lithuanian parts of Poland. This agent was the object of an attempted recruitment by the Polish Security service or the RIS acting under the cover of Polish Security. FOB has spotted a German professor who will contact Lithuanian groups in Poland.

d. Several letter drops for mail from the Soviet Union were recruited and maintained.

e. Preparations were made to recruit a Soviet Lithuanian traveling in West Germany, but the traveler never appeared.

f. Most of the activity under this project in FOB was carried out by [redacted] and [redacted] (now [redacted]). Because the major share of their activity was in support of activity against CAVENUE or was directly or indirectly concerned with AECORSAIR and AECOMPASS operations, the fruits of their work did not contribute to the advancement of the objectives of AEMANNER. The cost of this project, however, supported all of these activities and was therefore much larger than justified by the production of AEMANNER.

7. Financial. \$26,500 will be required for the period 1 August 1958 to 30 April 1959. Of the amount FOB spent \$19,689.09 between 1 August 1958 and 28 February 1959; Headquarters spent \$4,654 which represents the salary and quarters of [redacted] and [redacted]. In the following breakdown only estimates are given as to the actual breakdown of agent travel and operational expenses. The reason for this is that field accountings from the German Station do not contain detailed breakdowns, and because the amounts actually spent do not correspond with the field's original estimate of expenditure.

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Agent Salaries

[9 months	\$ 225
	9 months	4,050
	9 months	110
	3 months	25
	7 months	85
	3 months	40
/	2 months	25
[() 7 months	<u>1,940</u>

TOTAL SALARIES \$ 6,500

Agent Travel 7,500)

Operational Expenses 7,000

Safehouse Rental and Maintenance

	(Safehouse and living quarters)	\$ 900)
	(Safehouse and living quarters)	2,200)
	Safehouse used by case officer	500)
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TOTAL SAFEHOUSE RENTAL AND MAINTENANCE \$ 5,500

TOTAL \$26,500)