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9 May 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: FI/OPS/PROJECTS

SUBJECT: SR/2 Request for Renewal of Project AEMARSH.

1. On the cover sheet CI/OPS/SOV concurred with some reservations, set out below.

2. Re AEMARSH-5: CI Staff should be given, preferably before 30 June 1957, a report furnishing the results of security review, especially with regard to contamination, if any, of other personnel in the project, and of any CE information developed in the process. Discussion with the desk officer indicates that AEMARSH-5 is to be terminated for security reasons. He has a sister living in Latvia, where he reportedly engaged in partisan activities from 1946 to 1950, when he was imprisoned by the MVD, under a 25 year forced labor sentence. While in custody, he was a close friend of another inmate, Hermann THALHAMMER. The latter, after release, confessed to the British, in Austria in July-August 1955, that he had been recruited by Soviet intelligence. He stated further that another inmate, a mutual friend, Dr. Walter BEHRENS, was also recruited by the Soviets, thereafter proceeding to Hamburg, Germany. These friends, after release, were involved in the building of "anti-Communist" groups. AEMARSH-5 came out before November 1955 inasmuch as his name was traced in October 1955. He was debriefed by AEMARSH-1. He was granted POA 10 April 1956 and an OA on 23 May 1956. AEMARSH-5 has made no admissions concerning Soviet IS contact, if any. As far as is known, no CE interrogation has been conducted. Further clarification awaits field reporting.

3. Re L []: It is recommended that L [], if he comes out, be given a CE interrogation prior to any operational utilization. It is noted that he lives in Latvia with his wife and two children. His step-father was a member of the CP in Italy after World War II, and his mother, though reportedly not a member of the CP itself, had some Communist affiliations. L [] himself is reported to have been a "former partisan of an anti-Communist underground group".

4. Generally, it is noted that alleged anti-Communist underground or partisan groups in the Ukraine, the Baltic area and Poland have proved frequently to be penetrated by or even controlled and run by State Security for CE provocation purposes. Based upon this experience, persons claiming "partisan" or "underground" membership or experience appear to deserve CE scrutiny.

5. Re AECAMBARO-1: It is recommended that consideration be given to conducting a security review and possibly, another polygraph test on

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AEGAMBARO-1. He claims to have joined an anti-Soviet underground group in 1940; to have penetrated the SD (German Security-Intelligence Service); to have been arrested by the Gestapo (German Secret State Police) and released after several months. At the end of World War II, in 1945, he claims to have organized and led a "partisan group" in Soviet occupied Latvia, which group sent him to Sweden as its emissary at the end of 1945. His parents remained in Latvia. From 1945 to 1951 he headed the "contacts group", in touch with and possibly working for Swedish, British and Danish intelligence services. In 1951 he was given a polygraph test by [] rated "excellent", although it was noted that he has some heart trouble.

6. CI/OPS has recommended to the desk officer that he consult with SR/COP/CE concerning possible CE implications of this project.

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CI/OPS/SOV

O&I - addressee
1 - CI/OA
1 - SR/COP/CE

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12 March 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI/Plans

SUBJECT : Request for Renewal of Project AEMARSH

1. It is requested that Project AEMARSH be renewed for the period 1 August 1956 through 28 February 1958 in the amount of \$150,000.

2. Past Approvals.

<u>Type of Action</u>	<u>Approving Officer</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>	<u>Funds Authorized</u>
Approval	COP-ED/P	1 Dec 53 to 30 Apr 55	\$150,000
Amendment	C/VI	effective 28 Feb 55	\$150,000
Extension	C/VI	1 Mar 55 to 31 May 55	\$150,000
Extension	C/VI	1 June 55 to 31 July 55	\$150,000
Renewal	C/VI	1 Aug 55 to 31 July 56	\$150,000

Amount in new project renewal

3. Accomplishments to date since the last renewal of the Project.

a. [] a Latvian DP, was recruited in Germany. He received training and briefing and assigned the mission of establishing himself in the Soviet Union in the guise of a repatriate. He was legally repatriated in November 1956. It is planned for two-way S/W communications to commence in the near future.

b. [], a Soviet legal traveler from Latvia was recruited in Sweden in August 1956. He received training and briefing and returned to the Latvian SSR. Two-way S/W communications with him are in process of being established.

c. [], [] and [], maritime personnel who visit Soviet Baltic ports, were recruited in Germany. They are sources of positive and operational intelligence and engage in certain operational tasks such as mailing of letters inside USSR to our agents in residence there.

These 3 have been transferred to Project AECOMPASS

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d. Five agents for "Hot War" use were recruited in the U.S. during December 1956. These cases were transferred to another SR component for utilization under Project ABRHADI.

e. Four prospective agents, prepared to undertake a mission to the USSR, have been spotted. One of them has been recruited and is standing by for assignment.

f. [] [], legal resident of Latvia, a former partisan of an anti-communist underground group expects to visit his mother in the west. We are already in touch with him via a PA and plan to recruit him.

g. [] [] and [] [] continue to be used for spotting in the U.S.

h. ASCABANO/1 [Raymond S. Chargin (P)] will remain on this Project. ~~We are examining the possibility of assigning him to Germany on a PCB basis.~~

4. New Personnel.

In order to exploit more effectively the REDSKIN leads in Sweden we plan to add the following personnel to this Project:

a. [] []. A Latvian DP residing in Sweden. He is one of the best known of Latvian literary men in the emigration, enjoys great prestige among the younger Latvian exiles, and is regarded as the cultural leader of Latvians in Scandinavia. His unique role allows him wide entre and vast contacts among Latvians in all walks of life.

b. [] []. A Latvian naturalized citizen of Sweden. One-time cutout and general utility agent of [] [] who is still called upon from time to time for special tasks. He has a part-time job with a real-estate and insurance firm in Stockholm and is in position to contact many Latvians under natural cover. He enjoys extensive contacts among Latvian emigres in Sweden through whom he is kept aware of REDSKIN prospects and opportunities. We plan to put him under contract as requested by the field.

5. Changes.

Inasmuch as our experience in the Latvian sphere shows that the pursuit of REDSKIN leads in the U.S. is far less productive than a similar,

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equal, effort in Western Europe, it has been decided that emphasis on the area of operations should be shifted accordingly. The following personnel changes, therefore, have been, or are about to be, effected:

a. ~~AEFLAG/27~~ has been transferred to the ~~AERPLANE~~ Project and is now in Germany.

b. ~~AEFLAG/27~~, who is being transferred to the AEFLAG Project, will remain in the U.S.

c. is being terminated as no longer productive. P.

~~d. AEMARSH/5 was terminated for security reasons.~~

e. AEMARSH/1 will remain with this Project to carry on with the development of REDSKIN operations in Germany. PA

Rec'd

6. Breakdown of Project Costs:

a. For period 1 August 1956 through 28 February 1957

Compensation

AECAMBARD/1 (Chargin) \$3,081.00

AEMARSH/1 1,167.00

AEMARSH/5 341.00

Total Salaries \$

Travel

Operational Expenses

Total expenses 1 Aug 1956 - 28 Feb 1957 \$

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	Maintenance Cover Organization	☐ ☐
	Miscellaneous Ops Expenses	☐ ☐
	<i>Cache equipment</i>	☐ ☐
	Case officer travel	☐ ☐

Total Other Expenses

☐ ☐

Grand Total per 12 month period

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☐ Chief, SA/2 ☐

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MATERIEL AND FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS ANNEX

PROJECT - AEMARSH - FI

	<u>FY 1957</u>	<u>FY 1958</u>	<u>Total</u>
I. MATERIEL			
A. ZI - None			
B. Offshore			
1. Cameras, photo equipment and supplies	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1000
2. Recorder	500		500
3. Recording tapes and misc. supplies	500	500	1000
4. Operational gifts	500	500	1000
Total Materiel	1500	1500	3000

II. FACILITIES - None

III. SUMMARY: Total materiel cost to support AEMARSH - FI for the period from 1 March 1957 through 28 February 1958 is estimated at \$ 1500 for FY-57 and \$ 1500 for FY-58.

Chief, SR/Logistics

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