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From: Chief, SR
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1. The recent cancellation of the Political Action School under ZRELOPE places CIA in an embarrassing position vis-a-vis the student-candidates, some of whom, in good faith, altered personal and educational plans considerably by agreeing to attend the course offered here. This situation is particularly true in the case of the three Byelorussian candidates, who were recommended by a political organization, the Byelorussian National Council (BNR).
2. The continued whole-hearted cooperation of the BNR is essential to the intelligence mission of the U.S. in the Byelorussian SSR. The non-acceptance of its already favorably assessed candidates, added to other decisions which they have interpreted as indicating a lack of full sympathy on our part, will almost certainly have unfortunate repercussions unless we demonstrate our good faith in this matter.
3. In light of the above it is requested that a special fund of \$3,000. be allocated for the purpose of financing the three Byelorussian P/A student-candidates for a period of one year at a European University. Their courses of study will be determined in consultations with a competent case officer; the suggested curriculum will be one which will parallel closely those courses formerly offered at the P/A school, and the case officer will keep in close contact with the students throughout their course.
4. It is believed that in this manner a potentially explosive situation can be avoided and, at the same time, CIA will be furnished with three politically competent individuals who can be exploited in exactly the same manner as ZRELOPE graduates. Actually, in many respects CIA's case officer assessment and controls will be superior under this plan. Further, the cost per student will be considerably under that required by ZRELOPE.
5. These individuals should be the only ones under the cognizance of this division who will require this special handling. The other SR candidates, however, are being surveyed in this respect but the Byelorussians represent the immediate problem.

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6. It is suggested that some system of this sort be established as a long-term substitute for the ZRELOPE P/A school.

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#3 Approved

We may however work out more desirable arrangements with a University in U.S.

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