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SECURITY INFORMATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY, PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Project AEQUOR (FP Portion Only)

1. This is to advise that this date I have given preliminary approval to the FP portion of Project AEQUOR in the amount of \$15,400 for FY'53, the same amount previously authorized in principle in the approved SR/FP Program for FY'53. AEQUOR is that joint FP/FI project targeted at Byelorussia. The FP portion supports and exploits the Byelorussian National Council (BNC) for the purpose of ultimately developing FP assets in Byelorussia. Inasmuch as current infiltration/penetration efforts are conducted by FI, the FP portion is primarily a support mechanism at this time; and more specifically it subsidizes two periodicals published in Germany by the BNC. Through these publications, a degree of control is exerted over the BNC and it is integrated into a more cohesive force. Most important, it is believed that they are effective in motivating personnel into undertaking operational missions. In addition, they will be disseminated behind the Iron Curtain in the future as practicable.

2. The aforementioned publications have been subsidized heretofore with FI and developmental funds. This action creates a separate allotment which, within its total amount, will assume all obligations, past and future during FY'53, made in connection with these subsidies.

3. Final approval is subject to the approval of an Administrative Plan by this office and DD/A.

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Deputy Director (Plans)

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