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Project Outline

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PROJECT AEQUOR

1. Area of Operations

The Byelorussian SSR.

2. Purpose

The purpose of Project AEQUOR is to undermine and weaken the influence and control of the USSR through the conduct, expansion, and support of clandestine operations within the Byelorussian SSR. The FI portion of Project AEQUOR is a part of the USSR FY 1954 Country Program.

3. Reference

SR Memorandum to Chief, FI/Plans; dated 27 February 1953; Subject: Request for Extension of Project AEQUOR; approved by Chief, Plans, on 21 March 1953.

4. Background

Project AEQUOR was originated during FY 1952; initial approval was granted from 1 July 1951 through 30 June 1952.

The facilities of the Byelorussian National Council (BNR), the Byelorussian government-in-exile, have been utilized to spot, recruit, train, and dispatch penetration agents into the Byelorussian SSR. To date, a one-man team was air-dropped in the fall of 1951 and a four-man team was air-dropped in the autumn of 1952. The latter team, minus one agent, is currently operating in the Byelorussian SSR. There are no plans for dispatching a team in FY 1953. 54

5. Objective

Mounting of clandestine operations in the Byelorussian SSR for the following purposes:

- A. Support the team currently in operation in the Byelorussian SSR.
- B. Utilization of facilities already established within the Byelorussian SSR for the purpose of intelligence procurement operations in the USSR.

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C. Establish a support structure for the conduct of future clandestine activities into the Byelorussian SSR.

D. Establish contact with and support remnants of any existing resistance movement within the Byelorussian SSR.

E. Utilization of the Byelorussian operation as a base to mount future clandestine operations into other areas of the USSR.

6. Targets

A. Airfields and industrial installations in the Byelorussian SSR.

B. Major political, population, and rail centers of the Byelorussian SSR.

7. Tasks

A. To spot, recruit, train, equip, and dispatch agents into the Byelorussian SSR, and to exfiltrate such agents when possible.

B. To maintain contact with any existing partisans or resistance movement within the Byelorussian SSR.

C. To establish and maintain communications between the team operating in the Byelorussian SSR and any team which will be dispatched in the future.

D. To collect operational and positive intelligence in the Byelorussian SSR.

E. To establish operational support facilities in the Byelorussian SSR by obtaining documentation information, establishing safe houses, preparing transit facilities, etc.

F. To provide support (supplies and communications equipment) to the team currently in operation within the Byelorussian SSR.

8. Personnel

Cryptonyms and Personal Data:

A. CAMBISTA 2 -- Chief operations officer, chief recruiter, and spotter.

B. CAMBISTA 4 -- President of the political emigre group; he is the advisor to the overall BNR-KUBARK joint operation.

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3.

C. GAMBISTA 5 - liaison officer between the BNR and KUBARK; if necessary can be utilized as instructor and safe-house keeper.

D. CAMPOSANTO's 6, 8, and 9 -- members of the AEQUOR team currently operating in the Byelorussian SSR.

E. Recruitment of agent personnel for FY 1954 will commence in the fall of 1953; it is contemplated that three agents will be trained for dispatch in FY 1954.

9. Operational Clearance

All principal and sub-agents listed above have been granted Full Operational Clearance.

All agents recruited for training will be processed for Full Operational Clearance.

10. Cover

A. Initial spotting and recruiting is performed by the principal agent in the name of the emigre organization.

B. After an agent is found eligible, he is turned over to KUBARK for final assessment and training. The agent only knows that he is working for American intelligence.

C. The agent is provided a story to account for his disappearance from his place of residence. Letter drops will be provided if the agent desires to retain contact with a wife, close friend, etc.

D. Cover during training, if in the United States, is the responsibility of Domestic Operations Base.

E. Cover of agents infiltrated into the Byelorussian SSR will vary as operational circumstances may require.

11. Contact and Communications

A. Each team will carry one or two W/T sets when dispatched.

B. Each team member will be trained in various S/W systems and will be provided with letter drops.

12. Control and Motivation

A. Ideological -- each principal and sub-agent is strongly

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motivated ideologically in their struggle against Communism.

B. Financial -- each principal agent is totally dependent on KUBARK for financial support.

13. Coordination

The project will be coordinated with the appropriate agencies of the U.S. Government as dictated by security regulations. Coordination with respect to major policy problems with the appropriate agencies will not compromise precise operational timetables, exact locations, or reveal identities of agent personnel.

14. Timetable

- A. Recruitment of agents: July through December 1953.
- B. Preliminary W/T training: Fall of 1953 after recruitment.
- C. Training of agents (DOB): January through July 1954.
- D. Dispatch: July through September 1954.

Part II

15. Estimated Cost

The estimated cost of Project AEQUOR for the period beginning 1 July 1953 and ending 30 June 1954 is broken down as follows:

Personnel

1 Chief Recruiter	\$3,600	
1 Training Assistant	3,600	
3 Agent trainees	2,000	
4 local Recruiting Officers	3,600	
3 Holding Accounts	<u>7,700</u>	
		\$20,500
Travel		10,000
Operational Expenses (entertainment, retainer fund for agents, miscellaneous)		4.400
Foreign currency		[4.400]
Materiel (See Logistical Annex)		<u>8,300</u>
		[8,300]
Total		[35,200]

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16. Re para 16, CSI No. 236-1, the following information is submitted:

AEQUOR operations have to date produced several items of documents intelligence from the Byelorussian SSR. The team currently operating in Byelorussia has been developing a support and intelligence collection network in accordance with objectives of the USSR Country Plan.

The progress of the current operation has been as satisfactory as could be expected in view of the team leader's death. It is contemplated that future AEQUOR operations will include the support of the present team as well as the dispatch of new teams into other areas of the Byelorussian SSR. There are no significant changes presently foreseen under this project.

Fi expenditures for Project AEQUOR during FY 1953 were approximately []

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Project AEQUOR be approved as requested.

Top Secret Enclosures:

1. TS 64562, Approved 22 September 1951.
2. TS 84889, Approved 5 December 1952.
3. TS 86786, Approved 31 March 1953.

LOGISTICAL ANNEX

LINE NO.	NOMENCLATURE	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	TOTAL COST
1.	GUN, Pen, cal. .405, tear gas	ea	\$ 8.17	3	\$ 24.51
2.	CARTRIDGE, Cal. .405, Special, Tear Gas	rd	.05	15	.75
3.	BAG, Burlap, 28" x 39"	ea	.26	6	1.56
4.	BAG, equipment, parachutist, M-1950, modified, w/30' drop cord	ea	54.90	3	164.70
5.	CANDLE, Slow burning	ea	.15	18	2.70
6.	CARRIER, Shovel, intrenching, M1943	ea	.40	2	.80
7.	CARTRIDGE, CO ₂ (for lifebelt)	ea	.10	6	.60
8.	CONTAINER, Assembly, aerial delivery, type A-6 (Cargo)	ea	35.60	2	71.20
9.	GLOVE, Mosquito	pair	.45	3	1.35
10.	NET, Fish, gill, nylon, Barbour's, 1½ inch mesh, complete w/floats and weights	ea	14.56	2	29.12
11.	NET, Head, mosquito, M-1944	ea	1.15	3	3.45
12.	OUTFIT, Cooking, 1 burner, Primus, M1950	ea	15.50	2	31.00
13.	PARACHUTE, Assembly, cargo, type G-1, w/pack assy. (24')	ea	66.50	2	133.00
14.	PARACHUTE, Personnel, M-10, 32 ft. canopy, camouflage, troop type	ea	294.65	3	883.95

LINE NO.	NOMENCLATURE	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	TOTAL COST
15.	REPELLENT, Mosquito (Stick Form)	ea	.05	6	.30
16.	ROPE, Nylon, parachutist, 3/8 inch, 33 foot, 500-600 lb. test	ea	2.80	3	8.40
17.	SHOVEL, Entrenching, M1943	ea	1.50	2	3.00
18.	SUIT, Cold war, complete w/jacket, trousers, rubber insulated boots and mittens	ea	88.25	3	264.75
19.	WAFER, Chocolate (Type Found in "C" Ration)	lb	1.60	12	19.20
20.	FLUID, Lighter, flame type, Energine	ea	.25	6	1.50
21.	KNIFE, Pocket, engineers, 4 blades, w/clavis	ea	1.90	3	5.70
22.	BELT, inflatable, waist, modified, w/two extra CO ₂ each	ea	4.25	3	12.75
23.	KIT, Fishing w/50' line, 10 sinkers & 5 cork floats, & hooks 30 assorted	set	3.00	2	6.00
24.	PAMPHLET, Survival USAF, AFM 64-1	ea	.10	3	.30
25.	UNIT AAA-15C, Air Pickup Winch (Ground Unit)	ea	250.00	2	500.00
26.	WATCH, Wrist, Swiss, (for Barter) Helbros, 17 jewel	ea	45.00	2	90.00
27.	CAMERA, Minox, No. 111, 8 mm., 3.5 lens	ea	95.00	3	285.00
28.	CAMERA, Stl., 35 mm., Leica, 111C, w/F2.8 lens w/case	ea	285.00	2	570.00
29.	CASE, Field, w/easy access for Minox III	ea	4.00	3	12.00

LINE NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	TOTAL COST
30.	CASE, Waterproof, film, 5 rolls per case (Flastic 35 mm	ea	.30	2	.60
31.	FILM, Black and White, 35 mm., 36 exp/roll, Super XX	roll	.87	4	3.48
32.	FILM, Photo., 8 mm., for Minox Camera, ASA24-DIN 12/10	can	1.82	6	10.92
33.	FILM, Photo., 8 mm., for Minox Camera ASA 40, DIN 17/10	can	1.82	6	10.92
34.	METER, Exposure, Leica	ea	30.00	2	60.00
35.	METER, Photographic, exposure, Minox lll, w/case	ea	22.00	3	66.00
36.	ARTICLES, Toilet, Soviet/Razor w/6 blades, brush, comb, tooth brush, and soap	set	2.50	3	7.50
37.	BAG, Carrying Cloth	ea	2.00	6	12.00
38.	BAG, Self sealing plastic type burial bag for short term burial with snaps or zipper	ea	4.00	6	24.00
39.	BELT, Military, Field, Soviet	ea	3.00	3	9.00
40.	BELT, Money, leather, civilian type zip comp. inside fare size	ea	3.50	3	10.50
41.	BELT, Soviet, work, w/buckle	ea	2.00	3	6.00
42.	BLANKET, Wool (or like) Soviet	ea	20.00	6	120.00
43.	BOOTS, Soviet or Shoe, Soviet	pair	20.00	6	120.00
44.	CAN, Meat w/cover, knife, fork, and spoon, Soviet or German	ea	3.50	3	10.50

LINE NO.	NOMENCLATURE	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	TOTAL COST
45.	CANTEEN, Soviet or German, w/cover & cup	ea	\$ 3.50	3	\$ 10.50
46.	CAP, Soviet, cloth	ea	4.00	3	12.00
47.	CAP, Soviet, fur	ea	3.50	6	21.00
48.	COMPASS, German Bizard	ea	5.00	3	15.00
49.	FLASHLIGHT, Soviet, w/multiple head (Infra-red, 2 cell, w/extra batteries)	ea	3.00	6	18.00
50.	JACKET, Soviet (Pidzhal)	ea	15.00	6	90.00
51.	KIT, Sewing, Individual, Soviet	ea	.60	6	3.60
52.	KNIFE, Hunting, Sterile, 6-in. blade w/sheath, Soviet	ea	5.00	6	30.00
53.	KNIFE, Pocket, Combination, Soviet or German	ea	7.00	3	21.00
54.	LIGHTER, Cigarette, w/access. Soviet	ea	5.00	6	30.00
55.	MATCHES, Soviet, Waterproof	ea bx	.10	15	1.50
56.	MEMO, Pad, Soviet, w/paper suitable for S/W	ea	1.00	12	12.00
57.	OUTFIT, Kilfitt (Consists of gunstock, reflex housing, 300 mm telescopic lens, and cable release for Leica camera)	ea	260.00	2	520.00
58.	OVERCOAT, Wool, Soviet, Second-hand (used)	ea	30.00	6	180.00
59.	PANTS, Soviet, Wool, Work	pair	10.00	6	60.00

LINE NO.	NOMENCLATURE	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	TOTAL COST
60.	PENCIL, Soviet, wooden, w/chewed up end	ea	\$ 1.00	12	\$ 12.00
61.	PISTOL, Cal. .22, auto. Hi-standard, Mdl. B w/silencer, long rifle	ea	70.00	2	140.00
62.	RUCKSACK, Soviet, w/waterproofed cover	ea	2.50	3	7.50
63.	SCARF, Wool, Soviet (any type rag that would serve the purpose)	ea	4.00	3	12.00
64.	SCISSORS, Soviet, small	ea	2.00	2	4.00
65.	SHIRT, Soviet, work (Gray or Dark material)	ea	10.00	12	120.00
66.	STOVE, Pocket, Heatab, Midget, w/heating tablets (German)	ea	1.10	6	6.60
67.	SUIT, 2 pc., work, Soviet Army, Telogreika, modified	set	25.00	3	75.00
68.	SUITCASE, Soviet, paper laminated	ea	30.00	2	60.00
69.	SWEATER, Wool (or like) Soviet	ea	10.00	6	60.00
70.	TABLETS, Heating, to be used w/German Midget Stove (Heatabs)	ea	.04	600	24.00
71.	TOBACCO, Soviet, Loose	lb	5.00	12	60.00
72.	UNDERWEAR, Soviet, cotton	set	6.00	12	72.00
73.	UNDERWEAR, Soviet, long wool	set	12.00	12	144.00
74.	WALLET, Soviet (for money and ID papers)	ea	5.00	3	15.00

LINE NO.	NOMENCLATURE	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	TOTAL COST
75.	WATCH, wrist, Soviet, low-grade	ea	\$ 40.00	3	\$120.00
76.	WINDBREAKER, Soviet, Nylon or Poplin 10' x 20' (See Mitchell)	ea	15.00	3	45.00
77.	WRAPS, Foot, Soviet, peasant style (under boots)	pair	2.00	12	24.00
78.	CARTRIDGE, 9 mm., Parabellum	rd	.05	117	5.85
79.	MAGAZINE, Cal. 9mm., Belgium Browning, Pistol, M1935	ea	2.50	6	15.00
80.	PISTOL, Cal. 9mm., Belgium Browning, M1935, w/leafsight and running aperture	ea	55.00	3	165.00
81.	CARTRIDGE, Cal. .22, Hi-standard, long rifle, hollow point	rd	.01	60	.60
82.	MAGAZINE, Assemble, Pistol cal. .22, Hi-standard mdl. C, 10-rd. cap.	ea	2.00	4	8.00
83.	APRICOTS, Dried	1½ lb ctn	.78	9	7.02
84.	RAISINS, Pkg.	15 oz pkg.	.26	9	2.34
85.	RATIONS, Ronne type - same as Pemican Ration (in lots of 2,000 economical order)	ration	2.88	270	777.60
86.	SALT	lb.	.11	2	.22
87.	TEA, Green (Lipton)	1 lb pkg	1.14	12	13.68
88.	AXE, pattern, handled, with beveled slot, steel handle and sheath, 3 3/8 inch	ea	2.40	2	4.80

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LINE NO.	NOMENCLATURE	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	TOTAL COST
89.	BAG, Plastic, thin envelope style 8" x 15"	ea	\$.39	30	\$ 11.70
90.	BAG, Plastic, thin, w/zipper on top 8" x 21" x 10"	ea	1.00	15	15.00
91.	BATTERIES, Flashlight 1.5 V ER #1040	ea	.08	12	.96
92.	BINOCULAR, Challenger, Featherweight, 8 x 25, French	ea	40.00	2	80.00
93.	BOUILLON CUBE	tin	.61	5	3.05
94.	CONTRACEPTIVES (any brand for waterproofing 35mm film)	dz	1.50	2	3.00
95.	FLINT, w/steel (file) and tinder	set	1.00	3	3.00
96.	SAW, Sod, rotary edger, hand operated cuts small strp. (sod must be lifted out manually)	ea	2.95	2	5.90
97.	SHEETING, Rubber (two running yds. each)	ea	1.86	3	5.58
98.	SNARE, Small game, wire (part of military sustenance kit)E-1	ea	1.00	6	6.00
99.	WATCH, Wrist, 17 jewel Benrus Golden Day Calendar Chronographic	ea	55.00	2	110.00
100.	KIT, First Aid, for 1 man, short term	ea	10.00	1	10.00
101.	KIT, First Aid, for 2 men, short term	ea	20.00	3	<u>60.00</u>

Project Total. \$6,939.01

Add 10% for Accessorial Charges. 693.90

Add 10% for Increased Costs in Production. 693.90

Total Project Charges - 7 - \$8,326.81