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21 April 1954

TO : SR/DOB
FROM : SR/3
SUBJECT: Request for training and training site for AEQUOR P/A

1. It is requested that a training site be procured for the purpose of training and quartering Principal Agent under the AEQUOR Project.

It is desirable that this site be located in a remote vicinity with ample wooded and open areas in which field problems can be carried out during the course of the training period. To insure optimum security the site should be located some distance away from homes and farms.

It is further requested that, prior to the leasing of any house or establishment, the appropriate case officer be contacted to inspect the premises to determine the suitability of the facilities and location.

2. Agents Available for Training

It is anticipated that one (1) AEQUOR Principal Agent will be trained at a safehouse during FY 1955. In all probability the Principal Agent will be active in the United States "white". Additional supporting information relative to the prospective trainee will be forwarded to DOB as it becomes available.

3. Termination of Training

The exact date of termination of the training will depend primarily upon the date the training will be initiated. However, it is anticipated that training should begin about 1 July 1954 and continue in force for a period of approximately one (1) year, making the tentative cut-off date 30 June 1955.

4. Instructors and Assistant

No indigenous personnel are available presently under the AEQUOR Project who can be utilized in instruction, translator, or assistant capacities for the agent-training program. Hence it will be necessary for DOB to furnish all instructor personnel. Upon satisfactory completion of the training program, AECAMBISTA 5 will be used to:

- (a) Act as Principal Agent in AEQUOR KUGOWN-KUFIRE operation.
- (b) Act as coordinator between KUBARK and AECAMBISTA 1.
- (c) Aid in the spotting, selection, assessment, recruiting, training and dispatch of agent personnel.

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5. Safehouse Keeper and Support Facilities

a. A safehouse keeping couple (preferably American) will be provided and paid by DOB. If an American couple is unavailable, it is requested that DOB A/R consider the selection, clearance and assessment of a naturalized Russian couple (ages 45-55) as housekeepers.

b. Messing: A well-qualified cook will be provided and paid by DOB. The housekeeping couple will be responsible for the preparation of meals.

c. Laundry: DOB will provide facilities for laundering of bulk items.

d. Medical: Medical facilities will be provided by DOB.

6. Case Officer Personnel

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<u>Language</u>	<u>Read</u>	<u>Speak</u>	<u>Write</u>
Ukrainian	good	good	good
Russian	fair	fair	fair
Polish	fair	fair	-
Byelorussian	fair	-	-

7. Courses to be taught by Case Officer

Case officer will discuss procedures and techniques for effective KUGOWN operations with AECAMBISTA 5. It is tentatively anticipated that the KUGOWN phase of instruction will be incorporated into the regular training schedule.

8. Operational Plan:

It is anticipated that the requested site will be needed o/a 15 June 1954. No training will be given to the Principal Agent in the Field. A more exact date on which training should commence will be forwarded to DOB in advance to permit for appropriate scheduling and programming of the desired training.

It is desirable that the following subjects be incorporated into the AEQUOR agent training program:

Introduction and Security Briefing

(1) Nature and characteristics of Clandestine Activity.

Clandestine Activity of the Individual and the Group.

Clandestine Activity of the Sovereign State.

Relationship of Overt to Clandestine Activity.

Elements of Clandestine Activity.

- (2) **The Nature of Clandestine Activity (By Political Entities)**
- (3) **Principles of Organization for Clandestine Activity.**

Concepts of Compartmentation.

- (4) **Concepts of Cover and Concealment.**

Requirements of Cover.

The Cover Problem as Applied to Individuals, Groups.

- (5) **Basic Obstacles to Clandestine Activity.**

Active Opposition.

Administrative and National Boundaries as a means of Compartmentation.

- (6) **Clandestine Communications.**

Introduction and concepts of Clandestine Communication.

Criteria for Clandestine Communications.

Methods of Clandestine Communications.

Principles in the use of Codes, Secret Writing, Microphotography and Ciphers.

Cutout Devices: Accommodation Address, Drops, The Courier,

The Intermediary or Cutout.

The Personal Meeting

Signals

The Safehouse

- (7) **Agent Personnel**

Introduction

Agents and their Functions

- (8) **Spotting**

Checking and Investigation

Selection of Agents

Recruiting Methods

Training, Briefing and Debriefing

Handling of Agents

Termination of Agents

(9) Field Crafts Instruction to include:

(a) Weapons, familiarization and firing

(b) Survival techniques

(c) Cover and concealment

(d) Maps and map reading

(e) River crossing

(f) Swamp crossing

(10) Concealment Devices

Flaps and Seals

S/W demonstration and practice

Documentation

Basic Photography

Maritime Support

Air Support

Demolition familiarization and Practical Work

Surveillance theory and practice

(11) Communist Party Operations

Sovietization, i.e. controls, documents, police system

(12) The roll of the Principal Agent in the Organization of an Agent Network

(13) Physical training

(14) Hand-to-hand combat

9. Training Equipment and Supplies

The necessary training equipment and supplies will be acquired through DOB facilities after the procurement of the safehouse and after the training program has been scheduled.

10. Transportation

It is anticipated that only one (1) vehicle will be necessary for transportation purposes between headquarters and the safehouse. The vehicle will be available to the headquarters Case Officer for transportation to the training site and to the DOB representative at the safehouse for operational liaison.

11. Administration of the Safehouse

DOB will be held responsible for the proper functioning of the safehouse.

12. Incidental Expenditure

It is anticipated that all incidental expenditures, e.g. food, rations, laundry will be paid by DOB.

13. Security and other Special Problems

A. Security

a. Appropriate precautionary measures will have to be initiated around the safehouse and adjacent area to deny entry or use therein by unauthorized persons.

b. No personal vehicles will be used or should be permitted in the area of the safehouse.

c. Only those individuals responsible for training and/or operations will be permitted to visit the safehouse. A log of all visitors will be kept on a 24-hour basis. Personnel wishing to visit the safehouse on operational matters will obtain prior approval from SR/3.

d. All incoming telephone calls will be handled by the responsible case officer or by any such person as maybe designated by the case officer. A log of all incoming and outgoing telephone calls will be maintained on a 24 hour basis.

e. An appropriate cover story, for use by the Principal Agent trainee and other visitors, should be prepared for the safehouse.

f. A secure area and facilities should be made available to the trainee for recreational purposes.

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B. Other

All instruction and lecture material can be presented to the AEQUOR trainee in the Russian and Byelorussian languages. The AEQUOR Case Officer will arrange for limited translation of certain courses presented in English.

14. Additional Household Items:

It is requested that the following items be procured for the use of the agent trainee at the safehouse:

Commercial AM-FM radio

Television Set

Phonograph

Byelorussian records

Russian & Byelorussian books

15. As additional information becomes available, it will be forwarded to DOB. It is requested that the Case Officer for Project AEQUOR Metro Romankiw, SR/3/W2B, Extension 2967, be contacted for any additional information relative to the above request.

Chief, SR/3

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