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PROJECT OUTLINE

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The attached project outline is presented for renewal

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Plans Staff, FI
FROM : SR/COP
SUBJECT : Project AEQUOR (FI) Renewal FY 1955

1. The purpose of Project AEQUOR (FI) is to provide a framework within which clandestine operations may be carried out within the BYELORUSSIAN SSR for the procurement of operational, positive and strategic intelligence. The operational aspects are to be conducted by the utilization of the Byelorussian emigre group, the BYELORUSSIAN NATIONAL RADA (BNR). This organization is the most influential within the emigration and is generally accepted as the Byelorussian government-in-exile.

2. To date, this operation has been instrumental in producing some positive intelligence from the Byelorussian SSR. Because CIA is in direct communication with agents in that area, the Agency is in a position to gather further positive, operational and strategic intelligence.

3. Project AEQUOR is the only venture specifically commissioned to penetrate into the denied area known as the Byelorussian SSR. Hence, any clandestine activity under this project is in furtherance of the Country Plan.

4. Summary:

(a) Since their 1952 dispatch the members of the team have succeeded in establishing contact with isolated individuals living black; two of the team members have utilized these illegal contacts, i.e. getting food, aid with W/T transmission, making new contacts. One team member has succeeded in establishing a legal residence and has initiated S/W contact to augment the W/T communication channel.

(b) The field station is in accord with the progress of the project.

(c) Definite planning for the future.

(1) Train one candidate for the role of a Principal Agent. This training will provide a person versed in Agency clandestine methodology assuring future operations a high degree of professional competency.

(2) Exfiltrate the team member living as a legal.

(d) Changes believed to be necessary:

(1) Transfer emphasis from recruiting in known depleted candidate areas to new areas.

(2) Maintain a higher degree of control of alien project personnel to preclude flagrant violations of security.

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- (3) Re-evaluate the Project objectives to prepare a sound foundation for future operations.
- (4) Place a greater emphasis on long-range planning.
- (e) AECAMBISTA 2 who has been acting as the Principal Agent in AECUOR PP and FI operations has been relieved of this responsibility because of lax security procedures and inadequate time devoted to the proper functioning of the project.
- (f) As of April 1954, [] has been expended from the FY 1954 allotment of [] The unobligated balance \$9,714.79, which monies would be used transferring the Principal Agent trainee to the United States as budgeted for in FY 1955.

FY 1955 Budget

Personnel

A/2	AECAMBISTA/5 unselected	1 Principle Agent (Contract)	[900.00]
		1 Operations Consultant (Non-contract)	900.00
		1 Local Recruiter (Non-contract)	900.00
		1 Training Assistant (Contract)	1800.00
			[2]

Travel/Exfiltration	9000.00
Operational Expense	4000.00
Foreign Currency	9352.00
Materiel	7648.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	[2]

- (g) Approved Commitment

Total Expenditure does not provide for contingency of \$7,815.00 per year as combined salaries of AECAMPCSANTO 6, 8, and 9.

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Approved 16 October 1953

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