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Chief of Station, Germany
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REDWOOD REDSOX AEACRE
Byelorussian Activities

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3020
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

REFERENCES: 1. FRAN-8985 (IN-11141)
2. DIR-21215 (OUT-62695)

ACTION REQUIRED: Comments as requested in paragraph 1,d and paragraph 6

1. Approval for extension of Project AEQUOR/KUTUBE through June 1958 has been received, covering period 1 July 1955 through 31 June 1958. The request for extension was based on the following:

- a. No activity is planned under Project AEQUOR/KUTUBE. However, the surfacing of AEQUOR Team II (AECAMPOSANTO-6, 8 and 9) exposed in December 1956 presented a payment problem of the agents' escrow holdings and insurance commitments. The original commitment made to the agents prior to their dispatch in August 1952 provided for a monthly payment of \$213.00, starting with the date of dispatch. The agents designated a certain percentage of their salary to AECAMBISTA-1, the sponsoring group. The rest of the salary was placed in escrow, payable to the agents upon their exfiltration. In event of death, which would be assumed automatically if no contact was made two years from the date of the last communication, the sum of \$10,000 for each agent would be paid to AECAMBISTA-1. Escrow deposits ceased as of 31 August 1955.
- b. AECAMPOSANTO-9, one of the members of AEQUOR Team II, legalized after surfacing and is living as a Soviet citizen. The fate of AECAMPOSANTO-6 and 8 is uncertain, although the tone of reference to them indicated that they were put to death.
- c. The one year extension of the Project was requested to permit discussions with the KUBARK legal staff to determine the applicability of insurance payments for AECAMPOSTANTO-9 and also to permit the lapse of another year in which to confirm the fate of AECAMPOSANTO-6 and 8.

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They will be assumed dead and insurance commitments paid to AECAMBISTA-1 if no further word is heard from or about them in one year from the date of surfacing (19 December 1956), in accordance with paragraph 4 of Project AEQUOR/KUTUBE extension approved by Acting Chief, KUTUBE on 25 April 1957. If it is determined that payment is applicable, an amendment to the AEQUOR Project will be requested to permit the payment and termination of the Project. The payment will be in the form of an account on which AECAMBISTA-4 can draw against approved operational expenditures for the organization. This is to soften the charge that he is benefiting from "blood money".

- d. [] interpretation regarding the fate of AECAMPOSANTO-6 and 8 is requested, in the event there have been any changes or additional information other than the conclusions presented in EGMA-24872.
 - e. The approval of Project extension includes the following fiscal authority: \$2,278 from the KUDOVE/SR budget during FY 1956; \$1,000 during FY 1957; and \$1,000 during FY 1958. The FY 1956 authority includes payments into AECAMPOSANTO-6, 8 and 9 accounts for the months of July and August 1955.
2. Previous to the foregoing, approval had been granted in September 1955 for extension of Project AEQUOR/KUTUBE on a limited basis for fiscal year 1956; i.e., funds amounting to \$2,000 to provide for 2 months salary to be held in escrow for 3 surviving members of the original 4 man AEQUOR Team II and for small administrative expenses, escrow deposits having ceased as of 31 August 1955. This extension covered only the administrative and financial requirements of the agents physically located within the USSR and no other activity was intended or implied under the extension. In the event that agent candidates became available during fiscal year 1956, a project amendment was to be submitted to provide for the new assets. There has been no amendment submitted for KUTUBE activities.
 3. Project AEPRIMER was developed to renew the KUTUBE/REDSOX effort against the USSR. Project AEPRIMER was an attempt to establish a working relationship with AECAMBISTA-4 and his PBPRIME contact designee exclusively (Identity-A) and does not provide for the reinstatement of any contact with AECAMBISTA-1 or its membership. It was planned that operating in this manner would afford KUBARK an opportunity to screen thoroughly any persons recommended by AECAMBISTA-4 and place control and selection of contacts with KUBARK. Renewal of AEPRIMER will be requested for FY 1958, and copies will be forwarded as soon as renewal is received.
 4. Identity-A, who was introduced to [] by AECAMBISTA-4 in January 1957, is being utilized as a spotter of AEREADY candidates and as the principal agent for a KUTUBE developmental type program of mailing CARE type packages. To date, his activities have been confined to PBPRIME and there is no provision for foreign travel for him at present under either of the 2 activities mentioned above. The package program has not yet gone beyond the developmental stages of selecting and name tracing of addressees and addressors. [] and [] maintain personal contact with Identity-A. Previous AEQUOR activities are not discussed with him.

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5. To date, there has been no definite target selected for REDSOX activities, although target studies are being made.
6. The foregoing summarizes present activities with regard to the area, insofar as ABACRE is concerned. Your comments are requested.

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Identity-A: Constantine MIERLAK

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