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FROM: COS, RE, MOB
FROM: Chief of Base, Frankfurt
SUBJECT: REDWOOD AEQUOR AEACRE Operations
AEQUOR Progress Report
ACTION REQUIRED: As per paragraph 1 below.

- A. EGPA 20880, 23 March 1958
- B. EGFT 1373, 13 March 1959
- C. EGPA 25690, 30 March 1959
- D. EGPA 25510, 19 March 1959
- E. EGPA 24849, 16 January 1959
- F. EGPA 25545, 13 March 1959
- G. EGPA 25200, 16 February 1959

- H. EGPA 25692, 26 March 1959
- I. FROH 1650, 29 July 1958
- J. EGPA 23073, 29 August 1958
- K. EGPA 23761, 17 October 1958
- L. EGPA 25693, 25 March 1959
- M. EGPA 25794
- N. EGPA 8162, 19 January 1959

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1. ACTION REQUIRED

- a. MOB and Headquarters - Please comment on paragraph 4 below.
- b. Headquarters - Please forward that material promised per paragraph 3 of Reference N.

2. SYNOPSIS OF DEVELOPMENTS

- a. The period covered by this progress report is 16 March 1958 to 15 March 1959.
- b. During the period covered by this progress report, the undersigned case officer had five meetings with AECAMBISTA 13, eight meetings with AECAMBISTAs 13 and 15 jointly and three meetings with AECAMBISTA 4.

3. DEVELOPMENTS

a. AECAMBISTA 1 Publication - The monthly AEQUOR KUCAGE subsidy was passed monthly to the AECAMBISTA 1 principals in the sum of 4600.00 DM except for the month of June 1958. Since inadequate funds had been allocated for FY 1958, the sum of 3900 DM had been passed for June 1958. Both the AEQUOR KUCAGE monthly accountings and all copies of the AECAMBISTA 1 publication, as they were printed, have been forwarded to Headquarters. Reference B, prepared by the FOE Finance Officer on the basis of recommendations made by the auditors, spells out the inadequacy of the AEQUOR administrative plan and recommends that a more realistic accounting procedure be incorporated into the AEQUOR project.

b. KUCAGE Effort

1) The AECAMBISTA 1 organization has expanded its distribution of the AECAMBISTA 1 publication, as well as other KUCAGE literature, behind the Iron Curtain. This includes distribution of the KUCAGE material from countries other than West Germany. The details, describing those activities undertaken by the AECAMBISTA 1 organization in order to widen the effect of the KUCAGE effort behind the Iron Curtain, have been furnished to Headquarters per References C and D. An obstacle in achieving the desired maximum effect is funds. As has been reported in the course of the past year, the AEQUOR KUCAGE subsidy does not permit for much expansion of activities particularly in light of the circa 25% increase in operating costs since 1951 when the size of the subsidy sum had been established. Despite this and by levying enforced contributions on its members, the AECAMBISTA 1 organization has been relatively successful in reaching an audience behind the Iron Curtain, particularly in Poland.

2) An example of the KUCAGE effort is the AECAMBISTA 1 effort to publish and distribute in several languages the controversial Byelorussian

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SSR publications, the Dobra Seltsy by A. KULAKOWSKI and the Lest the People Worry by A. MAKAYONEK. Both publications, representing an attack upon the Soviet collective system, have been banned in the USSR and both authors have fallen into disfavor. These details have been discussed in the foregoing two references as well as in Reference E. Although the requested financial aid was not granted by Headquarters as had been requested, AECAMBISTA 1 has succeeded in persuading AEVIRGIL 1 to undertake the translation into Russian and to publish the former aforementioned publication. Through its established channels the AECAMBISTA 1 organization intends to distribute both publications behind the Iron Curtain.

3) As has been commented in References F and G, the AECAMBISTA 1 principals have responded without reservation in accepting Headquarters and Field guidance and policy in the preparation of the contents in their publication as was witnessed by their unhesitating acceptance of the topic suggested in Book Dispatch 1022.

c. Radio Madrid - After obtaining approval from the Spanish government, the AECAMBISTA 1 organization initiated Byelorussian language broadcasts over Radio Madrid in early January 1959. The two full AECAMBISTA 1 employees, who are responsible for the preparation of these Byelorussian broadcasts, receive their entire support from those funds collected by the AECAMBISTA 1 organization in levying a tax on the salaries of the AECAMBISTA 1 members in Munich. See also paragraph 2 of Reference E.

d. AECAMBISTA 15 Immigration - As soon as the issue of his name change can be legally resolved, AECAMBISTA 15 intends to immigrate to the USA together with his family. AECAMBISTA 15, an employee of TPLINGO and an unsalaried AEQUOR principal agent, expects to return to Germany at the request of his TPLINGO employer, immediately after obtaining the first citizenship papers for himself and for his wife. See also Reference H for these details.

e. Soviet Anti-AECAMBISTA 1 Propaganda

1) Apparently as a continuation of the Soviet propaganda effort against the AECAMBISTA 1 organization, initiated by the publication of the Coordinates B-52 booklet (reported in EGFA 20324, 10 February 1958) describing the capture by the Soviets of the KUBARK dispatched AEQUOR Team II, the Soviets have released another book, Po Volchim Stupnyam - Along the Wolf Trails, which describes the Soviet capture of KUBARK dispatched AEQUOR Team I. See also paragraph 11 of Reference E.

2) The AECAMBISTA 1 organization, together with various members who have been singled out by name, have come under heavy Soviet propaganda barrage during the past year. These attacks have taken a relatively concentrated form particularly in the Return to the Homeland newspaper and radio station. See also paragraph 8 of Reference C and E.

f. New Defector - In June 1958 a Byelorussian defector from Poland, together with his family appeared on the scene in Western Germany. The defector,

Wladimir ^{✓ not USSR?} BRUI-BRUC
diplom-engineer
△ Lohstrasse 7a
Datteln/Westphalia, West Germany
Defected to West Germany in June 1958

was seen by AECAMBISTAs 13 and 15. BRUI-BRUC has expressed interest in associating with AECAMBISTA 1. Because it was impossible to establish whether or not he was a bona fide defector, or whether his defection had been RIS inspired, the case officer has urged AECAMBISTAs 13 and 15 to be unusually circumspect in their association with him and not to accept BRUI-BRUC into AECAMBISTA 1 without first coordinating this with the case officer. BRUI-BRUC, an architect by profession, has undertaken to patent several of his inventions in West Germany. He has made several trips, of his own volition and without being invited, to Munich where he has acquainted himself with the majority of the AECAMBISTA 1 members.

g. AECAMBISTA 4 - The case officer met with AECAMBISTA 4 on 26 July 1958, on 11 January and on 14 March 1959. The details of these contacts have been reported per References E and J. AECAMBISTA 4 continues to remain active in the emigre politics including both AECAMBISTA 1 and the Paris Bloc. If the AECAMBISTA 1 organization members in the USA can guarantee the needed financial support to him, AECAMBISTA 4 intends to immigrate to the USA in the latter part of 1959 or in early 1960. AECAMBISTA 4 has asked whether KUBARK could not render any aid to him in the form of finding employment in Washington D. C. of a historical research nature with another governmental agency. It should be noted that AECAMBISTA 4 has no outside sources of income whatsoever and is dependent upon the organization members for his support.

h. Outstanding AEQUOR Financial Obligations - As has been reported in References I and J, KUBARK continues to owe the AECAMBISTA 1 organization \$20,000, the sum agreed upon in conjunction with the demise of AECAMPOSANTOS 6 and 8, plus circa \$19,781, the sums presently being held in escrow accounts for AECAMPOSANTOS 6 8 and 9 and which are payable to AECAMBISTA 1.

i. AEHICKORY 1 - The name of AEHICKORY 1 had been submitted to the case officer by AECAMBISTAS 13 and 15 in accordance with the case officer's request for a candidate in the Bonn-Cologne area. However, before any vetting could be accomplished on AEHICKORY 1, the case officer had been apprised of the RIS approaches which had been made to AEHICKORY 1. (NOTE: The case officer intended to vet AEHICKORY 1 as a CART source for use in the Bonn-Cologne area in conjunction with the FOB CAVENUE effort.) The details of this RIS approach have been reported in full per Reference K. Because AEHICKORY 1 proceeded to London after the 1 October 1958 meeting with the RIS, contact with him had been lost and has not been re-established to date. AEHICKORY 1 has recently been located again through the AECAMBISTA 1 organization after the former's return from the United Kingdom and it is envisioned that contact will be made with him in the immediate future. See also paragraph 9 of Reference E for AEHICKORY's activities in the United Kingdom.

j. AEERMINE - AEERMINE continues to revolve on the periphery of both the AECAMBISTA 1 organization and the emigration. Inasmuch as there exist two opposing camps of thought about AEERMINE's true identity and bona fides, the case officer has urged AECAMBISTA 1 to be circumspect in their association with AEERMINE. There are some indications that AEERMINE is an RIS plant whose long range mission is to compete for the leadership of AECAMBISTA 1 as AECAMBISTA 4's successor. See also paragraph 13 of Reference E for further details.

k. AESTAMMER - Based on information provided by AECAMBISTA 15, AESTAMMER, a suspect RIS agent, is engaging in diversionary activities among the emigres in the Munich area. AECAMBISTAS 13 and 15 have been warned to steer clear operationally of AESTAMMER. AECAMBISTA 15, who has logical access to AESTAMMER, has been assigned the task of keeping the case officer au courant on the activities of AESTAMMER. It should be noted that those members of AECAMBISTA 1 who have been exposed to AESTAMMER are of the firm opinion that AESTAMMER is an RIS agent.

l. Identity A of Reference L - As has been reported in Reference L, Identity A appears to be the object of development by the RIS or its affiliate, the Return to the Homeland committee. Identity A, an AECAMBISTA 1 principal, is being handled presently through AECAMBISTA 13. A potential double agent play appears possible and all future developments will be coordinated with MOB.

m. Potential CART Source - The subject of Reference M, Edward WASSILEWSKI, is presently being vetted as a possible candidate for utilization as a FOB CART source on the local emigration in Frankfurt/Main.

n. AECAMBISTA 5 - There have been no contacts with AECAMBISTA 5 after his transfer to an MOB case officer on 9 March 1958. See also EGFA 20890, dated 19 March 1958.

c. Case Officer Contact with AECAMBISTA 1 Principals - No alternate case officer was introduced into the AEQUOR project after the transfer of [] to Headquarters in May 1958. As has been indicated in paragraph 2.b. above, the case officer, as a rule, meets once a month with the AEQUOR principals excluding only those contacts with AECAMBISTA 4. The extra meeting during this period which occurred with AECAMBISTAs 13 and 15 resulted from our interest in and contact with ADHICKOFFY 1 which was effected through AECAMBISTAs 13 and 15 (see paragraph 3.i. above).

4. FUTURE HANDLING

a. The case officer, because of his assignment to the AEQUOR project both in Headquarters and the Field since 1953, is able to field many problems which arise or otherwise solve them quickly and efficiently based on the fluency acquired and on the complete knowledge of the background of this project. As is indicated in paragraph 3.o. above, the undersigned case officer is able to handle and manage the Field portion of the AEQUOR project with a minimum of effort and a minimum investment of case officer time. The primary requirements in the Field are to manage the KUCAGE aspects of this project and to perform a defensive security CANT function by keeping au courant with all current developments. Usually this requires that the case officer pay a once monthly visit to Munich for conferences with the AECAMBISTA 1 principals, AECAMBISTAs 13 and 15, and an occasional meeting with AECAMBISTA 4, a resident of Paris.

b. The case officer exercises virtually complete control over all activities undertaken by the AECAMBISTA 1 organization. That rapport which has been established between the case officer and the three AEQUOR principals is excellent and directly reflects upon the control which the case officer has achieved.

c. Geographically the activities of the AEQUOR project should logically come under the supervision of MOB. Furthermore, because of the undersigned case officer's commitments in FOB, the Chief, FOB has suggested that control over the AEQUOR project be transferred to MOB.

d. All things being equal, the case officer believes that the AEQUOR project should continue to be managed by the undersigned case officer for a two-fold reason. First, the AECAMBISTA 1 organization has provided leads and candidates for our utilization which are otherwise not forthcoming from other elements of the local emigration. The transfer of control over the AECAMBISTA 1 organization to MOB will, it is believed, contribute little to MOB assets because of the presence of a multitude of other emigre organizations and emigre contacts in the Munich area. Secondly, the case officer's intimate acquaintance with all the details of the AEQUOR project permit him to handle this project efficiently and with the barest minimum investment of time and effort. Introduction of a new case officer will disrupt the continuity of the project and will materially affect those activities being undertaken under the AEQUOR project.

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We are forwarding the above dispatch as originally written by the Case Officer. [] is the only individual in this Base who is intimately acquainted with the project and his comments are, therefore, deserving of careful study. Nevertheless, it is our belief, and has been for sometime, that the project should be transferred to MOB. The activity is located in the area of MOB responsibility. [] is a very busy officer and cannot devote more than a minimum of time to the operation. It seems to us highly desirable that an Officer in the immediate area, who can keep in touch with operational developments on a closer basis and can be immediately available when desired, is much preferable to the present arrangement. Although [] has done an admirable job in handling this case in the past, we feel that he has probably been associated with it long enough and that both he and the operation itself could probably gain by transfer of responsibility to someone else.

We are requesting permission from COS to transfer responsibility for AEQUOR to Munich Base.

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