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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division

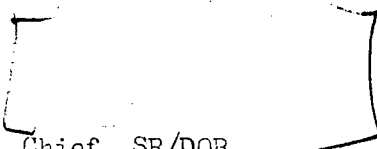
SUBJECT : Extension of Project AEQUOR

1. It is requested that Project AEQUOR (FI) be extended through 31 December 1959. This is to cover the period 1 July 1959 to 31 December 1959.

2. No activity is planned under Project AEQUOR (FI). However, the surfacing of AEQUOR Team II (AECAMPOSANTO 6, 8 and 9) exposed in the 19 December 1956 issue of KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA has levied upon the Agency the fulfillment of a commitment involving the agent's escrow holdings and insurance benefits. 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 the Byelorussian National Rada (BNR) the sponsoring group. The rest of the salary was to be placed in escrow, payable to the agents upon their exfiltration or to the BNR in the event of their deaths. 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 \$10,000.00 for each agent would be paid to the BNR. Escrow deposits ceased as of 31 August 1955.

3. AECAMPOSANTO-9, one of the members of AEQUOR Team II, was pardoned by the Soviet government for his complicity after he revealed details of the operation and personnel involved. According to Soviet publications AECAMPOSANTO-9 is living in Byelorussia as a Soviet citizen. AECAMPOSANTO-6 and 8, according to the Soviet press were executed.

4. The extension as requested is necessary to permit the Agency to discharge its obligation re the payment of the escrow accounts and the death benefits to the Byelorussian National Rada. The payment vehicle will be in the form of a sterile check or checks, to be paid to the Kreceuski Foundation Inc., a non-profit organization, only chartered by the State of New York and said organization agreed upon by the BNR to be the recipient of the aforesaid monies. Payment of the monies involved which will be accomplished within 30 days of this date will terminate Project AEQUOR (FI).


Chief, SR/DOB

Attachments:

Project AEQUOR with Amendments and Renewals

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