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<b>PROJECT ACTION</b>				<b>PROJECT CRYPTONYM</b> <b>AEQUOR</b>	
	TYPE OF ACTION			FI/CI	XXX CA
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION <b>SR</b>			
	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION <b>Munich</b>			
	RENEWAL FY 196	BRANCH <b>SR/3</b>	DESK		<b>SR/3-CA</b>
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER [ ]			
<b>XX</b>	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. <b>1509</b>	BUILDING <b>J</b>	EXTENSION <b>4387</b>	

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISION						
ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (And signature)	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
C/SR/3	[Signature]	30 Aug 61				
SR/SS	[Signature]	8/31/61				
SR/PA	[Signature]	5 Sep 61				
SR/COP	[Signature]	13 Sept 61				
G/SR	[Signature]	19 Sep 61				
SR/BF	[Signature]	30 Aug 61				
DC/SR	[Signature]	18 Sept 1961				

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS						
DDP/PG				DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007		

APPROVAL						
	PERIOD		TOTAL AMOUNT	FY	AMOUNT	
	FROM <b>1 July 1961</b>	TO <b>31 Dec. 1961</b>	\$ [ ]	<b>1962</b> 196	\$ [ ]	[ ]
APPROVING AUTHORITY <b>Chief, SR Division</b>					DATE <b>20 Sept. 1961</b>	

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29 August 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division

SUBJECT : Termination of Project AEQUOR

1. Project Name

AEQUOR (including AECAMBISTA series)

2. Description of Original Project Objectives

Project records indicate that AEQUOR was approved for the first time in 1951 to utilize personnel assets of AECAMBISTA/1 in the REDSOX program. REDSOX agents recruited by AECAMBISTA/1 and trained by the Agency were dispatched during at least two operational seasons. Contact with these agents was maintained by radio and S/W for varying periods. However, eventually all of the dispatched agents were lost.

Following the REDSOX period, the AEQUOR operational program was limited to CE activity and CA, i.e., subsidization of the AECAMBISTA/1 newspaper. The latter was aimed primarily at the Belorussian emigre audience, but was also distributed by mail to the Belorussian communities in the BSSR and Poland.

A brief attempt was made in 1960 to test the AECAMBISTA/1 potential in the REDSKIN field. However, it soon became obvious that without a heavy financial investment, no useful program could be evolved.

3. Reason for Termination

The project is being terminated for lack of evidence that it is contributing significantly to the fulfillment of Agency objectives. The Field concurs in this judgment.

4. Statement of Effectiveness of Project

The project's sole activity at the present time is the publication and distribution of a weekly Belorussian

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newspaper, anti-Communist and Belorussian nationalist in its orientation. This paper reaches a part of the Belorussian emigre community, primarily located in Europe. AECAMBISTA/1 claims that some copies reach Soviet Belorussians. Letters of approbation have been received from Poland, but they have been few and far between. However, the newspaper and AECAMBISTA/1 have been attacked in the Soviet press. That the project has had some effect in the Cold War is true, but it is not believed that its effectiveness merits continued investment of Agency funds.

## 5. Proposed Date of Operational Termination

31 December 1961.

## 6. Commitments to be Settled

Headquarters knows of no personal commitments to agents which have to be settled prior to termination. Termination means ending subsidization of the AECAMBISTA/1 newspaper. The Agency has no responsibility for the newspaper's several employees, who are not in direct touch with Agency personnel.

## 7. Disposition of Funds, Material and Personnel

The Agency has no known property in AECAMBISTA/1 hands. The material involved is the property of AECAMBISTA/1, which could conceivably find the means elsewhere to continue publication of its newspaper.

## 8. Risks in Termination

Several members of AECAMBISTA/1 are witting of the Agency-AECAMBISTA/1 collaboration. No control will be maintained over these persons. There might be some gossip in emigre circles concerning the AECAMBISTA/1 loss of funds. However, the AECAMBISTAs will be asked to be discreet. AECAMBISTA/4 might conceivably try to pull strings through other elements of the U.S. Government to pressure the Agency into reversing its decision. This cannot be avoided, although the Field will be asked to take whatever steps it can to prevent such an occurrence.

## 9. Cost for Liquidation.

It is requested that Project AEQUOR be renewed for termination during Fiscal Year 1962 in the amount of [ ] This sum will be sufficient to allow continuation of the newspaper subsidy through December 1961 at the regular level, giving AECAMBISTA/1 time to prepare for withdrawal of the Agency subsidy.

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## 10. Final Liquidation Commitments

No additional liquidation commitments are contemplated. Final liquidation will be completed by 31 December 1961.

## 11. Request for Excess Funds

No special funds for liquidation are requested.