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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT:

Project AERODYNAMIC

FY 1963 Renewal

Conditions of Approval

- Coincident with approval of the renewal for FY 1963, the ADDP has directed that an additional review and evaluation of this activity be concluded during the early portion of FY 1964 to:
 - Develop a concert of opinion between the CA Staff and the SR Division.
 - b. Reduce the emphasis upon multilingual publications to non-Soviet targets.
 - Reduce the annual operating budget, as feasible.

2. The FY 1964 renewal has been scheduled for September, 1963, and should reflect the above review.



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REQUEST FOR PROJECT AERODYNAMIC RENEWAL

FY1963

1. Current Objectives. The current objectives of Project AERODYNAMIC are (a) to encourage in the Ukrainian SSR, via KUBARK-influenced AECASSOWARY/l activities, new and existing anti-Communist, Ukrainian national aspirations, and (b) to gather intelligence on the Soviet Ukraine, and the USSR as a whole, to satisfy United States needs.

Although the accomplishment of these objectives is undertaken principally through AECASSOWARY/1, unilateral KUBARK REDSKIN operations under the Project have also been run and continue to be considered. The unilateral KUBARK operations supplement the AECASSOWARY/1 operations and are aimed primarily at leads which have come from the AECASSOWARY/1 spotting mechanism.

To endeavor to recruit a Soviet citizen located in a strategic area in the UkSSR was the priority operational task under the Project during Fiscal Year 1962. The one attempt made for personal contact of the individual proved abortive. However, it produced more information regarding the individual which will be helpful in the planning of future attempts to contact him.

2. Changes.

AECASSOWARY/15, a KUBARK-trained, AECASSOWARY/1 operations officer for the United States, resigned in the fall of 1961.

AECASSOWARY/29, also a KUBARK-trained, AECASSOWARY/1 operations officer for Western Europe, was returned to Headquarters after a year in Frankfurt and reassigned in November 1961 to Brussels. He has been exploiting AECASSOWARY/1 collaborators in that area.

A monthly, French-language issue of the Digest of the Soviet Ukrainian Press has been appearing since April 1962, and it is planned to continue the publication in the next fiscal year. A Spanish-language issue of the Prologue magazine is now ready for printing. It will be published monthly and distributed in Latin American countries on an experimental basis, and will be continued if it is found that the magazine will pay for itself through sales and subscriptions. There was great interest expressed in the publication by Latin American professionals during a preliminary survey made by an AECASSOWARY/1 representative and several organizations in Latin America have promised to help promote interest in the magazine. The English-language version of Prologue has been discontinued because publication and distribution costs proved higher than receipts from subscriptions.

3. Intelligence Production. See "Effectiveness" below.

4. Effectiveness.

a. The major portion of the AERODYNAMIC budget is spent on the publication and distribution of anti-Communist, Ukrainian nationalist literature. AECASSOWARY/l produces an English-language Digest of the Soviet Ukrainian Press which is believed to be the only publication of its kind. The publication is intended for Western and uncommitted audiences. It serves as a cover mechanism for other AECASSOWARY/l covert activities. A French-language edition, which helps to support cover established for AECASSOWARY/29's presence in Europe, has been published since April 1962. Special Ukrainian-language (and, when appropriate, Russian-language) brochures especially geared toward Soviet audiences; the AECASSOWARY/l Ukrainian-language, non partisan monthly journal which is largely of a cultural and social nature; and the Ukrainian-language Information Bulletin written for a Soviet Ukrainian audience were mailed to the USSR in FY1962 at an average rate of approximately 3,000 pieces monthly. These publications go in via open mail channels and various experiments in mailing procedures have been tried.

Although there is no way to determine exactly how much of the literature does reach the addressees, occasional replies (mostly negative in content) have been received and attacks against AECASSOWARY/1 continue to be made periodically in the Soviet press. Some of the literature, especially in the case of hank-cover books, is mailed to Ukrainian institutions and individual Ukrainian nationals in Poland who either remail copies to the Ukraine from Poland or distribute the books to Soviet Ukrainians who visit Poland as tourists or as exchange students. Receipts of the books in Poland have been acknowledged in almost every case.

- b. There were six intelligence reports disseminated to the intelligence community from the following four AECASSOWARY/1 informational sources in Fiscal Year 1962:
 - 1) Soviet Ukrainianstravelling abroad
 - 2) Soviet Ukrainians in the USSR
 - 3) Recent emigrants from the Soviet Ukraine

4). Western travellers in the Ukraine, both those briefed and those not briefed in advance.

Best results continue to be obtained, as in past years, from the debriefing of Soviet Ukrainians recently emigrated to the West. It is felt that the personnel shortage created by AECASSOWARY/15's resignation was at least partially responsible for the drop from Fiscal 1961 in the number of intelligence reports disseminated.

- c. As a result of a Project AERODYNAMIC unilateral REDSKIN operation mounted against an AECASSOWARY/l internal asset, PI was obtained on a Soviet industrial establishment of interest to the intelligence community, in addition to other, less significant PI.
- d. It is believed that the contact established and the several conversations held by an AECASSOWARY.1 collaborator in Canada with a Soviet Ukrainian scientist traveling in Canada, played an important role in the Soviet's subsequent defection in the West.
- e. Ideas regarding the situation in the UkSSR and Ukrainian emigre activities were exchanged and matters of mutual professional interest were discussed with two Soviet mathematicians by an AECASSOWARY/l collaborator in New York in whose home the Soviets visited after their encounter at a professional convention in New York.
- f. AECASSOWARY/l was used to effectively resettle in the United States a defector from the Soviet Union who became a handling problem to CIA.
- g. Through their contact operations against members of a visiting Soviet dance ensemble in the United States, at least three KGB operators were identified and biographical information on them and other Soviets supplied for CIA files. At the request of at least five Soviets from this group, Western literature was given to them. The Soviets read and discussed the literature with AECASSOWARY/1 collaborators while they were still in the United States and carried back home with them approximately twelve books. There was an exchange of ideas with some of the members of the group during their visits in the homes of AECASSOWARY/1 collaborators and in restaurants. A suggestion was made by one of the Soviets that in the mailing of Western literature to the USSR, AECASSOWARY/1 should mail two copies of the same publication so that the recipient can turn one copy in to the RIS, thereby doing his patriotic duty, and keep one for himself to read and circulate among his friends.
- h. Through a collaborator in Canada, about fifty Canadians who were trained in clandestine activities in the Soviet Union were identified. This list of names was passed to Canadian intelligence and they have since been able to verify that a number of these individuals are presently engaged in activities for the Soviets.

5. Problems

The principal operational problem encountered in Fiscal Year 1961 and early 1962 was the lack of suitable emigre travellers willing, or able, because of previous anti-Soviet activities, to undertake an operational mission for AECASSOWARY/1. This problem is gradually being overcome by the emergence of the new, second generation of the post WWII Ukrainian emigration in the West. AECASSOWARY/1 has a growing list of young American citizens of Ukrainian birth who are now either university graduates or students anxious to visit the land of their birth and willing to undertake assignments for AECASSOWARY/1. Internal targets also are available. Now the problem is the lack of a trained operations officer in AECASSOWARY/1 who could take over the training, briefing and debriefing of REDSKIN candidates in the United States formerly performed by AECASSOWARY/15 who resigned in early Fiscal Year 1962. An effort is being made to replace him with an AECASSOWARY/1 collaborator presently in the process of immigrating from Canada to the United States.

6. Liaison

Not applicable

7. Interagency Coordination

None

8. Plans

It is planned to continue all the present AECASSOWARY/1 publications during Fiscal Year 1963. New experiments in the mailing of literature to the Soviet Union will be made in an effort to continually insure that as much of the literature as possible reaches the addressees.

There will be greater concentration on contact operations against Soviets traveling in Western Europe and especially in the United States. In addition to the exchange of ideas with these Soviet visitors, this type of contact seems to offer a good opportunity for the distribution of Western published literature. Even in instances where the literature is not carried back to the Soviet Union, at least the Soviet visitor has an opportunity to see it and discuss its contents with a Westerner while he is still in the West and, in some cases, with the author himself.

Insofar as present operational conditions permit, every effort will be made to find suitable personnel to contact and assess internal leads in the USSR with the aim of eventual recruitment of a Soviet citizen for PI reporting. Potential targets are available in the UkSSR. It is believed that AECASSOWARY/29's relocation to Brussels will increase the AECASSOWARY/1 operational capabilities and production.

9. Costs

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