

15 September 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting on Project AERODYNAMIC

1. The meeting was held in [ ] office at 1400 hours on Wednesday 11 September 1957. Participants included [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] SR/3; [ ] [ ] [ ] and [ ] [ ] SR/7-DOB; and [ ] [ ] SR/PP.

2. [ ] opened the meeting by giving a brief summary of the present status of Project AERODYNAMIC. The PP aspect of the project has been officially transferred to SR/3 from SR/PP. [ ] will replace [ ] as the senior PP case officer and [ ] will continue to handle the administrative and budgetary aspect of the project.

3. Project AERODYNAMIC expired as of 30 June 1957 and is at present being rewritten by SR/3. A new administrative plan is also being prepared by [ ] [ ] Technical Accounting Staff. This new administrative plan will allow all monies to be funded through AEBEEHIVE and will also allow the use of AEBEEHIVE as a funding mechanism for such projects as AECARTHAGE.

4. [ ] stated that AECASSOWARY 2 had inquired whether it would be possible to have all monies paid to various AECASSOWARIES for special operational activities be funded through AEBEEHIVE. [ ] replied that for accounting purposes it was simpler for SR 7/DOB to pay the men directly. The matter was thereby dropped.

5. In view of the fact that Project AECARTHAGE would expire on 31 October 1957, the problem of disposal of AECASSOWARY 4 and 15 was discussed. Kapusta stated that it was possible that AECARTHAGE might not be renewed and inquired whether SR 7/DOB would be able to absorb AECASSOWARY 4 and 15. [ ] stated that DOB might be able to pick up AECASSOWARY 4 but that they could not use AECASSOWARY 15. It was suggested that possibly OO/Contacts might be able to use him or resettle him.

6. The FY 1958 budget for Project AERODYNAMIC was discussed next. [ ] stated that the FY 1957 budget had been [ ] but that it had been cut down to [ ] for FY 1958. This amount included \$6000 for both stateside and field disposal of personnel. It was agreed that all efforts should be made to stay within this amount.

7. Project AERODYNAMIC included among other things, two newspapers published in Germany, the Information Bulletin published once a month, Radio Pyrex which has two broadcasts daily three times a week, and Radio Madrid which has a 15 minute broadcast daily. One of the special projects under AERODYNAMIC, the English-language PROLOG Magazine, was singled out for discussion. Several questions were raised as to its purpose, and to the reason that it is to be distributed among Middle Eastern countries. The general attitude was negative but it was decided to investigate its potentialities and the reaction to it by the NE and other interested divisions before making a final decision to disband it.

8. AECASSOWARY 3, principal agent of Project AERODYNAMIC in the field, arrived in the United States on 4 Sept 1957 in connection with his 25th anniversary in the Ukrainian Catholic priesthood. It was agreed to schedule an operational conference with him and AECASSOWARY 2 to discuss the effect of the AERODYNAMIC budget cut on field operations and other related matters. No date for the meeting was set. Kapusta stated that we had agreed to pay his transportation in order to have him available for operational conferences.

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1. The meeting was then turned over to [ ] SR7/DOB, who outlined a plan to contact elements of the Ukrainian underground which might still remain in Soviet Ukraine. He stated that AECASSOWARY 2 was continually giving the impression that he had a number of "underground contacts" and that this would be a means of "calling his hand," and establishing once and for all whether or not remnants of the Ukrainian underground exist. The results of this operation would determine the feasibility of continuing agency support to AECASSOWARY group.

2. The plan outlined called for a REDSOX type operation via Poland into the Soviet Ukraine. The REDSOX candidate ( a low-level type) would be trained by SR7/DOB in conjunction with AECASSOWARY 2 and would carry a sealed letter to one of the "underground contacts" of AECASSOWARY 2. The object of the mission would be to contact such a member of the underground and convince him to return to the West with the courier. This member could then give us valuable information re the present situation of the Ukrainian underground. The courier would not be allowed to stay in the Soviet Ukraine more than 2 months and would return with his contact via Poland and East Germany to the West.

3. Romankiw stated that AECASSOWARY 2 had agreed in principle to this type of operation and was now looking for 2 REDSOX-type candidates. He further stated that only AECASSOWARY 2, 3, and 4

and the courier would be knowledgeable on this operation. AECASSOWARY 3 would help with the handling of the operation from the MUNICH area. AECASSOWARY 2 was instructed not to make any promises to the courier.

4. The above-mentioned plan was discussed by the members present. It was suggested that the results of the mission should not necessarily reflect on the future use of the AECASSOWARIES. It was agreed that if the mission was successful, we stand to gain a new contact with the Ukrainian underground and would learn the facts on the present situation of the underground. [ ] suggested that the plan be written up for transmittal to staff level for approval.

5. The meeting was adjourned approximately at 1600 hrs.

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