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**PROJECT OUTLINE**

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I. Area of Operations

Operations are to be mounted into the Estonian SSR during 1953. Recruiting of agents has taken place in Sweden, Germany and in the United States. In the future recruitment of agents will be concentrated in the Western Hemisphere, and for exceptional candidates in Western Europe. Training will be conducted primarily in the United States. Political and psychological warfare activities will be conducted among Estonian emigre groups in the Western Hemisphere, and to some degree in Western Europe.

II. References:

- a. OPC/EE-II Project LCHOMELY 32-CMGFG, 30 November, 1950
- b. Top Secret Document, #59961, 1 May 1952
- c. The originally approved LCHOMELY project aimed to utilize Estonian emigre groups, leaders and organizations in Sweden for the purpose of contacting underground resistance forces in the Estonian SSR. As a result of the leads through LCHOMELY project an experienced indigenous agent trainer in Germany was contracted and three agent candidates in Sweden, were recruited who are expected to be ready to arrive into the United States for training in November or December, 1952, depending upon the time required for the procurement of covert security clearance for the agents.

III. Purpose

a. Objectives

1. To organize, develop and execute covert operations for infiltration into and exfiltration from the Estonian SSR of non-American personnel for the purpose of establishing support points in the Estonian SSR, and for the procurement of operational and/or strategic intelligence.
2. To establish effective clandestine contact, to determine and assess what resistance nuclei exist in the Estonian SSR.
3. To establish in the Estonian SSR covert resident agent personnel who can assist agents infiltrated in the future into neighboring target areas of the USSR, and who will assist in the coverage of long range intelligence objectives.
4. To assist in the organization, development, and execution of covert political and psychological warfare operations against the Soviet regime in the Estonian SSR for the purpose of placing a maximum strain on the Soviet structure and of widening the existing wedge between the Estonian people and the Soviet regime.

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5. To develop covert assets useful in time of open hostilities with the Soviet Union for the conduct of Political and psychological warfare operations in the Estonian SSR.
6. To achieve a world-wide united Estonian emigre front.
7. Through controlled entree to this organization to assist it in the carrying out of political and psychological warfare activities against the Soviet regime.

b. Targets

1. Specific intelligence targets in the Estonian SSR are outlined in top secret SR memorandu, Control #73433, 21 March 1952.
2. Contact with whatever resistance elements still exist in Estonian SSR.

c. Tasks

1. Spotting, assessing, recruiting and training of Estonian personnel for use in operations directed against the Estonian SSR.
2. Dispatch of trained agent personnel into the Estonian SSR.
3. Development of w/t, s/w, and courier communications with the Estonian SSR.
4. Continuous accumulation of operational data and documentation.
5. Spotting and recruitment of local agents in the Estonian SSR.
6. Establishment of controlled entree to the newly formed Estonian National Committee for the purpose of supporting this organization in its move towards world-wide Estonian emigre unification. Includes recruitment of at least one political agent.
7. Subsidization of Estonian National Committee psychological warfare operations and support of the emigre newspaper Vaba Eesti Sona over which the Committee hopes to achieve control. The newspaper is published in New York but will be circulated among Estonian emigres throughout the world. Specially prepared editions will be infiltrated into the Estonian SSR when and where operational considerations permit.

IV. Personnel

- a. AELUNG is now a contract agent in Munich under the LCHOMELY Project as a spotter, consultant and prospective agent instructor. Operational clearance was granted in 1951, and covert security clearance is pending, as well as his immigration into the U.S. under the PL 110.
- b. AENOTE will be working for CIA in Washington, D.C. in connection with the proposed project. Covert Security Clearance has been granted.
- c. AEPALM is a prospective FI principal agent in the U.S. who has a covert security clearance.

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- d. Two field case officers to be assigned to the agents at the safehouse area.
- e. One housekeeping couple for cooking and housekeeping duties.
- f. Two U.S. safehouse keepers for guard duty in the training and safehouse area.
- g. Two PP/W agents to be recruited in the U.S.

### V. Cover

- a. The cover used by case officers in the U.S. in contact with principal and operational agents is that of an unidentified U.S. government agency. The prospective covert associates probably are aware of being contracted by "American Secret Service."
- b. Agent cover legends are tailored to the specific requirements and are based on available documentations.

### VI. Contact and Communications

- a. Direct contact is maintained between field and Headquarters case officers, and AELUNG and AENOTE.
- b. Direct contact will exist between American training officers and indigenous instructors and trainees.
- c. W/T, S/W and courier contacts will be developed between AEBASIN and agents who will be infiltrated into Estonian SSR.

### VII. Control

All possible steps are being taken to achieve complete U.S. control of all action agents.

- a. AELUNG is controlled by his financial dependence on us for personal economic security, and possesses strong ideological motivation.
- b. AENOTE likewise is dependent economically upon our support, and is apparently willing to subordinate himself to our control as a contract agent.
- c. While in training agents and covert associates will be physically controlled under DOB rules, regulations, and facilities.

### VIII. Special Equipment

Special equipment will include W/T, S/W material, compasses, binoculars, personal arms, cameras, "L" tablets, Soviet type clothing, writing paper, envelopes, Estonian SSR stamps, concentrated foods, rubles and articles of value for bribery and barter, plus equipment for document falsification in the field.

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**IX. Coordination**

Coordination will be effected with the appropriate area Divisions and with our operating field station.

**X. Timetable**

One agent mission per every 8 months is anticipated. It is planned to dispatch one mission in the middle of 1953, depending upon the time required for preliminary administrative procedures, the procurement of necessary training facilities, and border crossing facilities.

**XI. Estimated Total Cost:**

a. It is estimated that the cost of FI activities of AEBASIN project for the period ending 30 June 1953 will be as follows:

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| 1. Compensation & expenditures for 3 spotters & recruiters                                       | \$ 12,000 |
| 2. Compensation for indigenous agent trainers & instructors                                      | 8,000     |
| 3. Compensation and/or salaries of action agents   | 18,000    |
| 4. Expenditures for the procurement of operational overt and covert intelligence                 |           |
| 5. Operational equipment & supplies for at least one team of infiltration agents.                |           |
| 6. Bribery and barter items  |           |
| 7. Operational & development expenses (travel, entertainment and recruitment support activities) |           |

TOTAL FI budget

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b. It is estimated that the AEBASIN PP/W activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 will be as follows:

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| 1. Support of Estonian publications - as indicated under Task :\$ point 7.   |  |
| 2. Expenditures in connection with Estonian emigre unification & support of unified organizations, including 1 agent at \$2,000 and 1 agent at \$2,500 for the balance of fiscal year. |  |
| 3. Operational expenses including travel of cut-outs, travel of mediators, and miscellaneous expenses.   |  |
| 4. Funds (rubles) for the support and development of resistance activities in Estonian SSR.  |  |

TOTAL PP/W budget

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### XII. Special Problems and Commitments

- a. The following commitments are made to AELUNG, the principal indigenous assistant agent trainer, and prospective covert associate:
1. Contract signed effective September 5, 1952 for one year or for the period of his stay in Germany, to the amount of \$4,200, with disability and death benefits amounting to \$5,000.
  2. Understanding with AELUNG, that upon his arrival into the U.S. and assumption of agent training, a new contract is to be signed with an increase in salary up to \$4,800 per annum, including disability and death benefit insurance.
  3. Understanding, that upon AELUNG's procurement of the first U.S. citizenship papers, he will be eligible to procure insurance in accordance with policies currently in force by the War Agencies Employees Protective Association and the Government Employees Health Association, at his own expense.
  4. CIA is sponsoring AELUNG's immigration into the U.S. under the Public Law 110, and we hope that he will be able to arrive before Christmas 1952. Application for his immigration under this Act was initiated in September 1952.
  5. No definite commitments have been made as to AELUNG's termination and disposal, beyond the promise of help for rehabilitation and finding suitable employment in the U.S.
- b. AENOTE has been contracted as a covert associate in the capacity of a junior indigenous instructor at the rate of \$4,200 a year, and is eligible to procure insurance in accordance with policies currently in force by the War Agency Employees Protective Association and the Government Employees Health Association, at his own expense. This contract is for one year beginning 22 September 1952, and can be terminated on 15 day notice.
- c. It is anticipated that in the case of action agents provisions will be inserted into contracts, by which these agents would receive \$5,000 bonus each after a successful completion of two year mission in the denied territory, in addition to their annual salary of \$4,200. Prospective action agents recruited will probably expect a commitment for the payment of death benefits to their next of kin. A \$10,000 policy for death benefits is considered to be appropriate in most cases.

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