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Project renewal for the period 1 April 1958 to 31 January 1959.  
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3. Identities

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**SUBJECT: Renewal of Project AERCOOT**

1. It is requested that Project AERCOOT be renewed retroactively for the period 1 April 1958 to 31 January 1959. This extension is requested to cover the funds that have been spent or obligated under AERCOOT for the period 1 April 1958 to 30 September 1958, and to provide funds for the redirection or termination of two agents who will be active after 30 September 1958. The Project will be terminated by 31 January 1959.

2. Background:

Project AERCOOT was first approved in March 1953 as AERBASH/VI as a roof project. The cryptonym was changed to AERCOOT in August 1953. The original project was designed to support HEDSOX activity into IDENTITY 1. The Project was renewed in June 1955 and again on 6 July 1957. The last renewal covered the period from 1 November 1956 to 31 March 1958. This last renewal also redirected the Project to support HENSKIN operations against IDENTITY 1.

3. Reference: EGFA 23123 dated 20 August 1958.

4. Objective:

The objective of the AERCOOT Project under the last renewal was to establish resident agents in IDENTITY 1 through HENSKIN operations. In view of the failure of the Project to obtain its objective, a critical review of the Project was made by Headquarters. The review indicated that the agents under the Project should either be terminated or redirected in their efforts. The objective of the Project during this renewal period is to provide for the termination or redirection of the agent personnel of the AERCOOT Project.

5. Summary of AERCOOT activity during the period 1 November to 1 July 1958:

- a. Recruited and partially trained AERCOOT/21 for a repatriation mission to IDENTITY 1.
- b. Contacted a member of the Soviet Trade Delegation in East Berlin through AERCOOT/5.
- c. Sent AERCOOT/24 to IDENTITY 2 to contact and assess an old friend of his who was stationed in the Soviet Embassy there.

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6. The following agent personnel are presently active in the AMROCK Project:

- a. AMROCK/16 is a Baltic German. Operational approval C-33967 was granted 14 December 1956. He has made one trip to the USSR on a merchant vessel. He will be transferred to a separate project.
  - b. AMROCK/5 is the editor of an emigre *IZVESTIY* 1 newspaper in West Germany. Operational approval C-35873 was granted 1 June 1955. He will be continued in the Project until 31 January. If his performance during the next five months indicates that he can be successfully used as a *KHREKIN* spotter, the field will prepare a separate project to cover his activities. If his performance does not warrant continuation of his services, he will be terminated before 31 January 1958.
  - c. AMROCK/27 is an editorial assistant on AMROCK/5's newspaper. Operational approval C-61883 was granted 24 March 1958. Since he works under AMROCK/5's supervision, his termination or redirection will be decided simultaneously with that of AMROCK/5.
  - d. AMROCK/24 is an *IZVESTIY* 1 emigre residing in West Germany. Operational approval C-68536 was granted 23 January 1958. He receives no regular salary. He made one trip to *IZVESTIY* 2 to contact and assess a former friend of his who is now stationed in the Soviet Embassy there. Any future operations based on AMROCK/24 will be financed either through Division developmental funds or through a separate project written around his activities.
  - e. AMROCK/8 is an *IZVESTIY* 1 resident of Ireland, employed as a captain or first mate on ocean going vessels. Operational approval C-48197 was granted 10 September 1956. He receives no salary. Any operations which develop from his activities will be financed either through Division developmental funds or through a separate project.
7. The following personnel have been terminated:
- a. AMROCK/7 was an *IZVESTIY* 1 resident in West Germany. He has emigrated to the United States and is no longer of operational interest to the Project. He was terminated 14 April 1957.

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- b. AERSON/15, an IDENTITY 1 resident in Germany, was under consideration for a repatriation mission. He was terminated in December 1956.
- c. AERSON/19 is an IDENTITY 1 resident in West Germany. Operational approval C-56790 was granted 7 May 1957 as a spotter and recruiter of German and Soviet sailors. He will be transferred to AERCOMPASS Project upon its approval.
- d. AERSON/21 is an IDENTITY 1 emigre residing in Germany. Operational approval C-68656 was granted 21 January 1958. Since he declined the mission, he was terminated in January 1958. (See 5.a. above.)

8. Cost of Project:

- a. The cost of the Project from 1 November 1956 through 31 March 1958 was  compared with  approved for the period. The cost of the Project for the period 1 April 1958 to 30 June 1958 was .
- b. Estimated costs for the period 1 April 1958 through 31 January 1959 are as follows:

Salaries:

AERSON/16 ( 6 months)	\$ 1,200.00
AERSON/27 (10 months)	725.00
AERSON/ 5 (10 months)	1,700.00

Operational Expenses:

Termination bonus for AERSON/5	7
Termination bonus for AERSON/27	
Allowance for safehouse in Frankfurt (6 months)	
Case Officer and Agent Travel	
Entertainment	
Supplies and other operational expenses including spotting, assessing, purchase of information	

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Identity 2 - Stockholm