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REFERENCES:

- Transmitted under separate cover is a Field Project Outline designed to cover the activities of AEROOT 5 and his assistant, AERONON 27. This project represents a redirection of AERONON 27 and replaces Project AERONON which expires 31 January 1959.
- We believe, after studying AEROOT 5's performance for the past six months, that AEROOT 5 does have a definite potential for spotting REDSKIN leads and that there is a REDSKIN potential in the Estonian emigre milieu in West Germany. Our opinion is based on the following leads, furnished us by AEROOT 5:
  - Subject of PROB 1685 has indicated to  that she definitely desires and plans to visit her parents in Spring/Summer 1959. Subject has also indicated that she is willing to assist us by undertaking a mission on our behalf. However, no indication, up to the present time, has been made to Subject as to what type mission will be asked of her.
  - Subject of EGFA 24290, 19 November 1958, has indicated to AEROOT 5 that his nephew in Estonia has written stating that he intends to visit Subject in West Germany. In the event that this trip materializes, the nephew will be contacted, debriefed and an attempt made to recruit him as an internal reporting source.
  - Subject of EGFA 23666, 30 September 1958, is a student in a West German university. He has indicated to AEROOT 5 that his aunt, who resides in Estonia, is planning a trip to visit West Germany in Spring/Summer 1959. In the event that this trip materializes an attempt will be made to contact, debrief, develop, recruit and train her as an internal source.
  - Subject of EGFA 24170, 14 November 1958 is a West German citizen and a newspaper correspondent in the USSR. In the event Subject returns to West Germany for a visit, it is planned that AEROOT 5 will contact and attempt to recruit him as an internal asset.
- In the event that any of the leads mentioned in paragraph 2 above, or any other leads that may be developed by AEROOT 5 come to fruition, a separate Field Project Outline will be written for that individual and submitted to Headquarters for approval.

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- Attachment A - Project Outline Cover Sheet & even number pages (including ditto masters)
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- Attachment C - Identities

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PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM: Project AEROO (Identity 1)

FIELD CASE OFFICER: [ ]

BASE: Frankfurt Operations Base

CHIEF OF BASE: [ ]

STATION: German Station

CHIEF OF STATION: [ ]

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FIELD PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYSTONYM: PROJECT AEROD (Identity 1) PART I

1. Area of Operations.

Operations will primarily originate in West Germany and be directed against the Estonian SSR. However, operational circumstances may require activities to be temporarily undertaken in other countries of Western Europe.

2. Purposes.

a. The purpose of this Project is to acquire positive intelligence and operational information on the Estonian SSR and it has the capability to cover paragraphs III, 1a through 1d of the RMD, namely:

(1) Recruit individuals capable of establishing long-term legal residence in the USSR.

(2) Mount short term legal travel operations using individuals moving in and out of the USSR for the purpose of performing intelligence collection or support missions, or for recruitment of agents residing in the USSR.

(3) Recruit, or induce the defection of Soviet officials in East and West Germany.

(4) Establish contact with Soviet citizens traveling to West Germany or Berlin for purposes of recruitment, defection or intelligence acquisition.

b. To acquire intelligence on USSR intentions and capabilities by debriefing returnees from the Baltic areas, particularly the Estonian SSR.

3. Background.

a. This Project represents a redirection of Identity 1 (Project AEROD) which is due to expire on 31 January 1959. However, this Project is aimed at salvaging only those clean assets which have been developed by Identity 2 (AEROD/5) and offer some measure of success in producing controlled sources of information within the target area. We do not intend to become involved with Identities 4, 5, 6, or 7 (AEROD/6, AEROD/9, AENEON/6, or AENEON/7) in these operations and if they attempt to make contact with Identity 2 (AEROD/5) he will be instructed to report these attempts but not to make any contact with them, unless requested to do so by Headquarters.

b. Identity 2 (AEROD/5) is an editor of an Estonian emigre newspaper published in West Germany. At the end of World War II he corresponded with a long-time acquaintance of his who is the leader of an Estonian veterans organization located in FBPRIME and also a KUBARK covert associate. As Identity 2 (AEROD/5) uncovered potential REDSKIN type leads through his journalistic profession, as a member of the Estonian Central Committee and through his coterie of confidants he reported them to the leader of the veterans organization. As the

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number of these leads from Identity 2 (AER00T/5) increased. The covert associate discussed the matter with the Headquarters' Case Officer who decided to meet and recruit Identity 2 (AER00T/5). Identity 2 (AER00T/5) was recruited in 1956 and became the principal agent of Identity 1 (Project AER00T).

c. Identity 2's (AER00T/5) first contact with intelligence type work occurred in 1943-44 when he was serving as an intelligence officer with the German Wehrmacht on the Eastern Front against the Soviets. His second connection with intelligence type activity was also with the Germans. In 1955 UPSWING desired to utilize Identity 2 (AER00T/5) as a channel to Identity 4 (AER00T/6) for the purpose of obtaining political and economic intelligence from the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin. However, Identity 2 (AER00T/5) made it clear that he did not desire to work for them. On 17 April 1956 UPSWING dropped Identity 2 (AER00T/5) as one of their contacts. An LCFLUTTER given to Identity 2 (AER00T/5) on 5 January 1956 and on 2 November 1957 indicated that he did not have any covert connections with a foreign intelligence that were not known to us.

4. References.

- a. DIR 28526 25 June 1958
- b. EGFW 7370. 13 August 1958
- c. EGFA 23123. 20 August 1958
- d. EGFW 7525. 3 September 1958
- e. EGFA 22861. 7 August 1958

5. Objectives.

a. Intelligence. To exploit legal travelers to the Estonian SSR for the purposes of:

- (1) Producing positive and operational intelligence on the target area;
- (2) Recruiting legal resident agents as reporting sources.

b. Operational. To exploit Soviet Estonian citizens traveling to West Germany for the purposes of recruitment, defection in place, or acquisition of intelligence.

c. To debrief returnees from the target area for the purpose of acquiring operational and positive intelligence on the capabilities and intentions of the USSR.

6. Targets.

- a. Persons residing permanently in the West who will make legal visits to the Estonian area of the USSR.
- b. Persons who repatriate from West Germany to the USSR.

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c. Soviet nationals who are temporarily visiting or are stationed in West Germany. This includes members of Soviet cultural groups, tourists, and Soviets visiting West Germany.

d. Returnees from the Estonian area of the USSR.

7. Tasks.

a. The case officer will plan and guide the operations outlined in this Project Outline and direct the activities of Identity 2 (AEROOT/9). The Case Officer will also train the REDSKIN travelers when it is advisable to do so. In the event that Identity 2 (AEROOT/5) is incapacitated or otherwise unavailable the Case Officer will also direct the activities of Identity 2's (AEROOT/5) assistant.

b. Identity 2 (AEROOT/5) will spot, assess, develop and arrange for the Case Officer recruitment of prospective REDSKIN travelers to the Estonian area of the USSR. Identity 2 (AEROOT/5) will also assist the Case Officer, when necessary, in briefing, training and debriefing travelers from the Estonian area of the USSR and debriefing repatriates from the target area.

c. Identity 3 (AENEON/27) will, in accordance with instructions received from the Case Officer or Identity 2 (AEROOT/5) spot, develop, debrief, and, if necessary, recruit agents.

8. Coordination.

Coordination may be required with other bases of the German station from time to time when targets appear to be within the operational jurisdiction of such other bases.

9. Personnel.

a. Identity 2 (AEROOT/5).

(1) This principal agent has been employed by KUEARK since 1956. During this period he had been assigned the task of spotting, developing REDSKIN leads and debriefing returnees from the target area. Subject is particularly qualified for this position because of his extensive contacts as editor of an Estonian emigre newspaper, and large circle of friends he is able to keep abreast of the movements of emigres and potential travelers to the target area.

(2) Operational approval C-35273 granted 1 June 1955.

b. Identity 3 (AENEON/27).

(1) This person is Identity 2's (AEROOT/5) assistant. His main assignment in the past has been to assist Identity 2 (AEROOT/5) in publishing the emigre newspaper, thereby giving Identity 2 (AEROOT/5) more time for operational work and debriefing returnees from the target area.

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Identity 3's (AENEON/27) profession as a journalist qualifies him not only as an assistant in publishing the newspaper but also in debriefing and interviewing people.

(2) Operational Approval, C-61883, granted 24 March 1958.

10. Cover.

a. Case Officer. The Case Officer is known to Identity 2 (AEROOT/5) as a FBPRIME intelligence officer. If it becomes necessary for the Case Officer to meet Identity 3 (AENEON/27), he will also be known to this agent as a FBPRIME intelligence officer.

b. Principal Agent. The principal agent is known to Identity 3 (AENEON/27) as an editor of an emigre newspaper with connections with an American intelligence service. Identity 2 (AEROOT/5) is currently functioning as an editor of an emigre newspaper when contacting prospective REDSKIN type leads or debriefing returnees.

c. Sub-agent. Depending upon the specific target being developed, the sub-agent will use his natural cover and if it becomes necessary to establish a cover he will be issued appropriate documentation. The documentation, when issued, will be used in consonance with the Case Officer's or the principal agent's instructions.

11. Contact and Communication.

The Case Officer and principal agent will communicate with each other by means of telephone calls or letters to mail drops. The telephone calls and letters will be limited to making arrangements for meetings using pre-arranged phrases. The meetings between the Case Officer and principal agent will be held in safehouses and suitable restaurants. An emergency communication system has been established enabling the principal agent to contact the Case Officer during duty or off-duty hours. Arrangements have also been made whereby the agent can be contacted by a person unknown to him.

12. Control and Motivation.

The Principal agent is a person who fled from Estonia because of fear of persecution by the Communists who occupied his country. Since that time he has devoted his work directly or indirectly in opposing Communism. His life's education and training has instilled a philosophy opposed to Communism. He admires the democratic system of the United States and believes that the United States is the only country in the Western world that can aid his homeland. The sub-agent is also a person who fled Communism for the freedom of the West. Control over the agents exists primarily through their motivation.

13. Equipment and other Support.

A safehouse will be required for the Case Officer's meetings with the agent and to train, brief and debrief the sub-agent.

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14. Ticetable.

The operations Outlined in this Project are already in effect under Identity 1 (Project AEROOT) which expires 31 January 1959. It is anticipated that the activities under this Project will continue indefinitely.

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PROJECT OUTLINE

PART II

CRYPTONYM: PROJECT AEROOT(Identity 1)

15. A. Estimated Costs.

<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Yearly</u>	
Identity 2 (AEROOT/5)	\$170.00	\$2,040.00	
Identity 3 (AENEON/27)	72.00	864.00	
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Operational Expenses.

Entertainment of sources and  
prospective agents  
Postage and Telephone  
Purchase of information  
Safehouse (rental, utilities,  
etc.)  
Agent travel



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Total

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16. Special Problems and Commitments.

No commitments have been made to the agents. It is not anticipated that special problems will arise from this activity.

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IDENTITIES

Identity 1	-	Project AEROOT
Identity 2	-	AEROOT/5
Identity 3	-	AENEON/27
Identity 4	-	AEROOT/6
Identity 5	-	AEROOT/9
Identity 6	-	AENEON/6
Identity 7	-	AENEON/7

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