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CRYPTONYM: AEROOT

Headquarters Case Officer:

OPERATING DIVISION: SR

FIELD STATION: Frankfurt Operations Base

Room No.: 2611 J

Extension: 8545

TARGET AREA: Estonia SSR

Date: 21 December 1959

The attached project action is presented for renewal for the period 1 February 1960 through 31 January 1961.

Authority is requested to obligate from the DD/P - SR Division budget.

COORDINATION:

Chief, EE/*ops*

Chief, SR/2

APPROVED:

SR Project Officer

Chief, FI

Chief, SR Division

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PROJECT RENEWAL

1. Product of the Project measured against expenditures of KUBARK effort. Project AEROOT has required approximately forty-five per cent of one case officer's time in the agent-handling and support functions required of this activity. Since 1 January 1959 to the present time this Project has produced twelve EGF disseminations, plus operational intelligence on postal controls in Tartu, Estonia.

2. Extent to which the Project has furthered the RMD of the German Station. This Project has furthered Chapter III, Section - Soviet Union, Priority A, Objective 1 of RMDG-5 inasmuch as it has produced intelligence information on the construction of Soviet military airfields in the Tartu area, Soviet military and naval units in the Tallinn area, and an annotated map of Tallinn, Estonia, which was of great interest to COS/Strategic.

3. Progress towards reaching Project objectives. This Project has produced intelligence information - by debriefing returnees and repatriates - on the various military installations in the Tallinn and Tartu areas; military, naval, and border guard units in Tallinn; the reception of foreign broadcasts in Tallinn; and general information on industry and living conditions in the Tallinn and Tartu areas of the Estonian SSR. However, this Project has not yet been successful in recruiting internal reporting assets or in mounting short-term legal travel operations into the Estonian SSR.

4. Performance of the agent with respect to production, security, and cover. AEROOT/5 performs his spotting and developing responsibilities in a satisfactory manner. In addition to these responsibilities, he screens letter intercepts for potential operational leads; compiles lists of Estonian addresses which are used in the AEBASIN letter-writing program; and also handles a letter writer in the AEBASIN letter-writing program. AEROOT/5's present cover is inadequate for his current and future planned activities since he has to meet potential REDSKIN leads under his true name and his natural cover. However, Elmar REISENBERG, who is the president of the Estonian Central Committee, has recently been recruited; and his main function will be to provide an operational cover for AEROOT/5's activities using an alias.

5. Changes believed necessary. Elmar REISENBERG, mentioned in paragraph 4 above, will provide a cover for AEROOT/5's activities in alias. The reasons which necessitate an operational cover for AEROOT/5 are covered in EGFA-27870, 30 September 1959.

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6. Definite planning for the future. At the present time the following persons are under active consideration as legal travelers to the Estonian SSR: Magda MAYER, Pille JAASON, Hugo JAANUS, Ilmar GRAVE, and Ernst GLASS. (These would be mounted operations.) In addition to the above named potential REDSKIN operations into the Estonian SSR, we believe we will have several "piggy-back" type REDSKIN operations - since numerous letter intercepts indicate an interest on the part of the writers to visit their homeland. Project AEROOT will continue to debrief returnees and repatriates for the purpose of gaining positive and operational intelligence information and to collect biographic information on legal residents of the Estonian SSR who can be re-contacted later for possible recruitment as internal reporting assets.

7. Amount of money actually obligated during 1 January 1959 through 10 October 1959. Project AEROOT was approved for \$5,138 for the period 1 February 1959 through 31 January 1960 and approximately \$3,285 of this amount has been obligated as of 1 November 1959.

Funds required for the coming year.

<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Totals</u>
AEROOT/5	\$170	\$2,040	
Elmar REISENBERG	\$ 36	\$ 432	\$2,472

Operational Expenses

Agent Travel

Entertainment of Prospective Agents

Postage and Telephone

Purchase of Information



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8. No commitments have been made nor are any commitments contemplated.