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CRYPTONYM: AEROOT

Headquarters Case Officer:

OPERATING DIVISION: SR

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FIELD STATION: Frankfurt Operations Base

Room No.: 2613 J

Extension: 8545

TARGET AREA: Estonian SSR

Date: 2 March 1960

The attached memorandum is a request for termination of Project AEROOT.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division

SUBJECT : Termination of Project AEROOT

1. It is requested that Project AEROOT be terminated, effective 1 February 1960. Project AEROOT, as last approved for the period 1 February 1959 through 31 January 1960, was designed to support activities of AEROOT/5, Principal Agent of the Project, in exploiting REDSKIN leads among the Estonian and Baltic German communities in Western Germany.

2. Termination has been requested by the Frankfurt Base because the Principal Agent, around whom the Project was written, has proved inadequate and only marginal progress has been made toward attaining the specified purpose and objectives of the Project.

3. Project AEROOT was originally approved on 13 May 1953 under Basic Plan AEBASIN and provided for the running of REDSOX operations into the Estonian SSR. During subsequent renewals it remained a continuing project of FI and CE operations targeted against the Estonian SSR and Estonian nationals of the USSR. Most of the information derived from the Project was considered of interest only because of the paucity of information available to us on Estonia. A review of production during the past project year indicated that from a positive intelligence point of view, the only justification for renewal of the Project would be for the Project activity to turn in the direction of mounted REDSKIN operations.

4. The Principal Agent is being informed of our intention to terminate him. He will receive one month's salary when terminated. There is no disposal problem.

5. Please direct any inquiries regarding this matter to   
 2613 J Bldg., extension 3956.

Chief, SR/2

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