

New Finance File

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Subject: Brief on AESAURUS Budget

a. In June 1952 the field cabled estimate for capital FY 1952 for OFC operations for a total of \$251,087.16 .

b. The field requested 50,000DM per month to keep operations going until above approved—50,000DM is approximately \$11,900. This would be about \$47,600 per quarter.

c. On 3 June 1952 \$15,000.00 were transferred to the field from FY 52 budget to keep operations going during July pending approval of FY 53 budget.

d. On 23 July 1952 field requested additional \$75,000.00 under FY 52 for expenditures in August. In DIR 13852 (OUT 96239) 9 August 1952 field was told that FY 52 funds were closed and that they were authorized to spend \$13,400.00 a month.

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e. In the meantime approval of all OFC projects were held up. The total AESAURUS projects (OFC and OSO) was discussed with ADP/C in July. The figures arrived at and confirmed on a later date during a discussion between were the following:

OFC Funds (incl 1/2 of total exp. for GACCOLA1)	\$278,070.
OSO Funds (incl 1/2 of total expenses on cadre school and CI & Security)	<u>73,274.</u>
TOTAL	\$351,274.

f. A memo dated 30 August 1952 from SR/FP showed that funds for AESAURUS OFC type operations had been approved. However, pending the approval of the SR Country Program, a sum of money, not to exceed that spend during the last month of FY 52 is authorized for field expenditures during the first quarter of FY 1953. (In cable from the field dated 9 July 1952, IN 17566, the estimated obligations for AESAURUS OFC during June were \$13,400.)

g. A cable from the field FRAN 6229 (IN 33166) requested \$2,000 a month in addition to \$13,400. since Berlin operations were not included in the original estimated \$13,400. expenditures.

h. Washington In cable DIR 18274 (OUT 53196) authorized the field to spend \$35,500 for the first quarter of FY 53.

i. The field in FRAN 6544 pointed out that \$35,500 was less than the total for three month at \$13,400 a month and therefore requested \$43,900 for first quarter FY 53.

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j. The field in a cable FRAN 6696 (IN 37852) sent a new FY 53 expanded budget estimate. In the same cable the field asked authorization to spend \$21,000 monthly until the new budget is approved. In another cable FRAN 6875 (IN 39286) the field asked for an additional \$1,538.46 per month to cover the new Spain/Austria operations, thus bringing the total OPC/AESAURUS expenditures to \$22,494.41 or approximately \$22,500 a month.

k. Washington ~~xxxx~~ replied in DIR 21103 (OUT 57486) authorizing \$45,000 for the first and second quarters of FY 53.

l. The field representatives at present on TDY in Washington highly recommended the approval of the new budget estimate for FY 53 and also underlined the need of \$22,500 a month to keep operations going until the final approval of the budget.

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