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PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM AESAURUS/AENOBLE
AREA DIVISION SR
STATION Headquarters

Headquarters Case Officer:

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Room No. ✓
Extension
Date: 9 June 1954

The attached project outline is presented for approval.

As stipulated in paragraph 6 (b) of TS-84662-H, dated 14 April 1954, a new project outline has been prepared to cover operations during fiscal year 1955.

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PART I

1. Area of Operations

USSR.

2. Purpose

The physical penetration of the USSR by agents recruited, trained, and dispatched under CIA supervision and control.

3. Background

- a. Project AESAURUS/AENOBLE, operative since 10 August 1951, has ~~two~~ completed two cycles of agent training for penetration of the USSR which have resulted in the successful placement of ^{four} ~~six~~ agents. These agents are in direct communication with CIA and are producing positive intelligence on Soviet documentation, on industrial and military targets, and on the political situation within the USSR.
- b. The third AENOBLE cycle (Cycle C), originally scheduled for dispatch in the spring of 1954, was postponed, pending project evaluation and a study by the Inspection & Review Staff. These studies were completed by the middle of December 1953, and ~~xxx~~ a new protocol for AENOBLE operations, to be discussed with the NTS Operational Staff, was pouched to the field on 11 December 1953. Conferences with the NTS Staff were held in Frankfurt from 12 through 17 February 1954. CIA was represented by

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Chief, SR/3, and the senior AESAURUS case officer in Frankfurt. As a result of these conferences, the NTS Operational Staff accepted the new protocol, with the proviso that Part II, Paragraph 1, be revised to permit the senior AETNA representative to veto any non-American outside instructors if their use should constitute a serious morale or security problem with AENOBLE trainees.

- c. On the basis of this agreement, AETNA personnel for the staff and training elements of the AENOBLE Operational Unit were recommended and a timetable for Cycle C laid down, as ^{set forth} ~~outlined~~ in the project outline submitted for fiscal year 1954 (TS-84662-D/1).
- d. On 20 February 1954, the AESMITE case broke. All negotiations and planning for the implementation of Cycle C were slowed down because of the emergency situation growing out of AESMITE's disclosures. Nevertheless, on 5 April 1954, two AENOBLE case officers were authorized to leave for Frankfurt ~~in order~~ to arrange for the ~~assessment of AENOBLE candidates~~ transfer of Staff personnel to the United States for training and to assess five possible agent candidates for Cycle C. Upon their arrival in Frankfurt, they were immediately assigned tasks in the AESMITE case, which was then leading up to its climax of public announcement. Although the AENOBLE case officers made every effort to arrange for

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the assessment of AENOBLE candidates, they were not able to begin fulfilling their assignment until after ~~11~~ May 1954. They are presently in process of assessing four individuals for agent training. Their task will probably not be completed until the end of fiscal year 1954.

- e. Programming of AENOBLE operations, ^{during fiscal year 1955,} therefore, will have to include both the training and dispatch of Cycle C candidates and the selection and assessment of candidates for Cycle D ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the spring of 1955, when two sessions of the revised NTS Cadete School program will have been completed.

4. References

TS-84662-D/1 and H, TS-93706, DD/P-8131, EGQW-11939, FRAN 4112, and OFFPA-5618.

5. Objectives

- a. The establishment of support facilities within the USSR, in direct communication with CIA.
- b. The procurement of operational intelligence which will permit infiltration of adequately briefed and documented agents into the same area for other operational tasks.
- c. The procurement of positive intelligence.
- d. The strategic placement, in event of war with the USSR, of legalized agents inside who have been trained to perform acts of sabotage, to organize resistance, and to serve as the focal point for the organization of partisan warfare.

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- e. The establishment, if feasible, of secure escape and evasion routes within the target areas; the transmission of information from inside which will permit the independent establishment of such facilities.

6. Targets

Targets are assigned to agents on an individual basis determined by their qualifications and capabilities.

7. Tasks

- a. To establish the AENOBLE Operational Unit, consisting of a joint CIA-NTS Staff element and a joint CIA-NTS Training element as outlined in EGQW-11939, Enclosure 1, page 9, paragraph 3.
- b. To proceed with the training and dispatch of candidates selected for Cycle C in accordance with Parts II and III of the Protocol agreed upon between CIA and the NTS leaders. Paragraph 1 of Part II has been amended to permit the senior NTS staff member to veto any non-American outside instructor whose use might constitute a serious morale or security problem.
- c. To assess and select candidates for Cycle D from among students who complete Sessions XVI and XVII of the NTS Cadre School.

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8. Personnel

a. Cryptonyms:

Cryptonyms are assigned to agent candidates as final selections are made by CIA case officers.

b. Personal Data:

Because of the delay caused by the AESMITE case and because of pending internal changes within the NTS, no firm assignments of/^{NTS}staff personnel have as yet been made. The AENOBLE Operational Unit will include the following NTS personnel:

(1) Senior Operations Officer

(2) AENOBLE Training Officer

(3) AENOBLE W/T Instructor

(4) AENOBLE Recruiter

(5) AENOBLE Assessor

Individuals to these positions will be assigned only upon prior approval of CIA case officers and Staff C/SPB.

9. Operational and Security Clearance

a. Operational clearances will be obtained on all NTS personnel in the Staff or Training elements prior to their departure for the United States.

b. Covert Security Clearances will be obtained on AENOBLE agent candidates as assessments are completed.

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10. Cover

- a. Cover for the agent training school will be arranged in accordance with the plans of SR/DOB. Cover and documentation for agents to be dispatched will be planned and prepared on an individual basis under strict CIA supervision.
- b. Individual "recruitment cover stories" will be prepared for each agent candidate by a CIA-trained AENOBLE Recruiter (NTS). This cover story will serve to explain the candidate's departure from his residence area.
- c. NTS members of the AENOBLE Operational Unit will use the natural NTS cover for their assignment to the United States training area. Such cover fits the normal NTS pattern of operational assignments of key personnel to widely scattered areas removed from their Frankfurt headquarters. Their removal to the United States will not be made a matter of record, however, and they will cut off all contact with overt NTS activities.

11. Contact and Communication

- a. Contact with AENOBLE agents inside the USSR is maintained by means of two-way and blind-broadcast radio contacts, and also by means of letters containing S/W to accommodation addresses.
- b. One letter channel of a special nature and several cipher systems have been set up for emergency use only by agents already in place.

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12. Control and Motivation

- a. Control over AENOBLE agents as well as the AENOBLE Operational Unit is ensured through the NTS Operational Staff, which has agreed to the AENOBLE Protocol. This Protocol stipulates joint CIA-NTS responsibilities as distinguished from responsibilities which are solely CIA functions and reflects the Agency's aims and objectives for AENOBLE operations.
- b. AENOBLE agent motivation is ideological. The candidates selected are usually former Soviet citizens not only willing to return to the USSR on operational missions but willing to remain there permanently. Under the revised NTS Cadre School plan, all future AENOBLE agents will be required to complete the NTS Cadre School course, during which they will be trained and motivated to perform operational tasks in the NTS revolutionary program.

13. Equipment and Other Support

- a. During fiscal year 1955, a maximum of five (5) agents will require W/T training and the necessary equipment.
- b. Documentation, S/W systems, and medical supplies will ~~need to~~ be ^{required} ~~provided~~ for a maximum of five (5) agents.

14. Coordination

Coordination is maintained on a continuing basis with:

- a. EE Division and other Area Divisions when the residence areas of agent candidates fall within the countries of Western Europe or the Western Hemisphere.

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- b. The Office of Communications, the Technical Services Staff, and the Logistics Division,
- c. The Alien Affairs Branch, Cover Division, the Security Office, and Staff C/SPB.
- d. ~~_____~~ SR/DOB.

15. Timetable

AENOBLE Case officers are now assessing agent candidates for Cycle C, which it is hoped will be activated on or about 1 August 1954. Assessment of candidates for Cycle D will take place during the spring of 1955.

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PART II

16. Estimated Cost

The estimated cost for fiscal year 1955 is as follows:

Compensation -- 10 Foreign Nationals, including escrow accounts and dependent allotments	\$ 37,700.00
Travel	23,500.00 -
Rent and Utilities	3,000.00
Operational Entertainment	600.00
Foreign Currency (Gold and Rubles)	37,600.00
Agent Assessment and Instructor Training	8,200.00 -
Commo Equipment (See Commo Annex)	20,420.00 -
Technical Services	2,276.71
Medical Supplies	930.00
Other Operational Supplies and Equipment (See Logistics Annex)	<u>13,452.29</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	<u><u>\$147,679.00</u></u>

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17. Special Problems and Commitments

- a. The problem of agent disposal always exists in REDSOX operations. In the past, the signing of oaths of secrecy with both the NTS and CIA, by agent candidates, as well as the placement of the disposal case in a securely controlled status of employment within the NTS complex, have proved effective measures for the disposal of agents for other than security reasons. In the event of a disposal for security reasons, prosecution and incarceration under the espionage laws of the United States can be invoked.
- b. No commitments regarding death benefits, insurance, citizenship, or any other thing of value will be made to agents with the exception of monthly salary during training and escrow deposits of \$200 per month while on the mission.
- c. Project AESAURUS/AENOBLE would not be adversely affected by any change in government or political conditions in the area of operation.

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