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Review of Project AENOBLE (FI Component of PP Basic Plan AESAURUS)

SR/Frankfurt Area of Operations USSR

1. Production

During the year 1 July 1955 to 1 July 1956 AENOBLE produced 24 reports of which 14 were used in 13 disseminations. For this review an additional nine reports previously disseminated are also being considered.

2. Evaluation of Product

The information produced by AENOBLE concerned Leningrad, Moscow, Belorussia, and the Ukraine, and consisted of fragmentary reports on air, ground force and industrial installations, submarines in Leningrad, one report on a penicillin factory in Kiev, one on crop and food conditions, some low-level political items, and one report on the denigration of Stalin. OCI rated this last report of considerable value in providing additional evidence as to the authenticity of other accounts of Krushchev's speech. Although this one report was rated of considerable value, slightly more than half of the production was rated of value by customers, the remainder of only slight value, and accompanying comments described the reports as weak and lacking in detail. Production rating C.

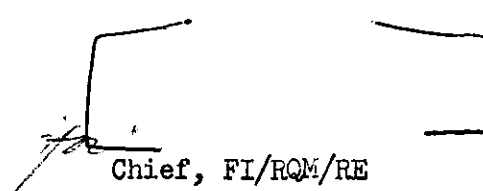
3. Requirements

Although the difficulty of briefing AENOBLE agents is obvious, continued guidance for this project is available in the IPC list for the USSR and in many specific customer requirements.

4. Recommendation

Renewal is recommended.

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