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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division  
VIA: Chief, SR/PP  
FROM: Chief, SR/3  
SUBJECT: Recommended return of AEVIRGIL to SR/3

1. Attached is a draft memorandum to EE/DCOP recommending the transfer to SR Division of project CARRERA. This EE project provides the TSOPE Berlin office which exploits contact operations arising from TSOPE leaflet distribution.

2. It is clear--from the growth of the Berlin complex, the projected development of a distribution net, the involvement in long range ballooning under AECIRCUS--that TSOPE is far more than a masthead for propaganda dissemination. Under the firm and dynamic direction of the present senior case officer, we may anticipate a further increase in the development of AEVIRGIL's operational aspects.

3. In light of this situation, it is believed that AEVIRGIL more properly belongs under the jurisdiction of an operating branch than as a part of the PP Staff. In the branch, the project would receive the necessary operational direction from case officers and senior branch personnel, while continuing to receive guidance on propaganda policy and content from the PP Staff.

4. It is therefore recommended that AEVIRGIL (including the Berlin activities under CARRERA) be returned to the administration of SR/3.

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*Agreed between SR/COO, SR/PPP,  
and CSR/3 re transfer  
to SR/3 after departure  
of [redacted] from US, c/a 15 Sept.  
To include C/O permanent.  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief of Operations, EE Division  
FROM: Chief, SR Division  
SUBJECT: TSOPE/REDCAP Berlin Office (AEVIRGIL/CARRERA)

1. As you know, REDCAP in the Spring of 1953 established an office in Berlin, using TSOPE (Central Association of Postwar Emigres) cover, to be used as a means of establishing contact with recipients of TSOPE propaganda for REDCAP exploitation of such contacts. EE project CARRERA covers the FI aspects and SR project AEVIRGIL provides the PP backstopping and financial support of this office. In the year that it has been in existence, the TSOPE/REDCAP Berlin operation has developed a large number of DDR contacts and has demonstrated that it possesses greater operational potential for the future. Based on NTS experience, it can be anticipated that this potential will increase with the expansion of TSOPE leaflet distribution.

2. Although it is administered at the Headquarters level under separate PP and FI projects lodged in two separate divisions, the TSOPE/REDCAP Berlin office in the field is run by the Soviet Section, BOB, as a completely unified operation.

(a) The covert operations, under the CARRERA charter, are run by CADILT-1, reporting to [redacted] who is in turn responsible to [redacted]. These covert operations consist of following up DDR contacts coming into the Berlin office as a result of leaflets, IBC leads, and the letter writing campaign. Recent RIS interest in TSOPE/CARRERA activities indicates the importance of this operation.

(b) The overt TSOPE representation is handled entirely by AEVIRGIL-3, who reports directly to [redacted]. It includes speeches, public appearances, organizational contacts, and the like, the objectives being (1) to publicize the TSOPE office in Berlin as the place to come with information concerning the Soviets, thus increasing and broadening its operational usefulness, and (2) to improve the standing of TSOPE among important German political and social circles.

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AEVIRGIL-3, in addition to these functions, is now taking part in the semi-covert operations; at [ ] direction, he shares the increased burden of the letter-writing operations. Although it is intended to keep overt and covert functions compartmented to the maximum extent, it is not unlikely that AEVIRGIL participation in the covert side will increase, albeit under strict controls.

(c) BOB officers are in agreement that CARRERA's operational value will continue and increase in proportion as the overt TsOPE propaganda campaign in Berlin and zonal mass propaganda efforts continue to increase in scale and effectiveness. Plans for this expanded distribution have been initiated, including a material increase in both quantity and quality of propaganda literature tailored specifically for the needs of the Berlin operations. The expanded and reorganized Propaganda Section of TsOPE, Munich, in conjunction with the imminent establishment of TsOPE's own printing facilities, will enable timely provision of this material.

(d) Small scale leaflet distribution activities against selected targets are presently being carried out by CARRERA contacts, while mass distribution of leaflets is performed by a number of other Agency-supported groups. We consider development of a separate AEVIRGIL net imperative, and this idea is strongly indorsed by [ ] and [ ] first to replace the unsound operational situation resulting from distribution by outside groups, second because present facilities are not sufficient, and third to give BOB the advantages of a controlled net which can feed back operational leads. The CARRERA contacts constitute the natural recruiting ground for distribution agents for the net. [ ] proposes that [ ] despite his other duties, be assigned as case officer for the net. Thus all the TsOPE Berlin operation would be centralized under [ ] control. [ ] has met [ ] considers him thoroughly capable, and an excellent choice for the position.

3. It is apparent that the AEVIRGIL operation is beginning to develop along the pattern of the AETNA-1 complex. The TsOPE overt headquarters in Munich has a rapidly developing Propaganda Section and will soon have its own print shop. Long range as well as zonal ballooning will begin in a few months, supplementing present and projected hand distribution activities. A modest "cadre" school serves to recruit and train for various parts of the TsOPE program.

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TsOPE carries out a variety of public representation functions designed to publicize its anti-Soviet goals and program. Finally, in Berlin, the TsOPE office provides the focal point for FI exploitation of PP activities. From the operational point of view, however, TsOPE differs from the NTS in one crucial respect: TsOPE is a creature of our own invention and we control it in its entirety. In process of its further growth, therefore, we can expect by means of firm control and direction to avoid some of the errors and flaps which have characterized some of the NTS operations. This particularly is important in Berlin. In order to maintain control over TsOPE operations, it will be necessary to provide firm direction, emanating from a single source.

4. Since the CARRERA/AEVIRGIL Berlin operation is completely integrated in the field, it is clear that only similar unified administration can provide firm control, direction, and support from the Headquarters level. Such integration can provide the combined exploitation of complementary PP and FI activities which has proven so necessary in NTS operations. In view of the fact that the CARRERA office is entirely dependent--for its cover, distribution leaflets, tailor-made propaganda, and German good will--upon TsOPE and its overt activities under AEVIRGIL, it is the belief of this Division that the combined operation should be administered by SR Division.

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