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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division

SUBJECT: Proposal to Obtain USEP Contractor Status  
for AEVIRGIL

REFERENCE: Memo directed to C/PP dated 19 September,  
same subject

1. This Staff approves the request by SR Division to initiate discussions on the AEVIRGIL welfare proposal with appropriate USEP officials through the offices of the CIA field liaison officer with USEP. As reflected in referenced document and in conversations held by a Staff representative with SR Division and PPC, AEVIRGIL's assumption of a welfare responsibility through USEP is desirable in order to: (1) extend coverage of the welfare case-load of Russian emigres in Germany; (2) provide a positive program for the AEVIRGIL organization which will enhance AEVIRGIL's stature and increase stayability in the eyes of the German government; (3) provide for the introduction of new personnel into the VIRGIL organization to work on welfare and ultimately to use this entre as a plausible reason for extending the membership eligibility of AEVIRGIL; and (4) provide cover for the extension of AEVIRGIL operational activities into other overseas areas where operational potential warrants.

2. As SR Division is well aware, the strong competition in welfare activities directed toward Russian emigres will require careful planning by AEVIRGIL personnel qualified to undertake welfare case work in order to avoid accusations against AEVIRGIL of political manipulation of the emigre community. Failure to fulfill the welfare functions adequately could easily undermine the potential advantages mentioned in para. 1, above.

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3. We request that the PP Staff be kept current on the status of negotiations with USEP. SR Division is urged to call upon the assistance of this Staff whenever required.

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Operations Staff