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SUBJECT CAMOG REDWOOD AEVIRGIL
Interim Status Report

ABSTRACT
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MUNI-5346, 27 March 1963

Introductory Comments

The information contained in this dispatch is based on the situation in AEVIRGIL-1 as of 29 March. Since the announcement of the impending subsidy withdrawal was made to the AEVIRGILites, the situation in the organization and with regard to administrative and handling problems arising from the termination has been in a state of constant flux. This is true of almost every sphere of project activity. We have attempted below to indicate all major points at which reported developments are tentative, subject to modification or reversal, etc.; that this is not possible in all instances goes without saying.

Political

1. The effect of the termination announcement on AEVIRGIL-1 hitting personnel was one of delayed-reaction shock. That fact notwithstanding, the only one of the organization's officers with whom we have had concrete handling difficulties (as of the present date, apparently successfully overcome) was AEV-6 who, as usual in moments of stress, took to the bottle, and this time for a somewhat longer period than usual. The major problem to be overcome in this direction was AEV-6's determination to preserve the organization on de jure as well as de facto basis, with himself naturally remaining at the head. After we had made clear our

Enclosures

- A. CARTMAN-17 draft of membership meeting invitation; USC
- B. Inventory list of property turned over to AEGIDEON-1; declassification. USC
- C. Draft of resolution for Belgian chapter, USC

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stand on this matter, namely that we are going to insist on complete liquidation, AEV-6 began a series of erratic schemings in search of a subterfuge; fortunately, we were kept well informed of his doings by the other AEVIRGIL leaders, all of whom, with the initial exception of AEV-3, considered the old man's behavior at that point irresponsible. In our opinion, the immediate concern of most of the others was, lest a movement, however small, develop within the emigration for the preservation of AEV-1, either without sponsorship or with other sponsorship, such a movement then being interpreted by us as anti-American and thereby militating against their individual chances to obtain employment in other organizations with an American affiliation. In the two instances where this idea was in effect expressed, we withheld comment.

2. During the first half of March the bulk of AEV-6's support for his idea of keeping AEV-1 seems pretty clearly to have come from the old emigration. Of the Soviet emigration in Munich, the only two people we know to have joined the incipient movement were AEV-3 and AEV-5. We do not attach much importance to the fact that the meeting of the French chapter which AEV-6 attended this month voted unanimously to retain the organization: AEV-6's presence at a moment when he was still determined not to lose his title is probably the main reason for that decision. (A detailed report on the Paris proceedings and personalities is still forthcoming from AEV-6.)

3. After prolonged persuasion and argument on our part, with the insistence of CARTMAN-17 on liquidation as the strongest talking point--said insistence carrying with it the implication of vague future unpleasantness for AEV-6 if he should attempt to keep the organization as a legal entity--AEV-6 was gradually brought around to acceptance of the inevitable and, to all appearances, has decided to keep in step from now until the end. A side factor which undoubtedly prompted him to change his mind was the total defection of AEV-30 from the ranks of his supporters: AEV-30 was the one individual in his entourage on whom he felt he could most surely count in an emergency. AEV-30 was prompt and unequivocal in disassociating himself from any "save-AEV-1" agitation, in particular in all conversations with his colleagues where the possibility of seeking German support was discussed. It is our impression at the present time that AEV-6 has all but abandoned any idea he had in the latter direction; the only report we have had during the past two weeks in this connection concerns an alleged approach by AEV-46 to an unknown German acquaintance: AEV-46 is supposed to have tried or to be considering trying to get German financial support of the AEV-1 radio activities and for AEV-75. Our source for this report is AEV-132, who got it from AEV-46 couched in the vaguest terms; AEV-132 could provide no further details, and we feel it best under the circumstances not to question AEV-46 on the subject.

4. The only exception to the rule against retaining anything resembling a portion of the framework of AEV-1 was made in the case of the Belgian chapter. The reasons for this are set forth in detail below. From the political standpoint, it is sufficient to point out that AEV-202 has been warned and has agreed not to retain the AEV-1 designation for his group.

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Personnel

5. AEVIRGIL-3. AEV-3 will begin his job on the Russian desk of the Deutsche Welle on 15 May. After termination notices to all employees had been sent out as of 28 February effective 30 June, AEV-3 submitted a demand for full payment of his monthly honorarium through 30 June. CARTMAN-17 voiced the opinion that AEV-3 would have some legal basis for pressing such a claim if it should come to litigation: the recipient of an honorarium of a fixed amount on a regular basis can qualify as an employee, according to CARTMAN-17, and therefore we might have difficulty if we proceeded with our intention of cutting AEV-3 off entirely as of 1 April. As of the present moment, AEV-3 has agreed to depart peaceably with 1 June as a cut-off date; we have offered 15 May as a compromise date.

6. At the Presidium meeting called on 22 March to draft a resolution of disbandment, AEV-3, who unexpectedly (as has frequently been the case for such meetings over recent months) turned up in town for the occasion, and refused to vote for dissolution. It is reported that the resolution was drafted over his veto and that only after he had been seriously worked over by the others that night would he go along with the party line at the pravleniye meeting the following day. We have ceased contact with AEV-3 and do not know whether his tactic is explicable on the grounds of personal whim or of outside inspiration. A possible indication that the latter could be the case is the circumstance that vague overtures to the AEVIRGILites have been made by persons connected with the Buro Mende, the Bund der Freiheit, etc., in the direction of preserving the organization. None of these overtures, it should be mentioned, have been definite enough to warrant counter-action: the safest guess is that they represent probing by individual bureaucrats and Eastern-affairs specialists.

7. AEVIRGIL-6. PBCHORD has expressed a general interest in AEV-6. At the present moment, however, there are no immediate prospects for his employment beyond 1 July. We are delaying submission of recommendation for termination settlements with him and other witting AEVIRGILites until the whole question of PBCHORD employment has been settled. It is fairly clear that AEV-6 will have difficulty in obtaining any employment whatsoever if he is not picked up by PBCHORD. For obvious reasons we have not yet broached with him the question of his German retirement, but under the laws it is certain that he will not qualify for a pension for at least one year.

8. AEVIRGIL-7. BGCALLUS is reportedly planning to hire AEV-7 beginning 1 July. In the end of July he will return to PBPRIME, his passage west-bound to be paid for out of the AEVIRGIL project. The mechanics of financing his return trip have not yet been settled: he was informed by BGCALLUS that they are unable to give him any money before he has entered on duty; we are refusing to advance him sufficient funds for a round-trip ticket. Should this matter not be clarified within a reasonable length of time between AEV-7 and BGCALLUS, we will attempt to intervene for a satisfactory solution.

10. AEVIRGIL-30. Despite the fact that PBCHORD has expressed interest in AEV-30, he is apparently firm in his decision to go into business. He has received offers involving partnership, but is postponing a decision pending examination of opportunities for starting an independent enterprise, most probably in the restaurant business. One such opportunity appears also to have caught the imagination of CARTMAN-17, who has made a general offer to go into business with AEV-30. CARTMAN-17 is highly impressed with AEV-30's talent for business administration. AEV-30 has stated that he will under no circumstances participate in any form of political activity, emigre or otherwise, unless specifically requested by KUBARK to do so. Among the AEVIRGILites he has made it a matter of public record that he will have nothing to do with any present or future propaganda or intelligence activities where any sponsorship other than American is involved.

11. AEVIRGIL-34. No plans regarding future employment. Date of eligibility for old age pension unknown.

12. AEVIRGIL-46. He has been offered a job (whether the offer was official or unofficial is not known) by the research section to TPLINGO at a salary considerably below what he earned with AEVIRGIL. We have no information at the present time as to whether he may be considered for any other PBCHORD openings. From all reports, AEV-46 has been psychologically the hardest hit by the termination. His ignorance of the German language and unfitness for manual labor render his future on this economy extremely doubtful.

13. AEVIRGIL-105. He is under definite consideration for employment with the technical department of TPLINGO and the relevant personnel action has been initiated. In all probability he will change to the new job before AEV-1 has closed.

14. AEVIRGIL-106. PBCHORD has been informed of the probable availability of AEV-106 and of the fact that he will return to live in Munich within the immediate future. The latest report is that AEV-106 will stop work in Madrid on 1 May, will return to Germany shortly thereafter, and will not try to get a new job before the end of summer. We infer from this that he has adequate resources for a period of idleness; whether or not this is the case, we do not propose any termination settlement beyond the absolute legal minimum in his case, as we feel that with an earnest effort on his part he would be able to find employment with TPLINGO without any difficulty.

15. AEVIRGIL-109. No plans for further employment.

16. AEVIRGIL-116. About the middle of March, AEV-116 was offered DM 1200 plus housing assistance by the Deutsche Welle. She would prefer to remain in Munich, but if the Köln offer proves to be better than anything she can get here, she will probably take it and move. As of 28 March, she has reportedly received a definite offer from PBCHORD which, if she accepts it, will result in her separation from AEV-1 well ahead of the project termination date. Her departure will create a serious secretarial problem within AEV-1 for which no remedy is in sight.

17. AEVIRGIL-127. Because of his advanced age, he is not being considered for employment by PBCHORD. For reasons not yet clarified, AEV-127 will not be eligible for retirement pension for a period up to one year beyond July of this year. This will probably become the foremost hardship case among the unwitting

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full-time AEVIRGIL employees. In this connection we have learned that AEV-127 and his wife would be required to pay DM 300 per month for the privilege of retiring in a home for the aged. Our only hope for a solution in this case is that enough free-lance writing work can be found for AEV-127 to keep him from starving.

18. AEVIRGIL-130. Because of his misgivings involving war-time falsification of his personal history in order to avoid repatriation to the Soviet Union, AEV-130 has hesitated in submitting an application to PBCHORD with the others. He is reluctant to emigrate to join his brother because of linguistic fears. If he remains adamant in these two respects, he will probably, at least for the time being, enter the ranks of the German unemployed.

19. AEVIRGIL-132. As previously reported, AEV-132 has gone ahead on his own with plans for the establishment of an association of Russian writers. He is setting up this organization as a eingetragener Verein with international membership, for which purpose he is now collecting signatures in PBPRIME. The association is headed by Prof. STEPUN with AEV-132 as manager and AEV-135 as third member of the board. It is our understanding that AEV-132 has approached PBCHORD for support of AEV-75 under the roof of his new association. TPLINGO has offered him a full-time job with the privilege of running AEV-75 on his own time; he is not in agreement. His reason for refusing this offer is that in his opinion the quality of AEV-75 depends on full-time attention of the editor-in-chief, above all in the matter of procuring publishable materials. (According to AEV-132, an alternate plan for the continuation of AEV-75 without the participation of AEV-132 is under informal discussion in PBCHORD: the plan envisages publication of AEV-75 under the aegis of BGCALLUS with AEV-7 as chief editor. If such an alternative is indeed being considered, it would in our opinion be a waste of money).

20. If he is unable to save AEV-75, AEV-132 intends to go to work for PBCHORD on a full-time basis.

21. AEVIRGIL-135. He has allegedly received a definite offer of employment from PBCHORD on the special payroll. As of the present moment, he is reported reluctant to accept because of uncertainty as to the degree of security in the job.

22. AEVIRGIL-138. He will probably go to work on the German economy.

23. Free lancers. We are taking no direct action regarding the considerable number of Russian writers in Germany who have been partially, or in a few cases, almost entirely, dependent for their livelihood on honoraria from the various AEVIRGIL activities. Such persons are being called to the attention of PBCHORD by AEV-1 for any free-lance opportunities which might exist in that direction.

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have been received and reviewed and a few commitments have been made. A final decision will be made when the future of AEV-132 becomes clear; in any case, no further printing of AEV-75 will be undertaken under the AEVIRGIL project. Other publishing operations and/or special mailing operations have been discontinued.

25. Distribution. AEV-176 will continue to operate on a normal basis until 1 July. His future activities will be the subject of a separate correspondence.

26. Contact Operations. The Swedish chapter subsidy is being cut off effective 1 April. Outstanding financial obligations allegedly incurred by AEV-701 are being examined. Contact between AEV-6 and AEV-175 was discontinued as of 1 March.

27. Belgium. On 7 March AEV-202 told [] that regardless of any action taken by AEV-1 in Munich, he proposed to keep the Belgian chapter of the organization intact. Following discussions with [] it was decided not to oppose AEV-202's plan, except insofar as the AEV-1 designation is concerned. AEV-202 was brought to Munich and briefed accordingly by AEV-6 and AEV-30. According to reports from the latter, AEV-202 consented to change the name and to disassociate himself from all Munich political connections. Anticipated opposition from AEV-203 and others did not materialize. AEV-202 has reported that at the meeting of the Charleroi sub-chapter the projected dissolution motion was accepted unanimously. Other sub-chapter meetings are being held at the present time. No name has yet been decided upon for the Belgian organization: AEV-30 suggested to AEV-202 that he call his organization the soyuz rossiiskikh demokratov. According to AEV-202 all of the members in Charleroi have agreed to continue payment of membership dues and, in addition, to make voluntary contributions "for the purpose of continuing AEV-70." AEV-6 will reply to AEV-202, reminding him that any publications attempted in Belgium should disassociate themselves not only from AEV-1, but also from names of periodicals used by AEV-1.

Legal

28. There are at present three registered legal entities under the AEVIRGIL project: these are AEV-1, AEV-51, and AEV-71. Procedures for the dissolution of the latter two are currently a matter of negotiation with CARTMAN-17. The latter is adhering to his insistence on a small membership meeting for the legal dissolution of AEV-1. Originally, CARTMAN-17 requested that in addition to the first membership meeting with four weeks advance notice to members, the first meeting be followed, in the anticipated event of no quorum, by a second meeting, likewise with four weeks advance notice. He has retreated from this requirement to the extent of permitting the second meeting to be called 24 hours after the first meeting. Invitations have been sent out setting the dates as agreed upon between us and CARTMAN-17, namely 29 and 30 April. It is specified in the invitations that the purpose of the meeting is the dissolution of the organization and that no travel expenses or other costs

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29. The AEVIRGIL-1 books will be closed and all overt cash operations discontinued on 15 May, not on 1 May as reported in Reference. The date of formal liquidation of the organization is now set for 30 June.

30. According to our present calculations, based on estimated obligations for April, May and June, it may be possible to effect this termination within the amount allotted for the project for this fiscal year, not including covert termination settlements for AEV-6 and AEV-30.

31. Termination bonuses for AEV-10, -20, -27, -46 and -116 are being partially paid out in the form of salary raises beginning 1 March, in order to enable the individuals named to qualify for larger unemployment insurance payments after 1 July. Unwitting employees who are immediately hired by other organizations will receive no termination bonuses beyond the minimum legal requirements. For our calculations regarding what is coming to each, we are using as a general guideline the termination requirements for local wage-rate employees of the Army, namely lump-sum payments of up to five months salary for 10 years of service, longevity bonus of 2% of per annum salary since 1955, and accumulated leave prior to termination. The extent to which this formula will be applied in practice will depend in most instances on the outcome of attempts to find further employment for the individuals concerned.

Real Estate

32. Earlier this month PBCHORD expressed interest in acquiring all or part of the office space now rented by AEV-1. After prolonged back-and-forth on this issue, including conferences of both parties with the owner, PBCHORD has definitely decided not to take the premises. We are accordingly advertising for new takers and if such are found before the close of the organization, the office will be evacuated as soon as necessary. If it becomes necessary to evacuate AEV-176 from his ground floor office space, we will have a serious storage problem for the mass of material awaiting distribution unless AEV-176 is able to find new quarters to move to immediately after he moves out. We do not anticipate any difficulty in finding new tenants for the building because of the heavy demand for housing in this city.

Property

33. The records available at this base do not show any ODYOKE property as having been signed out to AEV-1. We know, however, that the organization has received two safes from this base, date of receipt unknown. These will be returned. If Headquarters has any record of other ODYOKE property having been issued, please inform us as soon as possible.

34. The complete inventory of the AEV-1 printshop has been

We are now engaged in obtaining comparative estimates for sale on the local market.

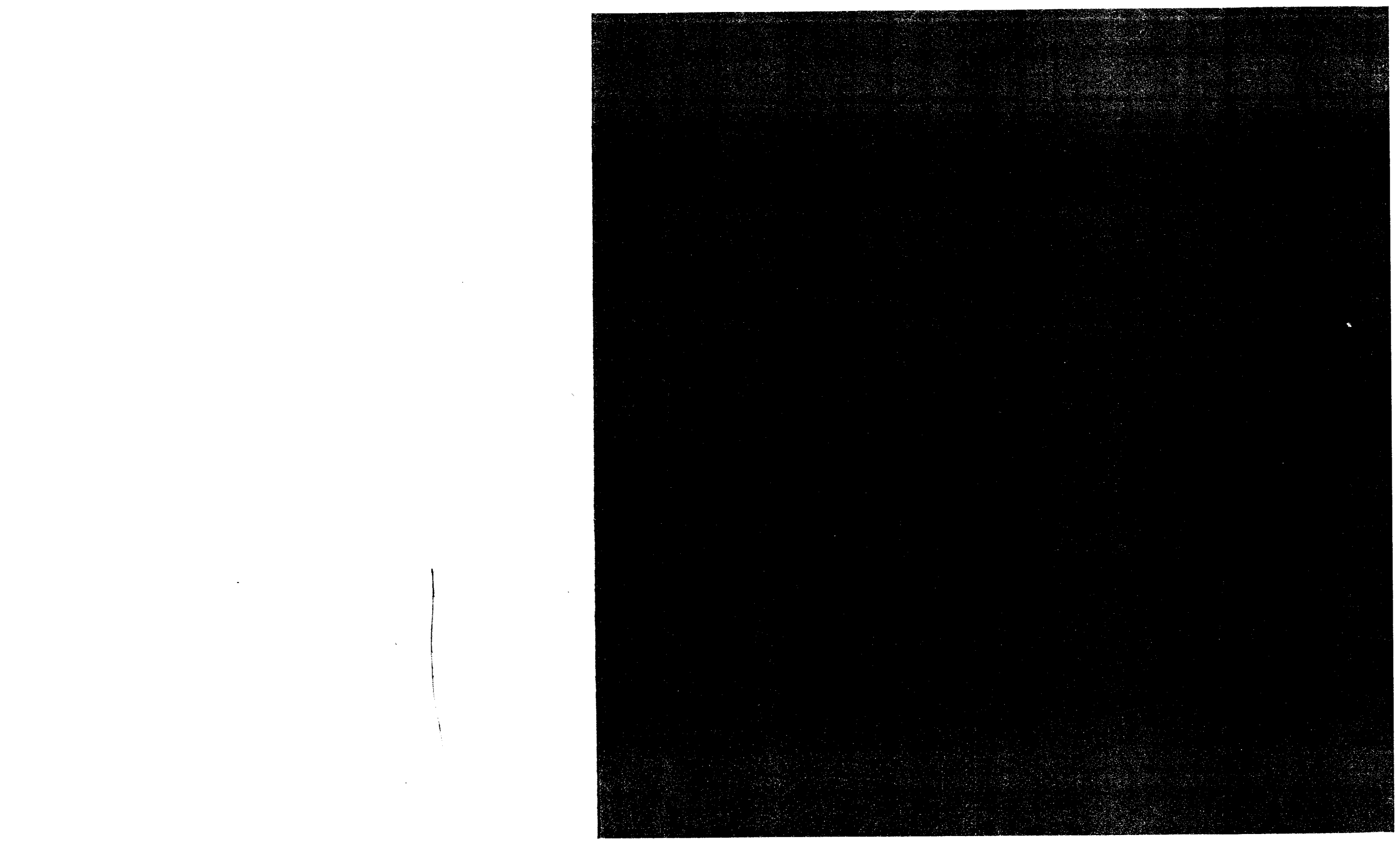
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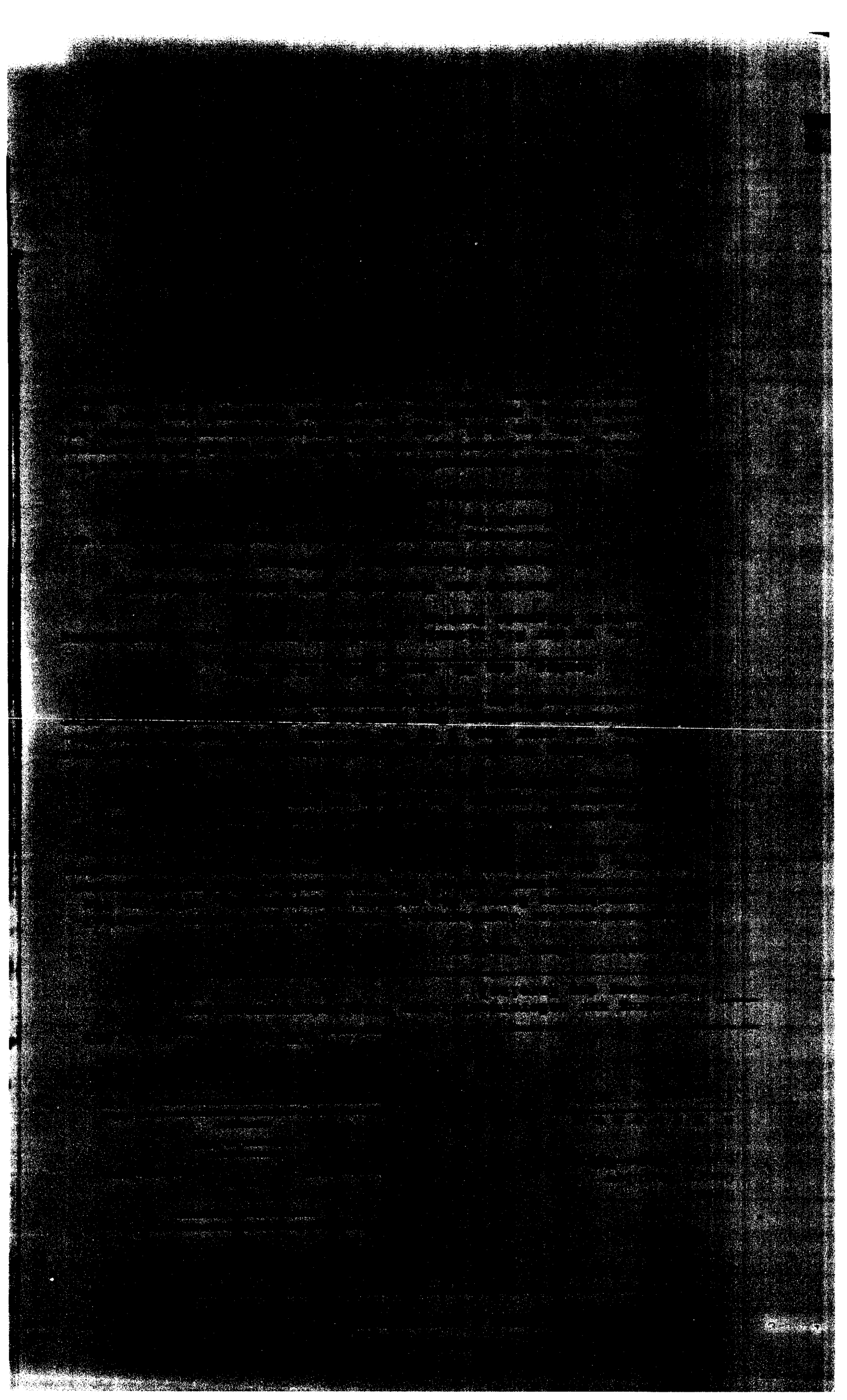
35. The Russian-language monthly reports from the various AEVIRGIL-1 sections for February and March will be forwarded to Headquarters after 1 April.

Approved

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ein, zu der Sie hiermit ebenfalls eingeladen werden.

Diese zweite Mitgliederversammlung kann jedoch - bei Zustimmung von drei Vierteln der anwesenden Stimmen - die Auflösung des Vereins ohne Rücksicht auf die Zahl der anwesenden Mitglieder beschließen.

Die beiden Mitgliederversammlungen am 29. und am 30. April 1963 finden statt in München

München,

Eine Möglichkeit, den Mitgliedern die Höhe der Aufenthaltskosten für die Teilnahme an den beiden Mitgliederversammlungen zu erstatten, besteht leider nicht.

Ihre handschriftlichen Notizen darf ich Ihnen gegen meine Entlastung zurückreichen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Kurt J. Falkenberg
Rechtsanwalt

Zusätze

