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PROJECT OUTLINE CLEARANCE SHEET

DATE: 2 March 1953

Project Cryptonym: **HBDUCKPIN**

Developed by: Case Officer

Organization

Date

Ext. 3591

SR Division

2 March 1953

Reviewed by: Foreign Branch Chief Date

Division Chief Date

4 Mar 53

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Concurrences:

EE/PP

3/10/53
Date

FI/Plans/Cover

3/11/53
Date

FI/STC/SPB

19 MAR. 53
Date

PP/C/PAD

27 MAR. 53
Date

ASC/PP

31 March 1953
Date

IOD/SP

1 April 1953
Date

* It is understood that 3a(1)(2) connote "soviet nationals", not satellite nationals, last memorandum. Also that interest in rehabilitation will be very selective and coordinated closely with PEP; the Case Officer keeping IOD/SP advised.

Approved subject to conditions below:

any name

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10 April 53
Date

Conditions of approval: * CPP desires emphasize that this project must be set up on a sound basis with a minimum of management problems. It should be carefully looked over before it is set up for renewal a year later, from standpoint of its demonstrated value and its cost to us in money and man-hours.

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Project Cryptonym: HBDUCKPIN

Project Type: Psychological and Political

1. Authorization for the Project

USSR Fiscal 1953 Country Program, page 36, paragraph 3d, approved by PRC in principle 30 January 1953.

2. Other References

EGQA-1265, EGFA-71, EGFA-303, EGQW-1550, EGQW-2256
FRAN 6439, FRAN 7555, DIR 32947, FRAN 0068
DIR 35036, FRAN 0486, MUNI 1308

3. Objective and Necessity

a. Objective: To develop the Central Union of Post-War Emigres, (TsOPE), organized in Munich during November 1952, into an effective anti-communist group to be used:

(1) As a rallying point for all post-war defectors in Western Germany.

(2) As an incentive to potential defectors.

(3) As the attributable source and actual working mechanism for the conduct of anti-Soviet psychological warfare aimed at Soviet personnel in the East Zone of Germany and possibly Austria, with a view to their disaffection and/or defection.

b. Necessity: The need for establishing an organization of the most recent post-war defectors, who are closest in background and spirit to Soviet actuality, has long been apparent.

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The development of such organization would provide immeasurable opportunities for fulfilling our long-range covert psychological warfare program against the U.S.S.R. and eventually might provide possibilities for the recruitment of covert agent personnel. O-K

4. The Proposal

a. Statement of proposal: It is proposed that the Central Union of Post-War Emigres (TsOPE), at present consisting of approximately 110 loosely organized members, be soundly established under CIA control, with complete financial support of its salaried staff, full subsidy of its official monthly publication SVOBODA, and payment of all necessary business expense.

b. Background of the project: Beginning in November 1951, limited developmental funds were used to support the publication of SVOBODA, sponsored by a small, semi-notional group of able post-war emigres under the leadership of RNANATOX. Eight issues of a Western edition, directed toward the most recent Soviet defectors in Western Germany, were printed during a 12-month period. Concurrently with the overt Western publication, there were produced five different issues of a special Eastern edition (including one small-size inducement leaflet) aimed at Soviet occupation personnel in East Germany. Samples of both Western and Eastern editions are appended hereto (Attachment A). During the year 1952, approximately 150,000 SVOBODA leaflets were distributed in the Soviet Zone of Germany under project BGADMIRED.

From 11 to 14 November 1952, the Central Union of Post-War Emigres held an organizational conference in Munich under covert CIA direction. A presidium of eleven (11) members and five (5) candidates, with RNANATOX as president, was elected. The events leading up to the conference were reported in AMCONGEN Despatch No. 132, dated 22 September 1952, and full coverage of the proceedings was given in AMCONGEN Telegram No. 241 of 19 November, Despatch No. 249 of 11 December, and Despatch No. 269 of 6 January 1953. Approximately 120 post-war emigres took part in the proceedings, and Despatch No. 269 reported that the Western press recognized the potentialities of this organization as an anti-communist weapon. The fact that VOA, BBC, and Radio Liberation made an unprecedented number of excellent tape recordings for radio broadcasts beamed to the Soviet Union is an indication

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of the psychological warfare potential of TsOPE.

c. Current status of project: At the present time, TsOPE is going through a period of consolidation under the direction of its president, RNANATOX, who has already learned to depend heavily upon CIA guidance.

Summary / The group is endeavoring through liaison with such welfare agencies as the Presidential Escapee Program, the Tolstoy Foundation, etc., to implement the rehabilitation of post-war emigres. This welfare work will not be dependent upon CIA financing. TsOPE, as an overt organization, will establish overt relationships with the agencies mentioned above and through the medium of these agencies will try to alleviate the situation of poverty and hopelessness attending the bulk of post-war emigres. By this means, the organization will play an important role in removing a vulnerable spot in our psychological warfare effort. ✓

Concurrently, publication of the Western edition of SVOBODA and preparation of leaflets for behind-curtain distribution are being continued.

The various portions of the TsOPE program are presently being carried out by a staff of six individuals serving in the following capacities:

President - Under the guidance of the CIA field case officer and with the assistance of the TsOPE staff, the president, RNANATOX, will direct and supervise activities and will represent the organization in its relations with other organizations and groups, German and other government representatives, etc.

Deputy for Welfare and Personnel - This deputy will assist RNANATOX in maintaining contact with welfare organizations and in implementing the welfare program outlined above. He will receive welfare questionnaires and membership applications, maintain personnel files, carry on the necessary correspondence within the organization, and maintain personal contact with members and prospective members whenever possible. After the organization has been firmly established and when, as, and if the deputy for welfare and personnel receives the

appropriate operational clearance, he may be called upon to carry on the function of spotting agent prospects who could be recruited for CIA operations through an independent approach by CSOB recruiting officers.

Deputy for Public Relations and Editor of Publications - This deputy will assist RNANATOX in maintaining contact with German authorities, German groups, and emigre organizations, and will develop connections which may be beneficial to TsOPE. As editor he will be responsible for the production of all TsOPE published material in accordance with an editorial policy approved by the field case officer. He will solicit and collect material from writers, edit and prepare the material for printing, develop new propaganda ideas and "lines" in order to exploit current political events and situations.

Administrative Assistant - This assistant will be responsible for the conduct of all office work in support of TsOPE, including files, records, correspondence, and reports.

Secretary-Typist - This assistant will perform the necessary stenographic and clerical duties for members of the staff.

Receptionist-Messenger - This assistant will perform all the necessary duties indicated by his title.

d. Relation to other projects: As pointed out in 4(b) above, project BGADMIREDE depends almost entirely upon the production of SVOBODA leaflets for supplying its distribution net in East Germany. The chief agent has repeatedly asked for a regular change of materials and if the propaganda potential of TsOPE can be fully utilized, we should have no difficulty in keeping BGADMIREDE, as well as other existing nets supported by the CIA German Mission, well-supplied.

Furthermore, REDCAP is deeply concerned with the development of this project. Its leaflet production activities, as well as the program to rehabilitate post-war emigres, would be of utmost aid to the over-all REDCAP effort.

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QKACTIVE is also vitally interested in the growth of TsOPE as a potential future member of the Political Center in Munich. AECHORD, at request, provided invaluable assistance both in funds and personnel which contributed to the favorable outcome of the organizational conference.

5. Operational Outline

a. Area of operations: The operational area is Germany, with the provision of such propaganda materials to Austria as may be desired by the COM, Vienna.

b. Duration of project: Continuing.

c. Cover and security: Although cover is not the major problem in this project, any concrete tie to CIA and all evidence of support by any U. S. agency whatsoever must be thoroughly concealed. At the same time, it is important to develop as much as possible the appearance of the organization's independence and in general to create the impression that whatever impetus might originally have been given to the organization by outside means, TsOPE continues to develop on its own initiative and with the aid of wide popular support. In order to achieve these objectives, the following precautionary measures will be observed:

(1) CIA-TsOPE contacts will be held to a minimum and will be completely covert.

(2) No U.S. installations or equipment will be connected with TsOPE.

(3) TsOPE's financial support will be attributed to a wide circle of private groups and individuals.

(4) The organization's propaganda line, while remaining wholly pro-Western, will avoid the precise imprint of U.S. policy.

d. Operational control: Control of all aspects of the project will be exercised by a senior case officer in the field who will deal directly with a small, carefully-screened staff of TsOPE, including the president, the editor of publications, and if

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necessary, the president's deputy for welfare and personnel. The case officer will be responsible for:

- (1) Guidance of the organization, particularly in its external relationships, e. g. with the German authorities and with other emigre groups.
- (2) Control of the propaganda line and editorial policy of the publications.
- (3) Security, including establishment and maintenance of cover, clearance of key personnel, and supervision from the CI standpoint of the organization's membership.

e. Evaluation: The progress achieved will be measured periodically by Headquarters and the field case officer in terms of:

- (1) TsOPE prestige as reflected in the press, in reports by other U.S. agencies, and in the general reaction among other groups, both emigre and indigenous German organizations.
- (2) TsOPE contribution to other CIA efforts, notably REDCAP, QKACTIVE, BGADMIRE and related activities of the German Mission.
- (3) TsOPE anti-Soviet propaganda coverage.
- (4) TsOPE potential for agent recruitment.

f. Personnel:

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| (1) SR Division | Case Officer | : | [] | |
| | Chief SR/3 | : | | |
| | Chief SR | : | | |
| (2) Field | Case Officer | : | [] | |
| | President of TsOPE | : | | RNANATOX |
| | Deputy | : | | Name Withheld |
| | Deputy | : | | Name Withheld |
| | Administrative Asst. | : | | Name Withheld |
| | Secretary-Typist | : | | Name Withheld |
| | Receptionist-Messenger | : | Name Withheld | |

g. Support plan: Headquarters support will consist of supplying funds as outlined in the budget annex (Attachment B) to pay salaries, rent and other organization expenses; forwarding to the field timely propaganda guidances prepared by the PP staff and all available information which may be helpful to the psychological warfare aspects of the TsOPE program; and serving as a focal point for field requirements.

Field support will include the delivery of funds through appropriate channels; accounting for funds on a periodic basis; the conduct of all necessary intra-CIA planning, reporting, and correspondence; and responsibility for the transmittal of behind-curtain material produced by TsOPE to the Psychological and Political Warfare Section, Frankfurt, where actual printing of leaflets will be done.

h. Communications plan: Contacts between the field case officer and leaders of TsOPE will be covert, all meetings to be held in a safe apartment maintained specifically for this purpose. Telephonic communication will be on an emergency basis only. As soon as feasible, an assistant case officer will be added to carry on routine contacts so that direct contact between the senior case officer and members of the TsOPE staff will be kept to a minimum.

i. Reports procedure: The administrative assistant will prepare monthly reports on TsOPE activities and finances which will be transmitted to the senior case officer, who in turn will send monthly progress reports to Headquarters.

6. Budget Data

Total monthly requirements for the support of TsOPE amount to \$1,500.00. For a detailed budget, see Attachment B and appended Form No. 314.

7. Protection of Government Interests

Every precaution will be taken so that revelation of U.S. Government interest will not occur. (See 5c and d above.)

8. Intelligence By-Product

During the present stage of development it is not anticipated that this project will yield significant operational or positive intelligence. Intelligence exploitation will be considered when developments warrant.

9. Coordination

This project has been coordinated with EE Division. The utilization of German personnel, if any, will be coordinated with the German Desk of the Mission in Frankfurt.

A sterilized project outline will be forwarded to the German Mission as soon as the project has been approved.

10. Administrative Plan

An administrative plan is now in preparation.