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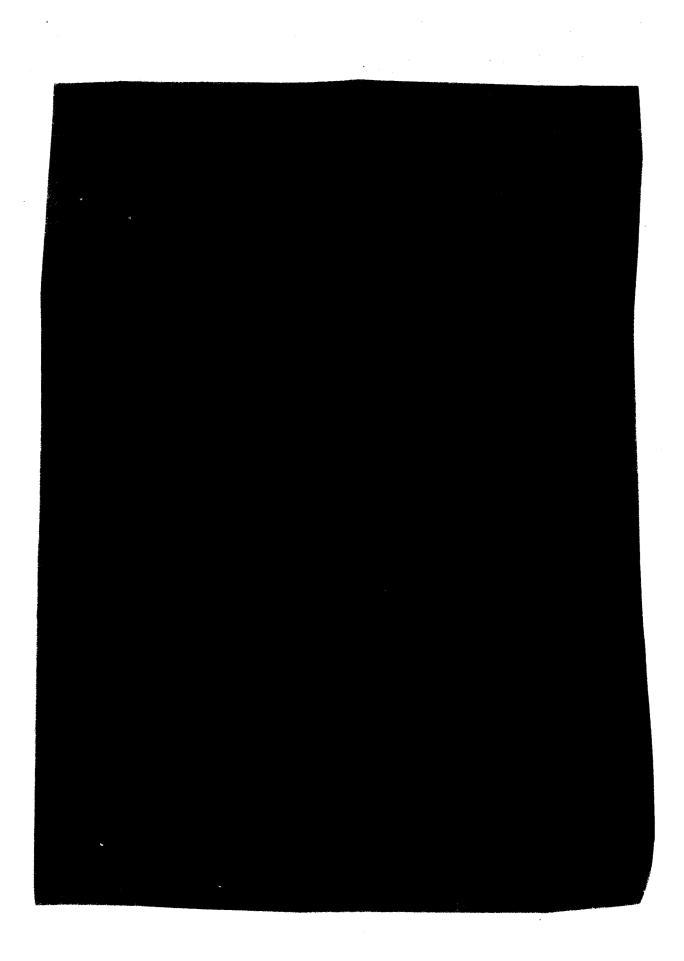
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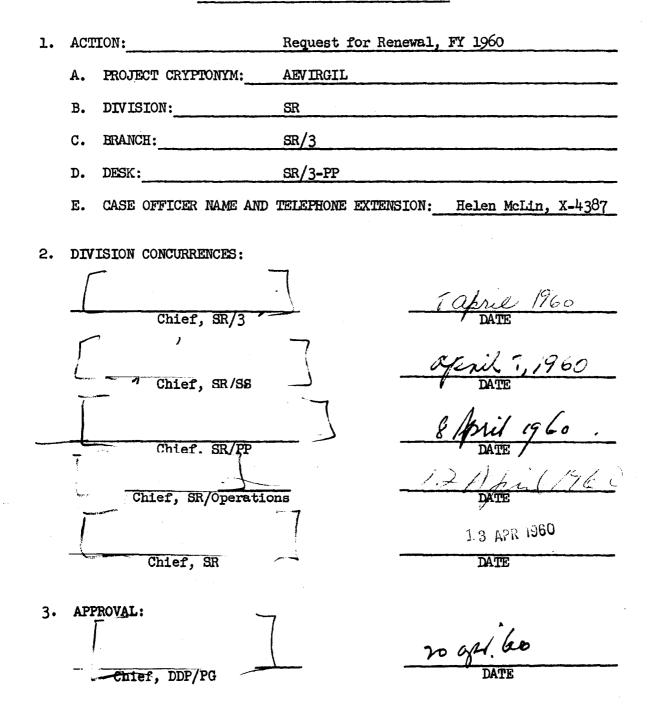
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REQUEST FOR PP PROJECT RENEWAL

DIVISION PROJECT CLEARANCE SHEET



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RENEWAL OF PROJECT AEVIRGIL

FY 1960

- 1. TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED:
- 2. AMOUNT IN WHICH PROJECT WAS INCLUDED IN THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAM:
- 3. STATEMENT OF FUNDS APPROVED AND OBLIGATED BY FISCAL YEAR SINCE PROJECT INITIATION:

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a. Current Objectives

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TSOPE was created and is being supported and controlled by 1. CIA in order to develop and utilize some of the human resources in the Russian anti-Soviet emigration in support of CIA's political and psychological objective of accelerating evolutionary changes in the character and policy of the Soviet regime. The Headquarters of this organization is in Munich, Germany. The current objective of the project is to use this organization to sponsor the production and distribution of written propaganda and for the conduct of PP operations against the USSR and its nationals at home and abroad. The organization produces books, magazines, brochures, articles, leaflets, radio scripts and broadcast tapes and directs them toward the Soviet target. Prior to early 1960, balloons were used to direct leaflets and brochures to the Soviet Forces stationed in East Germany. Special leaflets in German are used to induce East Germans who find the material to pass them to Soviet friends and acquaintances and to act as go-betweens should the Soviets wish to contact TsOPE in Berlin. The East Germans who visit the TsOPE office in Berlin--about 30 different individuals each month -- provide almost all the FI reports which come out of the project. Most of these reports concern Soviet 0/B in the DDR. In the radio field, TsOPE is used to provide propaganda in Russian to three friendly foreign government radio stations which broadcast to the Soviet Union.

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- 2. In recent years more and more Soviet citizens have been visiting countries in the West, thus greatly increasing the possibilities for direct contacts by the emigres. Agent personnel teams suitable for contact operations are the most recent operational mechanism which TsOPE has developed. To add to the impact of personal contact and oral propaganda the members of TsOPE now pass printed material directly to the ever-increasing number of Soviet travelers. The organization can be used as a ready PP mechanism for the promotion in the Free World of meetings, demonstrations, press conferences, and other overt activities designed to support specific CIA objectives and to cooperate with other groups supported by CIA or by Free World governments to alert the citizens of a given country to the method and danger of current Communist tactics.
- b. Changes in Operational Mechanism
 - 1. With the election in May 1958 of a new chairman and board of directors, SR turned its attention during FY 1959 toward tightening the organization through stronger internal executive control and supervision. The new chairman, Lebedev, managed during the year to instill much-needed discipline within the organization, while broadening its appeal to anti-Soviet emigres in other areas. With the attraction of new members, the chairman has succeeded in his attempt to make the organization a dynamic and expanding group.

- 2. During FY 1959 the Belgian branch of TsOPE gained adherents in two additional cities and thus increased its ability to meet Soviet citizens during the summer travel season. The first steps were taken to form a TsOPE branch in Paris. The preliminary organizational work was completed, and the TsOPE organizer sent from Munich to Paris was put in contact with a case officer A search was begun for a local emigre who could serve as clandestine operations chief for the chapter and who could have permanent contact with a local case officer.
- 3. During FY 1959 circumstances forced CIA to move permanently a TsOPE leaflet balloon activity from Western Berlin to the territory of the Federal Republic. The two TsOPE balloon teams continued their operations from the Federal Republic, but both the number of East German visitors to the TsOPE Berlin office and the FI take declined sharply as a result of the discontinuation of ballooning from Berlin itself.
- 4. The Former chairman of TsOPE, Dziuba, gladly gave up his post in May 1958, since he was waiting only for the completion of the formalities delaying his emigration from Germany to the United States. These took but a few months, and he expressed a desire



at the time of his emigration not to have anything further to do with the overt activity of TsOPE. Since September 1958 when he arrived in the U.S. and was given advice and assistance in finding a job by the local TsOPE representative, he has made no more demands upon the organization. This termination by mutual agreement is not expected to have an adverse effect on future project activity.

- c. Intelligence Production:
 - 1. Under cover of the TSOPE office in Berlin, the East German visitors attracted to the office by TSOPE propaganda material are exploited by TSOPE agents under direct CIA control for leads on vulnerable Soviets stationed in East Germany and for intelligence which they themselves can provide. In FY 1959 this Berlin operation produced 36 FI disseminations derived from 73 information reports from Berlin. In addition there were six disseminations to SOVMAT. The Eurasian Branch of ACSI has said that these reports - primarily OB on the Soviet Forces in East Germany - are of value. They continue to supply information which does not duplicate that received from other sources and supplements other information. (See attached Divisional review.)
 - 2. Except for occasional items of positive intelligence from contact operations with Soviet travelers or from conversations with emigres who have been allowed to visit their relatives in the Soviet Union, the TsOPE organization itself does not produce positive intelligence.

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- d. Analysis of Effectiveness:
 - (1) Chronological list of developments during FY 1959:

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a. July - September 1958: TSOPE representatives at the Brussels Worlds' Fair ran contact operations against Soviet visitors and pavillion employees. In addition to yielding reports of PP import, these contacts afforded the chance to distribute, by hand, 85 books in Russian, including Dr. Zhivago and TSOPE publications, 4600 brochures, and 700 copies of Svoboda magazine.

September - December 1958: Various groups of Soviet delegations were contacted, discussions were held with them, and TsOPE literature given out. These groups included track and field teams, Byzantine specialists, Soviet students, heavyweight teams and hockey teams.



November 1958: In Munich TsOPE organized and staged, in league with German and Hungarian youth groups, a large anniversary meeting commemorating the Hungarian revolution. (ZRMIDWEST)

December 1958: 163 books and TsOPE brochures were placed in Soviet ships by the Belgian branch of TsOE.

December 1958: 1800 letters on the Pasternak affair were sent to the Soviet Union.

January - May 1959: Upon invitation of the West German authorities, TsOPE produced Russian-speaking guides and 10,000 guidebooks for a government-sponsored anti-Communist photo exhibit which toured West Germany.

March 1959: Israeli chapter of TsOPE contacted thirteen Soviet seamen and passed out TsOPE literature.

April 1959: Through the TsOPE representative in Madrid, at Radio Nacional Espana, the TsOPE brochure on The Soviet Naval Officer was translated into Spanish with the approval of the Spanish Government, for distribution to various Spanish-speaking countries.

April - June 1959: TsOPE representatives visited Vienna to make advance preparations for the Vienna Youth Festival. TsOPE coordinated its Festival efforts with and gave specific help to the CIA-supported youth groups which provided the chief anti-Festival PP ops during the Festival.

<u>May - June 1959</u>: With the onset of the Soviet tourist season, contact operations were increased; the Belgian chapter was particularly active in this operational field.

April - June 1959: The groundwork was laid for the development of a TsOPE chapter in Paris, which the Paris station had requested.

Throughout the year TSOPE held an average of four anti-Communist seminars per month in West Germany. TSOPE leaders spoke by invitation to West Germany military groups and private gatherings. The TSOPE radio section sent four radio tapes per month to Formosa. TSOPE's contact in Radio Rome reported in the spring of 1959 that some 27 TSOPE radio scripts were then being used each month, in contrast to a much smaller number broadcast at the beginning of FY 1959. The TSOPE agent at RNE in Madrid got approximately 27 Russian scripts per month on the air, and he also supplied material for the Bulgarian, Estonian, and Latvian sections of RNE.

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The positive intelligence yield has already been covered in 4c. December 1958 saw the first issue of a political-literary magazine Mosty (Bridges), to be used in contact operations against Soviets; it will come out approximately three times per year. Die Freie Rundschau, a bimonthly news magazine in German, and Svoboda, the monthly organizational magazine, were published regularly throughout FY 1959. Various books in Russian such as Technology of Power, and Prosvety, were published by TsOPE during the year. 32 brochures in Russian were written for use in contact operations, and 50 different leaflet texts were printed for use in the ballooning operations against the Soviet forces in East Germany.

(b) Target reactions: In December 1959 violent Soviet press attacks and leaflet campaigns were conducted against the TsOPE office in Berlin where the FI debriefings are held. RIS assets attempted to recruit the former TsOPE president. Through SR/CE agents, it is clear that agents have made many attempts to penetrate the TsOPE mechanism in Munich. Soviet military groups in East Germany had designated certain clean-up teams to gather and burn all TsOPE leaflets ballooned in, before Soviet troops could read them.

Although the majority of Soviet citizens contacted were supporters of the regime, many were willing to admit dissatisfaction with the way the regime meets the real needs of the people. A smaller percentage proved to be hostile to the regime and accepted the emigre thesis of the necessity for basic changes in its character. An estimated 400 Soviet citizens, carefully screened for political reliability prior traveling to the West, accepted TsOPE literature, itself a anti-regime act.

- (2) NSC 5906/l states an aim of U.S. policy to be "to encourage exchanges of U.S. and Free World with the Soviet Bloc with a view to sustaining airrent ferment in the thinking and festering evolutionary trends...." TsOPE's recent additional emphasis on contact operations against Soviet citizens where non-Marxist literature in Russian is handed out encourages Soviets to widen their intellectual horizons and to question the rigidity of the Communist system. In addition, TsOPE's anti-Communist work in the Free World, i.e. through West German seminars, speeches, and publications fulfills NSC 5906/l - "It is the policy of the U.S. to alert vulnerable Free World nations to the methods and dangers of Communists subversion."
- e. <u>Cover, Control and Security</u>: The natural cover provided by TsOPE's status as a bona fide emigre organization, approved as a tax-free

group by the West German Government, still applies. This organizational status provides cover for TsOPE members conducting contact operations against Soviets (i.e. at Vienna Youth Festival), publishing operations, and literature distribution. Control continues to be based on virtually complete financial support by CIA. Two field case officers in Munich work closely with TsOPE leadership on current directions and policy trends of CIA. Despite continuing RIS instructions to agents in Munich to penetrate TsOPE, there were no security "flaps" during FY 1959. By its very nature, no emigre organization can be completely free from occasional opposition threats against individual members, but none of these attempts in FY 1959 was serious.

f. Assessment of Indigenous Agents:

Field case officers work closely with several members of the TsOPE leadership in Munich. The P/A, Lebedev, is president of the organization. Since he assumed his office in the spring of 1958, he has been consolidating the organizational structure in order to make TsOPE a more tightly-knit group, better able to carry out CIA directives. His success is borne out by the increase in contact operations conducted by TsOPE members, not only in Munich, but in Vienna, Paris, and several Belgian cities. He meets with the case officer two or three times per week. The P/A could increase even more perhaps the degree of forcefulness he employs as president of the group, for although he has been strengthening gradually his executive control, a still firmer hand is needed. The field case officer frequently reminds him of this need.

g. American project personnel:

There are two full-time field case officers in Munich, part-time case officers in Berlin and Paris, and a full-time case officer at Headquarters.

h. Liaison with Intelligence Services:

Not applicable. TsOPE maintains informal liaison with the West Germans.

i. Interagency Coordination:

Not applicable.

j. Plans for Ensuing Year:

In FY 1960 emphasis will be placed on TSOPE's running a greater number of contact operations against visiting Soviets; to facilitate this a new chapter is being set up in Paris and contact possibilities

are being investigated in Austria, England, and Israel. As contact operations increase, so will the amount of TsOPE literature in Russian reaching Soviet consumers. Ballooning operations against the Soviet troops in East Germany are to be decreased in the expectation that they will be permanently halted by the end of FY 1960. TsOPE will participate to a greater extent in the stepped-up Russian-language book publishing activities desired by Headquarters. Books so published will be used, not only by TsOPE itself in contact operations, but also by Headquarters in legal traveler projects. Radio scripts will continue to be sent to Madrid, Rome, and Formosa--and possibly to Turkey.

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Travel

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1. Field Direction:

is the field case officer directing the project.

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14 October 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/3

SUBJECT

: Review of Positive Intelligence Production from Project AEVIRGIL for the Period 1 July 1958 to 30 June 1959

Statistics

1. Our review of the AEVIRGIL (AECARRERA) Project reveals that positive intelligence production during the period 1 July 1958 to 30 June 1959 was as follows:

Reports received/processed:	82 (SR - 13, EE - 69)
Reports used in disseminations:	73 (SR - 12, EE - 61)
Reports rejected:	7 (SR - 1, EE - 6)
Reports awaiting dissam action:	2 (EE)
Disseminations:	36 (SR - 5, EE - 31)
SOVMAT dissems:	6 (SR - 5, EE - 1)

Comments

2. AEVIRGIL is a PP project, the Berlin aspect of which (AECARRERA) produces a positive intelligence by-product. Most of the PI derived from AECARRERA stems from individuals who trade information for remuneration, and the majority of the information pertains to activities of the Soviet forces in Germany. In addition to "contact reports", a major contribution of the project has been the trash collection effort, which according to its primary consumer, Capt Joyce, ACSI, is one of the best available media for the reconstruction of Soviet OB in East Germany and for the collection and collation of information on Field Post Numbers.

3. Another result of the project has been the acquisition of a limited number of SOVMAT items, consisting primarily of ammunition, shell fragments, expended cartridges and lead seals from rail cars.

4. All in all, considering the relatively casual nature of our relationship with the ultimate informants, the information received through this project has been good. It would be more productive, however, if some greater degree of direction could be exercised over the ultimate informants. We know that some of these are repeat cases, thus possibly affording an opportunity for the contact agent to suggest certain lines of more productive labor for individual repeaters. For example, in some instances information has been received on serial numbers of rifles and other light weapons. Such collection is to be commended; yet it would add considerably to the value of the information if the informants were also able to supply the factory trade marks or the specific model of the rifle or other light weapon for which they supplied the serial number. Also, in the past some informants have provided tactical numbers for tanks, i.e., the numbers which appear on the hulls of tanks. Much greater value would be attached to this type of reporting if informants would specify whether these tanks were observed in a tank repair depot (which is of little value) or whether they were in a parking area of a tactical unit (which is of greater value). The location of the tank park and identification of possible trash collection with trash heaps in its vicinity would also be of value. This same type of searching inquiry should be applied to all the OB information collected from these informants. Movement of troops in general is good information, particularly where a large number is observed, and especially if point of departure and point of destination can be obtained. Movements of small bodies of troops are of little value unless destination is known, together with the purpose of such movement, e.g., whether normal replacement, maneuvers, TDY, increase in T/0 or what.

5. The trash collection effort is good and warrants continuation. Since there is presently sufficient information from certain areas, e.g., Beelitz and Fürstenwalde, collection there might be somewhat deemphasized, though not completely discontinued, and emphasis be placed on collection from areas with less coverage.

6. With respect to SOVMAT items, expended cartridges have little value unless they are of new design. Duds would be a good acquisition, but would be dangerous to handle. Any munitions in live form would be a valuable acquisition. Shell fragments have little value per se, but they should be forwarded as Army appears to have an interest. If shell fragments, or duds, with markings can be found, they would be welcome.

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7. The above are very general comments relative to possible improvement of a good project. A recent meeting introducing the new Headquarters case officer to the primary consumer analyst, Capt. Joyce, ACSI, brought out additional points for the case officer to discuss with the field.

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