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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF PROJECT AEVIRGIL

FROM:

SR/CA/E, []
5B0003

EXTENSION

6408

NO.

DATE

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

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Readjustment of allotment for termination

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PROJECT APPROVAL NOTIFICATION

PROJECT	AEVIAGIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CA	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETARY
		<input type="checkbox"/> FI/CI	<input type="checkbox"/> SUBSIDY
			<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECT

ACTION		AREA	
	NEW PROJECT	DIVISION	
XX	AMENDMENT No. 6	SR	
	RENEWAL	BRANCH	
		CA	
XX	TERMINATION	DESK	
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER	
	OTHER	EXTENSION	
		6408	

AUTHORIZATION			
APPROVING AUTHORITY	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED	FY	AMOUNT
DD/P	\$ 20,000	196 3	
12 June 1963		196	
PERIOD OF APPROVAL	FINANCIAL CODE SYMBOL		
FROM 1 July 1962 TO 30 June 1963	3134-4008-8095		

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Amendment No. 6 to Project AEVIAGIL approved in the amount of \$20,000, increasing the project's authorization from [] to [] for FY 1963.

This action cancels the previous authorization for FY 1964 funds.

SIGNATURE	DATE
DDP/PG (Signed) []	13 JUN 1963

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PROJECT ACTION				PROJECT CRYPTONYM ASVIRGIL	
	TYPE OF ACTION			FI/CI	CA
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION			
	AMENDMENT NO. 6	FIELD STATION			
	RENEWAL FY 196	BRANCH MONITOR OPERATIONS BASE		DESK	
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER		SR/CA	
TERMINATION	ROOM NO.	BUILDING	EXTENSION		
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CONCURRENCES OF DIVISION

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (And signature)	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
OSR/CA	[Signature]	1/1			✓	
OSR/BF	[Signature]	1/1			✓	
OSR/BS	[Signature]	1/1			✓	
SR/COF	[Signature]	1/1			✓	
DC/SR	[Signature]	1/1			✓	
OSR	[Signature]	1/1			✓	

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS

DOP/TO/CA	(Signed) [Signature]	7 JUN. 1963				
G/CA/TO	[Signature]	7 JUN. 1963				
G/DOP/TO	[Signature]	7 JUN 63				

APPROVAL

	PERIOD		TOTAL AMOUNT	FY	AMOUNT
	FROM	TO			
	1 July 1962	30 June 1963		1963	
APPROVING AUTHORITY		SIGNATURE		DATE	
Deputy Director (Plans)		[Signature]		12 JUN 1963	

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PROJECT ACTION				PROJECT CRYPTONYM AEVIRGIL	
TYPE OF ACTION				FI/CI	X CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION SR			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AMENDMENT NO. 6	FIELD STATION MUNICH OPERATIONS BASE			
	RENEWAL FY 196	BRANCH SR/CA/E	DESK SR/CA		
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. 5B0003	BUT Langley	EXTENSION 6408	

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ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (And signature)	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
CSR/CA	[Signature]				✓	
CSR/BF	[Signature]	28 May			✓	
CSR/SS	[Signature]	31 May			✓	
SR/COP	[Signature]	31 May			✓	
DC/SR	[Signature]	3/6/63			✓	
CSR	[Signature]	Egane 63			✓	

OTHER COMPONENTS

DDP/PG/CA	[Signature]	7 JUN 1963				
C/CA/PEG	[Signature]	7 June 1963				
C/DDP/PG	[Signature]	June 63				

APPROVAL

PERIOD		TOTAL AMOUNT		FY	AMOUNT
FROM	TO	[]		1963	[]
1 July 1962	30 June 1963			196	\$ []
APPROVING AUTHORITY		SIGNATURE		DATE	
A Deputy Director (Plans)		[Signature]		12 June 63	

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

ATTENTION : Chief, Projects and Programs Group (CA)

SUBJECT : Request for Amendment to Termination of Project
AEVIRGIL to Provide Funds for Termination in
Fiscal Year 1963

1. The Field has requested that the \$20,000 earmarked for the completion of the termination of Project AEVIRGIL in Fiscal Year 1964 be transferred to Fiscal Year 1963. The termination has proceeded smoothly and at a more accelerated pace than was foreseen, and the Field case officer will thus be able to complete the termination prior to 1 July 1963.

2. Sufficient funds for this purpose are available in the SR Division Fiscal Year 1963 funding program.

3. Authority is requested to increase the authorization for Fiscal Year 1963 from [] to []

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Chief, SR 1 Division

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

REQUEST FOR RENEWAL AND TERMINATION OF PROJECT AEVIRGIL

FROM:

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5B0003

EXTENSION

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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PROJECT APPROVAL NOTIFICATION

PROJECT **AEVIRGIL**

CA
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PROPRIETARY
 SUBSIDY
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ACTION

AREA

NEW PROJECT

DIVISION

SR

AMENDMENT

BRANCH

CA

XX RENEWAL (FY 1963)

DESK

XX TERMINATION (FY 1963/FY 1964)

EXTENSION

CASE OFFICER

EXTENSION

OTHER

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AUTHORIZATION

APPROVING AUTHORITY

DD/P

4 April 1963

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED

FY

AMOUNT

1963

PERIOD OF APPROVAL

FROM _____ TO _____

\$

1964

\$20,000

FINANCIAL CODE SYMBOL

3134-4008-8095

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Project AEVIRGIL renewed in the amount of [] for FY 1963 and, subject to the availability of funds from appropriation, termination expenditures approved in the amount of \$20,000 for FY 1964.

SIGNATURE

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[Signature]

DATE

5 APR 1963

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PROJECT ACTION				PROJECT CRYPTONYM AEVIRGIL	
	TYPE OF ACTION			FI/CI	XX CA
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION SR			
	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION MUNICH OPERATIONS BASE			
X	RENEWAL FY 1963	BRANCH SR/CA/E	DESK SR/CA		
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER			
X	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. 5B0003	BUILDING Langley	EXTENSION 5766-6408	

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISION

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (And signature)	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
CSR/CA	[Signature] /s/	18 Apr 63			✓	
CSR/BF	[Signature] /s/	18 " "			✓	
CSR/SS	[Signature] /s/	18 " "			✓	
SR/COP	[Signature] /s/	20 " "			✓	
DC/SR	[Signature] /s/	20 " "			✓	
CSR	[Signature] /s/ <i>signed</i>	21 " "			✓	

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS

DDP/PG/CA	(Signed) [Signature]				
C/CA/PEG	/s/ [Signature]				
C/DDP/PG	/s/ [Signature]				

APPROVAL

	PERIOD	TOTAL AMOUNT	FY	
FROM	TO		1963	\$ 20,000
1 July 62	31 Aug 63 30 June 63	\$	1964	
APPROVING AUTHORITY		SIGNATURE		DATE
A Deputy Director (Plans)		/s/ [Signature]		4 APR 1963

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PROJECT ACTION				PROJECT CRYPTONYM AEVIRGIL	
	TYPE OF ACTION	FI/CI	XX CA		
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION SR			
	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION MUNICH OPERATIONS BASE			
	RENEWAL FY 196 3	BRANCH SR/CA/E	DESK SR/CA		
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER			
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. 5B0003	BUILDING Langley	EXTENSION 57666408	

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISION						
ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (And signature)	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
CSR/CA	[Signature]	18/3/63			✓	
CSR/BF	[Signature]	18 Mar 63			✓	
CSR/SS	[Signature]	3/18/63			✓	
SR/COP	[Signature]	3/20/63			✓	
DC/SR	[Signature]	20/3/63			✓	
CSR	[Signature]	21/3/63			✓	

CONCURRENCES		COMPONENTS	
DDP/PG/CA	[Signature]		-1 APR 1963
CA/C-PEG	(Signed) [Signature]		26 Mar 63 2
DDP/C-PG	[Signature]		2 April 63
operationally The project will be/terminated as of 31 August 1963.			

APPROVAL					
	PERIOD		TOTAL AMOUNT	FY	AMOUNT
		FROM 1 July 62	TO 31 Aug. 63 30 June 63	\$	1963 1964
APPROVING AUTHORITY A Deputy Director (Plans)			DATE 4 April 63		

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

ATTENTION : Chief, Projects and Programs Group (CA)

SUBJECT : Request for the Renewal and Termination of Project
AEVIRGIL - Fiscal Years 1963 and 1964

1. It is hereby requested that Project AEVIRGIL be renewed for Fiscal Year 1963 in the amount of () and for Fiscal Year 1964 in the amount of \$20,000.00. It is also requested that this project be terminated as of 31 August 1963.

2. SR Division apologizes for the delayed submission of this request. During the early months of FY 1963 and even during preceding fiscal years, the officers concerned both at Headquarters and in the field have been reviewing AEVIRGIL, its assets and its potential, in an effort to decide whether to attempt to revitalize the project or terminate it. At the beginning of the current fiscal year it was thought that the former course would be pursued, but events within the project and consequent reexamination have proved the latter to be preferable. Submission of the renewal request was withheld until a final decision on the future of the project could be made.

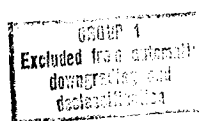
3. We plan to disband the organization subsidized by this project before the beginning of FY 1964; however, funds are requested for the first two months of the new fiscal year to provide for the possibility that unforeseen costs may arise during that period. In actual fact it is hoped that the project's commitments can be resolved and its personnel resettled by 30 June 1963.

4. Following below is a short statement of what Project AEVIRGIL did, why termination is requested, and how the final dissolution will be accomplished.

Past and Current Objectives:

5. The primary objective of Project AEVIRGIL, as well as of its predecessor projects, was to maintain a controlled, anti-communist Russian emigre organization which could be directed toward the support of SR/CA activity. In the early fifties when the Soviet target was far less accessible than it is today, CIA created the organization, TsOPE, as a rallying point for post-war defectors in Western Germany.

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The group was used mainly to produce Russian-language leaflets for ballooning to the DDR. Later, as other opportunities for approaching the Soviet audience arose, ballooning was gradually discouraged, then discontinued. During this period TsOPE was directed to begin producing books, brochures and pamphlets and to distribute these works during personal meetings with Soviets visiting the West. As the occasion presented itself, the group also began providing scripts and tapes for Russian-language broadcasts over Radio Rome, Radio Madrid, and a Taiwan radio which broadcasts to Soviets stationed in Communist China. In Fiscal Year 1961, TsOPE began mailing material and letters to the USSR and contacting Westerners who were travelling to the Soviet Union. In sum, from its creation until the present, AEVIRGIL has provided CIA a malleable propaganda mechanism which could be and was directed toward the support of whatever CA activity was deemed appropriate at the time.

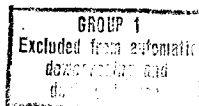
Reason for Termination:

6. SR desires to terminate Project AEVIRGIL because TsOPE's usefulness has been superseded by events and because the CIA personnel and resources allotted to its support could now be used more effectively in other forms of CA activity. In the past decade TsOPE's leadership has grown old. As their years in the West increased, their understanding of and appeal to the Soviet man has inevitably decreased. Internal dissension has arisen within the group; strategic members have resigned either under pressure or voluntarily; and there are no new, fresh members of the emigration who can be readily found to replace the old. Many of the group's activities have been curtailed by lack of personnel, budget reductions during recent years, or simply, external circumstances. For example, mailing was discontinued upon termination of the individual who directed this operation; publishing was reduced to cut expenses; Radio Rome ceased broadcasting in Russian. As TsOPE has declined, SR Division has developed other channels or found possibilities for developing other channels to perform these CA functions for which TsOPE was formerly used. Other publishing assets have been created; other avenues for contacting Soviets are being explored. Thus, faced with the necessity of revitalizing or terminating TsOPE, a serious review of the group's own internal situation balanced against a survey of other CA assets that have been or might be developed has resulted in the decision that now is the best time to discontinue the organization.

Effectiveness:

7. A review of AEVIRGIL production as reflected in renewals of past years indicates that the project did justify its existence and did serve for almost a decade as a mainstay in the total SR/CA effort.

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Within the past year the level of the group's activities has naturally suffered from the budget reduction effected at the beginning of FY 1962 and from the internal difficulties within the organization itself. Despite these drawbacks, however, the production figures for FY 1962 show that TsOPE, within its limitations, was still making every attempt to reach Soviet citizens. A list of these figures is as follows:

Broadcasts over Radio Rome (prior to the time Russian-language broadcasting was discontinued)	240
Broadcasts over Radio Madrid (in Russian, Bulgarian, Estonian and Polish)	1613
Books, pamphlets and brochures published	7 new editions 9 second editions
Periodicals published	SVOBODA and MOSTI
Books, brochures, mimeographed and personal letters mailed to the USSR	16,769 peices
Contact reports submitted on conversations with Soviets travelling in the West	206
Pieces of literature distributed to Soviets in the West	1,000
Debriefings of travellers to or repatriates from the Soviet Union	30

Proposed dated of operational termination:

8. It is proposed that all AEVIRGIL operational activities be suspended by 1 April 1963 in order to allow a three-month period to accomplish the final dissolution of TsOPE by 30 June 1963; at which time the field case officer will be transferred to another duty station. As mentioned in paragraph 3 above, funds are requested for FY 1964 only to cover the possibility that some unforeseen expenditure may be necessary after the end of the current fiscal year.

Commitments to be settled:

9. There are no actual personnel commitments to be settled in AEVIRGIL. The salaried employees will be given notice on 1 March 1963 that their employment will be terminated on 30 June. This will allow for the four-month notification period required by German law. Although CIA is under no other formal obligation to any of the individuals concerned, every effort will be made to find other employment for those members of the leadership who do not have other means of support or

definite job possibilities. The present Chairman and his deputy are major examples of individuals who may fall into this category. If no employment prospect has been found for these two as of 1 July 1963, it is anticipated that some financial settlement will be arranged.

Disposition of funds, material and personnel:

10. As a non-profit organization incorporated under German law, TsOPE must, upon its dissolution, turn over any funds or material which may be left to a similar non-profit organization. The field case officer and the Frankfurt legal staff will fulfill this requirement while disposing of TsOPE possessions in a manner that will best serve CIA interests. Another stipulation of German law is that the records of a non-profit organization be maintained by a trustee for a period of ten years. Again, the Frankfurt legal staff will arrange for the cleared witting lawyer who has acted as the TsOPE counsel to assume this trusteeship.

11. The premises currently occupied by TsOPE were leased for a three-year period with provision for withdrawal from the lease at any time. Therefore, no legal problems should arise as a result of the group's vacating these premises before the lease is up.

12. As for personnel assets, the services of selected TsOPE members residing in countries other than Germany have been or will be offered to the local CIA station. No other provision for use of residual assets in future CIA operations has been or will be made. It is anticipated, however, that many of the salaried personnel, particularly those residing in Germany, will apply for employment with other CIA-sponsored organizations who need the services of experienced Russian-language propagandists. The field case officer will naturally attempt to coordinate these applications with the hiring officials.

Risks:

13. No serious risks are foreseen in the termination of AEVIRGIL. Inevitably, the dissolution of an anti-communist organization which has existed for more than a decade and which is tacitly known to be financed by the "Americans", will give rise to rumours and accusations that the "Americans" are not so interested in the anti-communist struggle as they once were. Unfortunately, both Germans and emigres will be affected on this score. Soviet intelligence will also regard this termination as a triumph and make some effort to take advantage of the disappointment and discontent which will arise among the emigration. These risks, however, would exist at any time the determination to abolish the organization would be made. It has been judged that the least damaging time is now--when TsOPE is at its lowest point in terms of personnel, morale, and activity.

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Estimated cost:

14. [] is requested for FY 1963 to underwrite the operational expenses incurred thus far in the fiscal year and the costs of termination as well. An estimated breakdown of how this money has been and will be spent is as follows:

Salaries (approximately 20 people of varying incomes)	
Office Rent	12,600.00
Compulsory Employees' Taxes	4,000.00
Utilities	2,400.00
Postal and Telephone expenses	3,000.00
Office expenses	900.00
Administrative expenses (Labor Unions, Production Insurance, etc.)	1,500.00
Operational	
Travel (in Munich and out of Germany)	1,500.00
AEVIRGIL/70	6,000.00
AEVIRGIL/75	6,000.00
Radio	6,000.00
Brochures	5,000.00
Branch Offices	
Sweden	2,000.00
France	2,000.00
U.S.A.	1,600.00
Belgium	900.00
Madrid	3,000.00
CIA Expenses	
Safehouse	1,000.00
Payment to ex-CIA agent given notice by TsOPE	2,000.00
Lawyer	600.00
Headquarters and Field expenses	1,000.00
Termination expenses (including legal fees, termination bonuses, settlements with two or three long-time employees, key money forfeited for withdrawing from lease, etc.)	20,000.00

15. \$20,000.00 is requested for FY 1964 to cover any unforeseen termination expenses.

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