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PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

DATE OF APPROVAL 17 September 1953 CRYPTONYM BESMIRCH
DC/FI
 EXPIRATION OF APPROVAL 28 February 1954 DIVISION EE
 TOTAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED 5 STATION Berlin
 DATE OF AMENDMENT _____ TARGET AREA Poland
 ADDITIONAL FUNDS _____ HEADQUARTERS
 CASE OFFICER []
8624

ADDITIONAL CRYPTONYMS/PSEUDONYMS

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CONTRACT INFORMATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Foreign Intelligence

16 September 1953

SUBJECT: Project BESMIRCH

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of Project BESMIRCH is to establish additional communication links over the Polish-German border for the support of existing and/or future operations in Poland.
2. PERSONNEL AND COVER: [redacted], the principal agent, is a 52-year-old German national from East Germany who now resides in West Berlin. He is an ex-railroad man and at present a member of the Trade Union (SPD) in West Berlin which he will use as his cover.
3. CONTROL AND MOTIVATION: [redacted] lost his job during the 1949 railway strike and is dependent upon us for some financial support. He is considered anti-communist.
4. APPROVAL PERIOD AND COST: Approval is requested for the period retro-active to 1 March 1953 through 26 February 1954 for a total cost of [redacted]. This amount is broken down as follows: Salary - \$750. travel (four couriers, leads, etc) [redacted] and operational expenses [redacted]. In addition, [redacted] will receive two bottles of liquor, four cartons of cigarettes and two pounds of coffee per month for entertainment purposes.
5. SENIOR STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: STC/SPB and FI/OPS Staff concur. Plans/Cover reviewed, but made no comment.

[redacted]

Chief, Plans

Approved: [redacted] D/Chief, FI

17 September 1953
Date

ATTACHMENT: Project Outline BESMIRCH

cc: STC/SPB
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