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16 Mar 65

PROJECT BRIEFING

PROJECT: CATRANSIT EE - Berlin
ACTION : ADD/P approval of amendment 1 May 64 - 30 Apr 65
PURPOSE: Project is designed to support a pool of 21 couriers for secure communication with agents in East Berlin and East Germany.

AMENDMENT: To provide an additional [] for the approved project period, raising the total to [] for a year.

BACKGROUND: Research in the Division has shown that the field underestimated their cost per mission. The fluctuating number of couriers engaged, the differing amounts they are paid, and the varying number of missions to be performed make it difficult to anticipate the project cost with accuracy. As of 31 December 1964, the field had exceeded their obligation for 1965 by \$1,870.

FUNDS : [] additional in FY 65
[] total [] FY 64 [] FY 65

PREVIOUS APPROVALS: 1 May 64 - 30 Apr 65 []

STAFF COMMENTS : FI and CI Staffs concur in approval.

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PROJECT ACTION				PROJECT CRYPTONYM CATRANSIT			
TYPE OF ACTION		X FI/CI		CA			
NEW PROJECT APPROVAL		DIVISION Eastern Europe					
X	AMENDMENT NO. 1	FIELD STATION Berlin					
RENEWAL FY 196		BRANCH German			DESK West		
EXTENSION		CASE OFFICER					
TERMINATION		ROOM NO. 3D5323	BUILDING HQS		EXTENSION 4262		

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISION							
ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (And signature)	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED			DATE
				YES	NO		
C/EE/G/W	[Signature]	76-1					
C/EE/G	[Signature]	11 Feb 65					
C/EE/BF	[Signature]	2/15/65					
C/EE/OPS	[Signature]	18 FEB 1965					
DC/EE	[Signature]	16 FEB 1965					
C/EE	[Signature]	17 Feb 65					

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS							
FI Staff	-s/ [Signature]	15 Mar 65		X			15 Mar 65
CI Staff	-s/ [Signature]	1 Mar 65					
C/DDP/PG		19 Mar 65					


APPROVAL			
PERIOD	TOTAL AMOUNT	FY	AMOUNT
FROM 1 May 1964 TO 30 Apr 1965	[Signature]	1965	[Signature]
		196	\$
APPROVING AUTHORITY A/DDP	SIGNATURE [Signature]	DATE 19 MAR 1965	

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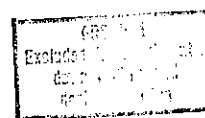
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Plans
THROUGH: DDP/PG
SUBJECT: Project CATRANSIT Amendment

The FI Staff recommends approval of the amendment of
Project CATRANSIT.


Chief
Foreign Intelligence

Attachment
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AMENDMENT TO PROJECT CATRANSIT

1. It is requested that Project CATRANSIT, which was approved in the amount of [] be amended to permit the expenditure of an additional []

2. The fluctuating number of couriers engaged, the differing amounts they are paid, and the varying number of missions to be performed make it difficult for the Field to anticipate the Project cost with absolute accuracy. As of 31 December 1964 the Field had exceeded, by \$1,870, their obligation for the entire FY 1965 period of approval. Moreover, they estimate that from January through April 1965 fifteen additional courier missions will be run at an estimated cost of []

3. Further research was undertaken by EE/G to try to determine the causes for the budget increase. A comparison of agent missions and salary payments was made, and it was found that the Field had underestimated their cost per mission in the Project Renewal. The Field was then requeryed and they indicated that this was due to the following:

a. Methods of operation have recently changed requiring higher-level couriers and necessitating increased inducements, i.e., salary, retainer or bonus.

b. To ensure the availability of couriers other than weekends or for longer than two days in Berlin, loss-of-income compensation and additional payments of per diem are required.

c. Recruitment of couriers from more remote regions of Germany has increased travel expenses.

d. A limited number of contingency missions (not predictable as to timing or frequency) may be required in support of other German bases or coordinated (military) operations.

4. The approved project outline for the period 1 May 1964 to 30 April 1965 is attached.

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