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FROM	Chief of C JCCP	NAZI WAR CRIMES DIVISION DATE 2007	RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) CLOSURE ACT MAY 1959
SUBJECT	Plans/OBTTEST Renewal of OBTEST Field Project Outline		MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
ACTION REQUIRED	See below		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY
REFERENCE(S)	<p>a. C J-19389, 5 November 1958 b. SGAA-35281, 10 April 1959</p> <p>1. This is to request renewal of Project OBTEST for the period 1 July 1959 through 30 June 1960 for the maintenance of this activity at essentially the same level as during the past year. See reference B for a recent round-up and field commentary on OBTEST activities. Although we foresee no basic changes in the direction and administration of OBTEST, we would recommend the following two amendments to the Field Project Outline (q.v. SGAA-32537, 9 June 1958) for the sake of up-to-dateness:</p> <p>a. That the paragraph on plans be amended to include provision for mailing operations into Albania to propagandize OBTEST/1. See paragraph 5, SGAA-35274, 10 April 1959 concerning the possible establishment of an internal mailing capability through EXCAP.</p> <p>b. That the disaster plan paragraph on AIPLEBE be amended to state that if AIPLEBE is employed by KUBARK in time of disaster, he would be evacuated from LOFLAKE for use otherwheres by KUBARK in view of his continuing worth as an FI, PP, or PM asset. AIPLEBE is not aware that such plans exist for him, nor will he be told of this unless an appropriate disaster situation arises. Please see SGAA-33866, 29 October 1958 for further information on this matter.</p> <p>2. Our statement of anticipated costs for OBTEST for Fiscal Year 1960 is attached. The salary noted for AIPLEBE includes a monthly increase of \$25.00 beginning 1 July 1959 in view of improving performance and continuing potential. Since we foresee a possible security hazard in that AIPLEBE might have difficulty explaining any additional monies, this salary increase will be placed in escrow. This escrow account will also serve the additional purpose of forcing AIPLEBE, who now lives to the limit of his income, to save money against the inevitable rainy day when he is terminated by KUBARK. You will also note that we have requested an additional \$100.00 for refugee subsistence because we expect C J to do more local PP interrogations during the coming year.</p> <p>3. In reference A Headquarters noted the KUCAGE staff's concern for more concrete data for evaluating OBTEST/1's effectiveness. Reference B notes that we have made periodic requests to C J for internal monitoring of the program, to C J and OBSERVANT personnel for monitorings on the Albanian border, and finally that WEMCA is attempting to monitor the program through its own assets. With the exception of nearly always favorable OBSERVANT monitorings on the borders, we have not received any conclusive information from the other sources which definitely establishes the audibility of the program inside Albania. We will nevertheless continue to levy monitoring requirements on all possible sources. On the other hand, we feel reasonably certain that OBTEST/1 is at least partially audible in Albania because of Enver Hoxha's attack against the program on 4 March 1959, coupled with Headquarter's report that a "liberal" Albanian Communist claimed knowledge of OBTEST/1. We are aware of only these concrete data which may be supplied to the KUCAGE staff; we feel, however, that the attack against OBTEST/1 by the highest ranking Party member in Albania in particular offers a most pertinent justification for the continuance of the program for at least one more year.</p>		
<p>Attachment: Proposed OBTEST finances for Fiscal 1960</p> <p><i>VEP/KCP</i> VEP/KCP 6 May 1959</p> <p>Distribution: 3 - Wash w/attin trip</p>			
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