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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

14 August 1953

SUBJECT: Project AECHAMP (Renewal)

1. The FI purpose of Project AECHAMP (presented herewith for renewal) is the procurement of intelligence and operational data from within the Lithuanian SSR by developing underground and resistance forces, interrogation of repatriates, special liaison with persons receiving mail from Lithuania and by monitoring Lithuanian radio stations. A REDSKIN operation is being planned for activation in the early fall of 1953, to be based either in Belgium or France.

2. No audit by RQM/IA was made because a major portion of the reports received contained operational data, the intelligence aspect being incidental.

3. The joint BIS (SIS) - CIA operation in London has been terminated and the Lithuanian operation has been transferred to Headquarters, DOB. Agents will now be dispatched from Germany. As a result of cordial and close relations established with the SIS in London, their assistance in future operations may be expected.

4. Seven agents are under contract primarily for interrogation and training purposes and three field agents have been recruited, two in training and one in the target area. The latter reported large round-ups of partisan leaders in which he lost his W/T and his unit destroyed. This agent is now in hiding but in contact with an established mail-drop and based on letters received since, there is some certainty in the assumption that this agent is not under Soviet control and future operations not impaired.

5. The estimated cost of the project is [

] Following is a breakdown of this amount:

*See amendment to renewal dated 15 Sept 1953
RQM/IA*

Salaries (ten agents)	\$38,210.00
Operational expenses (exchange items and operational currency)	[]
Operational equipment (annex attached)	[]
Travel, cover expenses for REDSKIN operation, entertainment expenses and bonuses	[]
Project development (REDSKIN)	[]

Field agents under this project will receive benefits similar to those

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prescribed in the Missing Persons' Act.

6. SR is requesting renewal of Project AECHAMP for the period 1 July 1953 through 31 June 1954.

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Chief, STC Chief, Operations

Chief, Plans

Approved: _____
Chief, FI Date

ATTACHMENT: Project Outline AECHAMP

cc: STC/SPB
RI for Vital Records

Concurrence contingent upon future operational security status of SR/POB and associated training and recruitment mechanisms.

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