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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Foreign Intelligence

VIA : Projects Branch

SUBJECT : Foreword to Request for Project AECOB Renewal

1. The preparation and submission of the request for project renewal has been delayed because of several factors:

a. Reassignment of the project case officer [] at the time the renewal was to be initiated.

b. Because at that time the branch was operating considerably below T/O strength, it was necessary to detail to this project from other desks a succession of case officers who were unfamiliar with AECOB.

c. The surfacing, in the months of September, October and November, of five AECOB agents. These revelations naturally have required a complete and detailed reassessment of the project in conjunction with such other interested Agency components as the Office of Security, TSS, the Office of Communications, CI Staff and FI/Cover.

2. Our aim in requesting the extension of the effective period of this project renewal, from 1 August 1957 to 31 December 1958, is to assure the availability of funds for settling the estates of the RIS-apprehended agents whose contract terms would not be fulfilled until December 1958.

3. This renewal, as hereby submitted, is believed adequate for limited FI exploitation and ascertainment of possible RIS control of the remaining internal agents of the AECOB Project.

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AREA DIVISION SR

STATION Washington, D.C.

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Date 20 January 1958

The attached project is presented for renewal.

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Chief, SR Division

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