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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

28 April 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Foreign Intelligence

SUBJECT : Project AECOB (Renewal)

1. The attached project, originating in SR Division, is presented for approval of its renewal for a seventeen-month period, 1 August 1957 through 31 December 1958. It is the purpose of the project to support legal traveller operations within Soviet Latvia and the infiltration/exfiltration of black agents. The longer renewal period is requested by the Division to assure the availability of funds within this project year for settling the estates of the RIS-apprehended agents whose contract terms will not be fulfilled until December 1958.

2. Authority is requested to obligate \$38,720 in the DD/P-SR Division budget: \$14,410 for the current fiscal year and \$24,310 for fiscal year 1959, subject to the availability of funds. \$16,000 of the 1959 estimate will provide the death benefits for AECAMBARO/2 and AECAMUSO's /2 and /3.

3. The attached memoranda, prepared in SR Division, review the developments in the operations under this project, particularly the September 1957 announcement of the USSR that five of the agents were apprehended; describe the plans for maintaining contact with the remaining agents, or their exfiltration and CE exploitation; and propose the further reassessment of the project required by the surfacing of the agents. It is stated also that the servicing of the legal resident agents will continue during this period but no new black agents are to be introduced into the area. The Division believes that the project as now outlined is adequate for limited FI exploitation and ascertainment of possible RIS control of the remaining internal agents of the AECOB Project. The Division states that the project renewal request was delayed because of the agent exposé and the reassignment overseas of the experienced project case officer.

4. RQM has continued its evaluation of "C" on the project's production, commenting that nine of the eleven positive information disseminations were evaluated as being of value or of considerable value by customers.

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5. I recommend approval of the request for the renewal covering the seventeen-month period.

Approved:

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Chief, Foreign Intelligence

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Chief, FI/OPS Division

Date

8 May 58

Staff Coordination:

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