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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/CA/PEG

SUBJECT : Project AEFREEMAN

1. While I have initialed on the cover sheet, there are some informal comments that may be appropriately addressed to you.

a. There appears to be no coordination of the AEFREEMAN project with CA/1 except for the informal approval on the cover sheet; yet, the project itself includes radios in three places and propaganda preparation of several kinds.

b. I have never seen a document which attempts to put into perspective the whole question of Baltic politics and their pertinence to the propaganda or other CS scheme. Lacking such guidance and operating from an essentially negative viewpoint about the efficacy of exile projects in general, I tend to be unenthusiastic about AEFREEMAN. Current objectives in the project are rated in a priority sense. The first of them has a generally revisionist cast and the second one is addressed to exposing Afro-Asian and emerging nations to the Baltic story. There is no FI objective at all. Under these circumstances it would seem that the limited potential of AEFREEMAN should be addressed to the emerging nations if any one. Alternatively, the project should include an FI development on the assumption that a strong pro-American revisionist, evolutionary tendency could be geared to support a specific FI mission. Otherwise, the implications of the first priority objective are that we foresee a time when the Baltic States will be detached from Soviet control. This seems an optimistic development under the most fortunate of circumstances.

c. Reference is made to Festival action by the Baltic elements and we encouraged that during the period preceding the Festival. While I am not critical of these efforts in a pointed sense, I find it extremely

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difficult to justify support of AEFREEMAN over a long period of time simply because it has some potential for Festival counteraction (and that is limited to situations like Finland where language peculiarities presented unusual opportunities).

2. In short, this kind of project represents one of the more difficult to assess and to justify. There may be good reason why your staff could re-appraise the entire question of CA activities targeted at the Bloc. Particular care and thought should be given, I think, to the encouragement of revisionist ideas where delivery dates are uncertain and where overall U.S. policy is somewhat uncertain.

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