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27 October 1952

To: Chief, Plans/~~OSO~~F1  
 From: Chief, SR  
 Subject: Renewal of Project AEQUOR

1. It is requested that Project AEQUOR be renewed for the period 1 July 1952 to 30 June 1953. Subject OSO project was initially approved through 30 June 1952. The intelligence objectives remain substantially the same with a contemplated increase in activity.
2. Attached is a resume and cost estimate for the fiscal year 1953 in accordance with OSO Regulation No. 50-1, par. 17.



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1. Although the intelligence product has been negligible to date, it is felt progress has been made toward the eventual attainment of the intelligence objectives. During the past twelve months approximately forty agent candidates have been assessed. Of this number seven were recruited and entered training. One of the latter was dispatched during the past year without W/T communications; he was to exfiltrate overland sometime in the spring of 1952. Four agents were trained to be dispatched as a team; however, prior to completion of training one was found to be lacking in qualities deemed necessary for a team member and disposed of. Another, the team leader, withdrew because of fear, necessitating a postponement of the mission. The two remaining team members had been joined by two other agent trainees, underwent training and were dispatched as a unit in late summer. Additional candidates are presently being assessed in order to provide four agents for subsequent dispatch.

2. Agent death benefits of \$10,000 have been approved by ADSO for Project AEQUOR under memorandum dated 12 June 1952, subject Agent Benefits.

3. Because young Byelorussians keep losing motive in direct proportion to the length of time they have been exposed to easy western life, it is essential for the United States to assist the Byelorussian National Council (BNR) in indoctrinating its young men in such a manner that they would accept hazardous missions into the USSR. This can best be done by backing financially a BNR-sponsored political school which would serve not only as an indoctrination medium but also as an assessment center. Such a center would be a logical outgrowth of the "Commitments" in Basic Plan AEQUOR [p. 6, para 9a(1)]: "BNR officials will conduct political indoctrination of agents prior to training by OSO-OPC". The financial breakdown of the proposed Indoctrination and Assessment Center is given below.

4. Headquarters accounting of funds expended under Project AEQUOR currently indicates a total of [ ]. However, due to the delay in receiving field accounts it is felt that total expenditures for FY 1952 will approximate [ ] Estimated OSO cost for FY 1953 is [ ] broken down as follows:

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<u>Agents</u>	<u>Per Agent</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Mission salary - 10 agents	[ 150 - 200 ]	per yr.	[ 11,400 ]
Compensation while training		per mo.	
Spotters, recruiters, informants (7)	3000	per yr.	21,000
			54928
 <u>Operational Expenses</u>			
Travel (DOB)	\$800	4,800	
Clothing	400	4,000	
Training (housing, food, etc.)	600	4,800	
Indigenous monies	1,500	12,000	25600
 <u>Special Equipment</u>			
Saws, survival, aids, maps, etc.	\$250	2,000	
Armament (guns, ammo)	160	1,280	3280
 <u>* Indoctrination and Assessment Center</u>			
1. Housing and Utilities		4,700	
2. Instructors (4) @ \$3600		14,400	
3. Guest Lecturers and local instructors		1,600	
4. Students salary and subsistence		22,000	
5. School Furnishings		3,300	
6. Furniture and books for quarters		4,000	50000
Project Total - - - - -		[ ]	
** <u>Death Benefits</u>	10,000	80,000	
Grand Total - - - - -		[ ]	

\* If it is impossible to locate the Center on foreign territory, the cost of such an installation in the U. S. would increase the total by approximately 20%.

\*\* This sum is being requested to cover all eventualities although it is not anticipated that eight agents will lose their lives.

5. Funds requested herein are solely for OSO activities.

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Project AEQUOR  
Communications Annex

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I - INTRODUCTION

1. Purpose

Project AEQUOR has the following objectives:

- A) Procuring operational data relative to documentation, security measures, living conditions, freedom of movement, etc. in B.S.S.R.
- B) Determining the number of partisan forces in Byelo Russia and contacting them if possible.
- C) Acquiring legal or semi-legal status and establishing intelligence assets such as W/T communications, safe houses, letter drops, cut-outs, etc.

2. Status

Although this is the first communications annex written for AEQUOR, this project has been supported in the past by the Office of Communications and this support will continue for those presently authorized and activated portions of the project. As of this date, one team has been dispatched to the Minsk area and its signal plan is currently active.

II - COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT

1. In addition to the above, the Office of Communications will provide the following support for this project during Fiscal Year 1953, subject to revision in view of changing requirements:

A) Circuits

- (1) A maximum of five (5) potential agent circuits working from within the Minsk, Pinsk, Gomel triangle to a [ ]

B) Equipment

- (1) A maximum of ten (10) agent radio sets.
- (2) A maximum of five (5) GN-58 hand generators.
- (3) A maximum of five (5), six volt, nickel-cadmium batteries or their equivalent.

(4) Crystals, signal plans and cryptographic materials for the above circuits.

c) Training

(1) The Office of Communications will train a maximum of ten (10) W/T operators.

III - SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

1. Communications training will be given in accordance with the instruction outlined in Office of Communications letter number CY 2-254, as amended by CY 9-923 and OSO Field Regulation 10-5.

A) Basic and Intermediate Phases to be authorized only upon receipt of a provisional clearance, a full operational clearance, or a waiver of these. (Intermediate Phase authorized only upon completion of the Basic Phase).

B) Advanced Phase to be authorized upon receipt of a full operational clearance or waiver of the same (and upon completion of the Intermediate Phase).

2. SR/3 will be responsible for the recruitment, administration and maintenance of all indigenous W/T personnel.

3. Any change relative to this project, requiring communications support not provided for in this annex, will necessitate the preparation of an amendment to this annex.

IV - COMMUNICATIONS LOGISTIC SUPPORT

1. Personnel

No additional communications personnel will be required.

2. Equipment

All equipment will be supplied from existing communications stock.

3. Finance

The estimated cost to the Office of Communications for the support of this project is as follows:

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A) Ten (10) agent radio sets, (RS-1 or RS-6)	\$10,000.00
B) Five (5) GN-58 hand generators	1,250.00
C) Five (5) six volt, nickel-cadmiun batteries	125.00
D) Cryptographic material	<u>600.00</u>
	\$11,975.00

This equipment cost has been included in the Communications Budget for FY-1953.

V - ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. Implementation, by the Office of Communications, of the communications support stated in this Annex, will not proceed until receipt of written notice from SR Division of project approval by proper approving.

2. Administration of the communications support to this project will be the responsibility of the Chief, EUCA, in coordination with such other Communications areas as may be required,

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