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SR/DOB Memo No. 668

14 March 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, FI
ATTENTION : []
SUBJECT : Project AEQUOR (FI), Extension of
REFERENCE : Memorandum 27 September 1955 to Chief,
Plans Staff, FI, TS # 108582

1. It is requested that Project AEQUOR (FI) be extended through June 1958. This is to cover period ~~31 July 1956~~ through 31 June 1958.

2. No activity is planned under Project AEQUOR (FI). However, the surfacing of AEQUOR Team II (AECAMPOSANTO-6, 8 and 9) exposed in the 19 December 1956 issue of KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA has presented a payment problem of the agents' escrow holdings and insurance commitments. The original commitment made to the agents prior to their dispatch in August 1952 provided for a monthly payment of \$213.00, starting with the date of dispatch. The agents designated a certain percentage of their salary to the Byelorussian National Rada (BNR), the sponsoring group. The rest of the salary was placed in escrow, payable to the agents upon their exfiltration. In event of death, which would be assumed automatically if no contact was made 2 years from the date of the last communication, the sum of \$10,000 for each agent would be paid to the BNR. Escrow deposits ceased as of 31 August 1955.

3. AECAMPOSANTO-9, one of the members of AEQUOR Team II, legalized after surfacing and is living as a Soviet citizen. The fate of AECAMPOSANTO-6 and 8 is uncertain, although the tone of reference to them in the KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA indicated that they were put to death.

4. The one year extension of the Project is requested to permit discussions with the Agency legal staff to determine applicability of insurance payments for AECAMPOSANTO-9, and also to permit the lapse of another year in which to confirm the fate of AECAMPOSANTO-6 and 8. They will be assumed dead and insurance commitments paid to the BNR if no further word is heard from or about them in one year.

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If it is determined that payment is applicable, an amendment to the AEQUOR Project (FI) will be requested to permit payment and termination of the Project.

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CONCUR:

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Acting Chief, FI/OPS

24 April 57
Date

*APPROVED:

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Acting Chief, FI,

25 April 57
Date

* Approval includes the following fiscal authority: \$2,278 from the DD/P-SR Division budget during FY 1956, \$1,000 during FY 1957, and \$1,000 during FY 1958. The FY 1956 authority includes payments into AECAMPOSANTO-6, 8 and 9 for the months of July and August 1955.