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	<p>1. Probably a good starting point for this review is EGOW-1172 of 13 November 1959, Subject: <u>Renewal of Project AEQUOR for Fiscal 1960</u>, which, at the time, appeared well designed to inject new life into the project by centralizing Headquarters' control of AEQUOR in SR/3-PP, and stimulating Field interest in the project by allotting \$7,000 for exploring the AECAMBISTA/1 KUTUBE potential. REDSKIN operations both in and out of the BSSR were to be stressed. A high potential for such operations was claimed to be inherent in the well-motivated, educated and intelligent personnel available to the so-called AECAMBISTA/1 organization in the West with their already established assets both in Eastern Poland and the BSSR. All that was lacking, it was assumed, was more KUBARK interest in the AECAMBISTA's to be displayed by an intensified KUBARK direction and control of the AECAMBISTA/1 efforts and the provision of funds to cover the necessary operational expenses.</p> <p>2. Now, after almost a full year of operating under the "new look", it appears to be rather obvious that a basic assumption made in November 1959, that only KUBARK interest and money were needed to reap worthwhile KUTUBE results from AECAMBISTA/1, was not valid. A realistic appraisal of the meager AECAMBISTA/1 REDSKIN efforts of the past year clearly indicates that without a major revision of the project involving building from the ground up an operational apparatus including at least two and preferably three or four full-time, KUBARK trained, controlled and financed operatives in Western Europe, only minimal results can be expected from the project in the KUTUBE field.</p> <p>3. AECAMBISTA/15, who has been billed as the operational chief of AECAMBISTA/1 is presently the main point of contact between the Field Case Officer and AECAMBISTA/1. Repeated explanations of what was desired in REDSKIN operations, and the critical need of such operations as well as assurances that money was available to defray the costs of travel and other expenses involved have been given to AECAMBISTA/15 both by the previous Field Case Officer and by the undersigned. The case officer has also made it clear to AECAMBISTA/15 that he is willing to spend as much time as is needed in providing operational training to AECAMBISTA/15 and in directing any operations AECAMBISTA/15 or his associates can generate. AECAMBISTA/15's contacts with the case officer, however, have been limited by AECAMBISTA/15 to approximately one meeting per month since June 1960. This is hardly enough to conduct worthwhile REDSKIN operations, especially since AECAMBISTA/1's loosely connected personnel assets seem to be scattered all over Western Europe and the AECAMBISTA/1 goal appears to be to run operations into the BSSR through Poland.</p> <p>4. In all fairness to AECAMBISTA/15, however, it should be pointed out that he not only holds a full-time job with TPLINGO, where it appears he is considered an ambitious and conscientious employee, but he is also a most active leader in one of the PBCHORD youth organizations. Besides, he is a family man with two very young children. AECAMBISTA/15 also is on the editorial board of the AECAMBISTA/1 weekly newspaper and handles all official AECAMBISTA/1</p>		
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-15deg);">INDEX</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><del>Removed from Project AEQUOR</del>  <del>CS classification 74-126-44/1</del>  <del>Job # 100-100/35</del>  <del>By [unclear] 10/15/60</del></p> <p><b>CS COPY</b></p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p><i>6 OCT, 60</i> <i>74-126-44/1</i></p> </div> </div>		
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correspondence emanating from Munich. Despite this schedule, AECAMBISTA/15 is presently in Spain enjoying his second prolonged vacation since June 1960. During August 1960, he also spent 10 days attending a youth conference in Switzerland for PBCHORD.

5. AECAMBISTA/13 is the only other member of AECAMBISTA/1 in Munich with whom the undersigned has dealt. The previous case officer described AECAMBISTA/13 as being "short on keenness and interprise". Apparently, this has also been recognized by AECAMBISTA/4, who, on a visit to Munich in August 1960, specifically designated AECAMBISTA/15 as his representative and requested to no longer deal directly with AECAMBISTA/13.

6. AECAMBISTA/4, the head of AECAMBISTA/1, lives in Paris where he apparently devotes most of his time to emigre politics not directly connected to this project. Whatever control KUBARK has over the AECAMBISTA/1 personnel involved in the project must be exerted through AECAMBISTA/4. The undersigned has met AECAMBISTA/4 one time, this was during a trip AECAMBISTA/4 made to Munich on PBCHORD emigre business in August 1960. During this one meeting with AECAMBISTA/4, which was also attended by AECAMBISTA/15 and lasted about two and one-half hours, in the settled atmosphere of a comfortable safe apartment, attempted to get answers to the following questions which appear to be as unclear at Headquarters as they are here: What, specifically is the AECAMBISTA/1 organization? Who are the AECAMBISTA/1 assets in Eastern Poland and the BSSR and precisely where are they located?

7. Unfortunately, the answers received to both questions were as vague as information already contained in the old AEQUOR files. As best as could be determined AECAMBISTA/1 is not an official organization but a rather vague and loose association of individuals with nationalistic aspirations to a common homeland who recognize AECAMBISTA/4 as president of their government in exile. To determine the extent of AECAMBISTA/4's influence in the emigration and the number of his adherents would, unfortunately, necessitate a lengthy investigation and study in itself. It should be recognized, however, that AECAMBISTA/4 is not the sole pretender to leadership of the Belorussian emigration and even in that segment of the emigration which recognizes him as president, his influence is not unchallenged. A case in point is the decision of the New York group of what we have referred to as AECAMBISTA/1 to use the death benefit money to set up a memorial center in New York City, contrary to the expressed desires of KUBARK and ostensibly AECAMBISTA/4, himself, to have the center located in Europe.

8. On the question of AECAMBISTA/1 assets behind the Iron Curtain, AECAMBISTA/4 and /15 insist there are many. Who they are and where they are located, however, remains unanswered. AECAMBISTA/4 maintains that to ferret out his assets in the BSSR we would first have to establish a clandestine organization in Eastern Poland. Furthermore, in order to establish this covert network in Poland, according to AECAMBISTA/4, we would first have to have an organized operational apparatus in Western Europe. AECAMBISTA/4 suggested the following as a minimum requirement for an effective Western European apparatus:

- a) AECAMBISTA/15, engaged on a full-time basis as operational chief. (Since AECAMBISTA/15 is thought of so highly at TPLINGO and PBCHORD, our chances of getting him without a major struggle are at best slight.)
- b) Identity A to be engaged full time in London, working under AECAMBISTA/15.
- c) Identity B to be engaged full time in Brussels, working under AECAMBISTA/15.
- d) An individual in Paris, to be selected by AECAMBISTA/4, and to be engaged full time working under AECAMBISTA/15.

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9. In response to [ ]'s comments that such an organization would require a much greater expenditure of ODYOKE funds than are presently available to the project and that in order to justify such an increase some concrete indications of success would have to be shown, AECAMBISTA/4 again alluded to potential assets behind the Iron Curtain in only general terms. As during his recent visit to Washington, AECAMBISTA/4 again expressed his skepticism concerning operations directly into the BSSR using tourist cover. AECAMBISTA/4 feels that the only road to successful operations into the BSSR lies through Poland.

10. In summary concerning the operational phase of the project, it can be said that our experience during the past year clearly demonstrates that without a major overhauling of the project along the lines recommended by AECAMBISTA/4, very little can be expected in worthwhile intelligence results. To carry out the recommendations of AECAMBISTA/4, on the other hand, would not only entail a much greater increase in the project budget but would also entail the full-time services of a Field Case Officer at least during the initial phases of the reorganization to handle problems involving cover, training, etc. for the proposed full-time agents. Furthermore, it is doubtful that the chances of success warrant the increased investment in both money and man power which would be required. It is therefore recommended that:

a) The present \$7,000 budgeted for operations be discontinued and that a contingency fund of \$1,000 or \$1,500 be allotted to the project instead.

b) That it be made clear to AECAMBISTA's/4 and /15 that funds are no longer available for developmental type operational expenses.

c) However, if, in the unlikely event, the AECAMBISTAs come up with a concrete operational proposal, we will consider supporting it financially to the extent of money available in the contingency fund.

#### KUCAGE Phase

11. Nothing new has come up during the past year directly concerning the AECAMBISTA/1 weekly newspaper. The same general considerations behind our subsidization of the paper that pertained a year ago are probably still valid. However, Headquarters should be aware of the fact that contents of the newspaper and details of its publication and distribution are controlled only by the extent of our faith in the integrity and political orientation of AECAMBISTA/4. Despite several requests to AECAMBISTA/15 since June 1960 for copies of the paper, it has been less than two weeks ago that [ ] received his first two copies. (These are forwarded to Headquarters as attachments to this dispatch.) It should be noted that both issues contain a serialization of The Trail Begins. This has been done by the AECAMBISTAs completely on their own. In fact, the first the undersigned knew about it was seeing it in print. [ ] will attempt to get the details of any arrangements made with BERRETTA/1 concerning copyright at his next meeting with AECAMBISTA/15.

12. EGMA-48296 of 1 April 1960 contains the latest information available here concerning distribution of the paper behind the Iron Curtain.

13. During his visit here in August 1960 AECAMBISTA/4 repeated his plea for KUBARK support of the AECAMBISTA/1 radio broadcasts over Radio Madrid. Since the past year has produced no new indications of the effectiveness of the broadcasts behind the Iron Curtain, we, unfortunately are in no better position to judge on the merits of this proposal than a year ago. Headquarters is aware of all the information available here on this phase of the project and probably in a better position to make the final decision.

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14. Neither AECAMBISTA/4 nor AECAMBISTA/15 has reported the publication by AECAMBISTA/1 of any books, booklets or pamphlets since April 1960.

15. It should be realized that the present Field Case Officer has been handling the project for only a little longer than the past four months, whereas, KUBARK has now been associated with the AECAMBISTAs for about the last ten years. Note also should be made of the fact that during the brief period that the undersigned has been handling the project, he has emphasized operational matters in his dealings with the AECAMBISTAs. Undoubtedly, the KUCAGE side of the business has been neglected.

16. Under the circumstances outlined above the Field Case Officer feels obliged to recommend continuation of [ ] annual subsidy for the weekly AECAMBISTA/1 newspaper. Concerning the \$4,000 annual subsidy requested by AECAMBISTA/4 for AECAMBISTA/1 radio broadcasts over Radio Madrid, Headquarters will have to make the decision.

17. FRAN: Please card Identities sent under separate cover!

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- A. Newspapers USC rec'd
- B. Identity List USC rec'd

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- 2 - COS, Germany w/enc. B. USC

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