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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

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SUBJECT: Project AEBASIN

1. This project includes all operations into the Estonian SSR and all activities connected with this objective, including both FI and PP/W missions and responsibilities of the SR Division. When approved, Project AEBASIN will replace OPC Project LCHOMELY.

2. The objectives of Project AEBASIN are: a) to implement covert operations for infiltration and exfiltration into and out of Estonia; b) to establish clandestine contact with resistance groups in Estonia; c) to establish covert resident agent personnel in Estonia; d) to assist in the organization, development and execution of covert political and psychological warfare operations against the Soviet regime in Estonia; e) to develop covert assets for use in time of open hostilities with the Soviet Union; f) to achieve a world-wide united Estonian emigre front; and g) through controlled entree to this organization to assist it in carrying out P and P/W activities against the Soviet regime.

3. Personnel to be used in this project are AELUNG, at present a contract agent in Munich under Project LCHOMELY as a spotter, consultant and prospective agent instructor. He has an operational clearance and covert security clearance is pending. AENOTE has covert security clearance and will work for this agency in Washington. AEPALM has covert security clearance and is a prospective FI principal agent in the U.S. Two field case officers, one housekeeping couple, and two U.S. safehouse keepers will be assigned in the training and safehouse area. Two PP/W agents will be recruited in the U.S.

4. Cover used by case officers in the U.S. is that of members of an unspecified U.S. government agency. Agent covers will be tailored to their specific requirements.

5. Control of AELUNG is based on his financial dependence on us. His motivation is strongly ideological. AENOTE depends on us for financial support. Other agents will be controlled under DOB rules, regulations and facilities while in training.

6. The required communications support is provided for in the attached Communications Annex. The special equipment listed in the project outline has been coordinated with TSS.

7. The estimated total cost of the FI portion of the activities of Project AEBASIN for one year is [] (compensation and expenses for three spotters and recruiters \$16,000; compensation for indigenous agent trainees and instructors \$10,667; compensation for action agents \$24,000; procurement

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