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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI
VIA : FI Plans
SUBJECT : Project AEROOT (Request for Extension)

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828
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1. It is requested that the renewal date for Project AEROOT be extended from 1 March to 30 June 1956 for the following reasons:

a. Recent information received from a confessed RIS agent raised security questions about the planned operational support points in the Estonian SSR. As a result of this information, the planned 1956 REDSOX infiltration mission into the Estonian SSR was cancelled.

b. Since an analysis of the reasons for the capture of the AEROOT agents, dropped into the Estonian SSR in May 1954, is one of the prerequisites for approval of a request for renewal of the Project, study of the factors for such an analysis will require more time in the light of additional information on the subject which has been received recently by the SR Division from two independent sources implicating the operational security of REDSOX missions into Estonia SSR.

c. Until the analysis indicated in Paragraph 1b above is completed, no measures can be devised to preserve the security of the REDSOX operational phase of the project, as requested by DD/P.

2. In view of Paragraph 1 above, and the development of REDSKIN and CE operations under Project AEROOT since its last approval, a complete revision of the project and operational plans necessitate extension of time in order to present a consolidated and comprehensive outline and objectives of the project.

3. Funds needed for the operation of AEROOT Project during the period of 1 March 1956 to 30 June 1956 are estimated as follows:

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REDSOX operation

REDSKIN operation

CE operation

TOTAL

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4. The amount of funds requested is available in SR Division under AEROOT Project for 1955/56 Fiscal period under Allotment #6-3400-53-145.

5. Authority is requested to obligate [] [] from the DD/P-SR Division budget and extend the Project for the period 1 March 1956 through 30 June 1956.*

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CONCUR:

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F1 Plans

APPROVE

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Chief, F1

* Breakdown:

Compensation - AEROOT/3, 4, 5
Allowances
Travel
Materiel
Operational Expenses - Currently
five REDSKIN and six CE agents
are under development

\$3040.

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