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PROJECT ACTION

CRYPTONYM: AENOBLE

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER: [Signature]

OPERATING DIVISION: SR

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FIELD STATION: Germany

ROOM NUMBER: 1505-J

EXTENSION: 4387

TARGET AREA: USSR

DATE: 14 October 1959

The attached Project Action is presented for termination.

It is recommended that termination action on Project AENOBLE be approved for reasons stated in the attached memorandum.

COORDINATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division

VIA : SR/COP/FI

SUBJECT : Termination of Project AENOBLE

1. It is requested that Project AENOBLE which expired on 31 August 1958 be terminated. Realignment of CIA's posture toward the NTS and renegotiation of the agreement governing CIA's relationship with the NTS precluded appropriate renewal action on Project AENOBLE at its expiration date. Reassignment of Headquarters and field staff personnel handling AEGIDEON and AENOBLE contributed to a further action delay on Project AENOBLE.

2. In the interim, agent losses under Project AENOBLE has essentially reduced the agent caseload from four to zero so that no useful purposes would be served by renewing Project AENOBLE. Inasmuch as the parent PP Project AEGIDEON contains the necessary provisions in the approved Project Outline to permit the handling of the remnants of AENOBLE assets and also provides for the appropriate handling of any newly developed internal sources from NTS operations, it is recommended that the FI aspects of NTS operations be handled within the overall AEGIDEON Project framework until such time as the build-up and handling of new NTS agent assets would require a specific FI annex to Project AEGIDEON. Internal source development and handling under Project AEGIDEON is outlined under Paragraph 4A, Sub-proposals or Tasks, sub-paragraphs (5), (6), (7), covering contact operations aimed at recruitment of Soviet personnel and operational cadres; Paragraph 8A, Nature of Control; and Paragraph 8C, Reports.

3. Project AENOBLE maintained contact with four NTS agents inside the USSR, of which two were joint NTS-CIA 1952 infiltrees and two were NTS Berlin REDCAP recruits. The current status of these four agents is as follows:

A. AENOBLE 5 - Known formerly as SHUBA 802. The agent is presumed to be under RIS control because he was in contact with SHUBA 814 whom we know came under definite RIS control. The receipt of only one letter from AENOBLE 5 in the past year with evasive replies to our requirements, indicates that this case should be dropped.

B. AENOBLE 6 - Known formerly as SHUBA 803. It has been determined that his correspondence has been prepared by no less than seven different people. Case is considered closed. Contact with AENOBLE 6 was broken on RIS initiative.

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C. SHUBA 913 - Subject was surfaced by RIS during another RIS operation directed against SHUBA 141.

D. AEGIDEON 601 - Known formerly as SHUBA 827. The recent MID arrest and interrogation of the East German involved in the original recruitment of AEGIDEON 601 reveals that the East German fed AEGIDEON 601 to the NTS on the instruction of the RIS. A CE analysis of this case is being prepared.

4. Administrative termination of Project AENOBLE with the simultaneous pick-up and follow-up of the remnants of AENOBLE assets by the parent Project AEGIDEON involves no cover, financial or disposal problems. No commitments regarding compensation, death benefits, insurance, citizenship or resettlement have been made to any of the agents now inside. As a matter of fact, FOB handling of these AENOBLE cases to their finality will not be altered in any way by the termination of Project AENOBLE since NTS was never aware that an internal CIA administrative distinction was made for NTS internal assets.

5. For the period 1 July 1957 through 31 August 1958, \$3,500.00 was approved for Project AENOBLE. No funds were obligated during this period and for the period 1 September 1958 to date. It is very unlikely any funds for the wind-up of these AENOBLE cases will be necessary and if any funds are necessary, such funds are available within Project AEGIDEON. The AEGIDEON Project can absorb the costs involved in the development of new NTS internal sources.

6. For the period 1 July 1955 to 1 July 1956 AENOBLE produced 24 reports of which 14 were used in 13 disseminations. For the period 1 July 1956 through 30 June 1957, AENOBLE produced 21 positive information disseminations. For the period 1 July 1957 through 30 June 1958, AENOBLE sources produced 15 reports, 14 of which were used in 14 disseminations.

7. Continued intelligence production on the foregoing level by AENOBLE sources cannot be realistically expected. Indeed recent operational developments indicate that the traffic from these agents is falling off and in the messages we are receiving, the RIS is employing stalling tactics, i.e., poor S/W development, etc., to evade answering specific requirements. And if the RIS does answer any of our requirements, it is logical to assume that they may supply deceptive data to contaminate our intelligence channels.

8. Even with the pick-up of these cases by Project AEGIDEON, the probable disposition of these cases is that they will be ultimately dropped as sub-marginal or put to some non-FI use by turning these cases over to the NTS to run with CIA assuming a monitor role.

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