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ACTION REQUIRED: Comments soonest.

1. For a long time now, we in Headquarters have been thinking of taking a hard second look at AEVIROIL 53 to see if it was keeping pace with the progress of its parent organization. International events of then-immediate importance pushed this examination into the background but recent events have brought things to a head and an immediate inspection of all aspects of AEVIROIL-53 became necessary. This in turn has caused us in Headquarters to seriously consider termination of our subsidization of AEVIROIL-53.
2. To refresh the field's memory we will briefly describe the stateside activities of AEVIROIL-53 most of which are known to you, but not perhaps the mechanics of administration.
3. AEVIROIL-53 since its inception in the fall of 1954 has been a loosely-knit organization whose main function has been supplying the field with articles and stories for AEVIROIL-70. This simple task has not been without its problems, according to the organization's president AEVIROIL-80. Inasmuch as our contact with AEVIROIL 53 is exclusively through AEVIROIL 80 we must necessarily take his word for it. He explains this script-soliciting as a tooth-pulling exercise with the members reluctant to part with their time for this organization activity. It is logical to assume that AEVIROIL-80 is entirely correct in this explanation. All of our few "activists" are concerned with earning their daily bread and their evening hours are reserved for family and social pleasure.  
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4. However, submission of articles/when we announced that \$20.00 would be paid for every accepted article. And because of the paucity of material every article written has been accepted, and forwarded by AEVIROIL-80 to the field regardless of value or literary content. It was felt that the worthwhile material would be used while the remainder would be junked.

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5. The amount of subsidy extended to AEVIRGIL-53 amounts more or less to \$300.00 per month or approximately \$3600.00 per annum from AEVIRGIL project funds. Of the monthly figure the breakdown runs something like this: Approximately \$200 for aut or fees @ \$20.00 per article. \$20.00 for postage, telephone and secretarial expenses, \$20.00 miscellaneous. \$60.00 net to AEVIRGIL-80 which constitutes payment for 4 working days, at \$15.00 a day. The field will understand that this payment to AEVIRGIL-80 has been literally an act of charity. By no stretch of the imagination can it be said that the work of AEVIRGIL-53 collecting and mailing a few articles a month constitutes more than 6 hours work. But AEVIRGIL-80 was in financial trouble and it was a question of feeding, housing and clothing himself and his family, so it was with the greatest of difficulty that we finally obtained permission from the appropriate staffs for this subsidization of AEVIRGIL-80 and AEVIRGIL-53.

6. It should be noted that this difficulty stemmed from the fact that there is a restriction on the KUBARK Charter which precludes KUBARK subsidization of stateside activities which will influence POPKINE public opinion. And it goes almost without saying that the proposal to put AEVIRGIL-53 on ice for awhile at the same time lepping off the subsidization will meet with the wholehearted approval of these same staffs who continue to view existence of AEVIRGIL-53 with reservations.

7. Now regarding the leadership or lack of leadership of the president of AEVIRGIL-53. This shortcoming can be laid directly at the doorstep of the house that he has built. While we congratulate his personal achievement in practically constructing single-handedly a solid well-built brick ramblar, we regretfully recognize that his enterprise has consumed all his ambition and all his energy to almost complete neglect of AEVIRGIL-53. Veritably the only time that AEVIRGIL-80 came to life to our knowledge was when he would collect his monthly \$300.00.

8. We feel that in matters financial we have been more than generous with AEVIRGIL-80. KUJUMP made a large loan to AEVIRGIL-80 when he requested money on which to obtain a building loan from a local bank. When AEVIRGIL-80's wife was sick in the hospital recently, KUJUMP made an out and out donation to him by paying for the entire hospital and doctor bill. At Christmas time when AEVIRGIL-80 was negotiating for the sale of his house which he then had just completed, KUJUMP gave him a nice Christmas present of \$200.00 to tide him over.

9. On his part AEVIRGIL-80 gave this Case Officer a Christmas present in the form of his accounting for November and December 1956 subsidy of \$600.00 which to say the least was more than unusual. You will recall that AEVIRGIL-4 wrote AEVIRGIL-80 requesting a collection of materials comprising the work of AEVIRGIL-53 for the period of its existence. Without consulting his Case Officer,

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the undersigned, AEVIRGIL-80 went ahead and sent the following materials for AEVIRGIL-70: 30 photographs, 12 articles previously published in the FBI/PRIME press, several articles written about AEVIRGIL by other authors and all previously published, articles on meetings held by AEVIRGIL-53, and a special article on activities of AEVIRGIL-53 by AEVIRGIL-80. For this undertaking which the Field may judge as to time it would consume, etc. (and here we may presume AEVIRGIL-80 has a scrapbook of sorts with all this material inserted) AEVIRGIL-80 submitted accounting of exactly \$274.62 as his expenses in this connection, and \$160.00 yet owed to AEVIRGIL-89 for his work performed in collection of the above materials.

10. In addition to this preposterous claim he also demanded a raise. In stony fashion he recapped two years as President of AEVIRGIL-53 for a measly \$60.00 a month. To his credit it can be said that AEVIRGIL-80 during our conversation was honest enough to admit that the \$60.00 he receives he gets for doing nothing. Yet, to his discredit it can also be said that he had the temerity to ask for more money for doing "nothing more".

11. He based his demands on the old argument of what other exiles (presumably AECRODARKERS) are getting for writing material which he calls junk! He commented that at least some of the material of AEVIRGIL 70 might be reaching an audience and be of some worth. And that his time and his efforts on a comparative basis were deserving of a raise in pay.

12. Naturally this exercise in blackmail met with an unfavorable reception in Headquarters. AEVIRGIL-80 was given the opportunity of retracting his original statement in his accounting and rendering one which would more accurately reflect an honest total. AEVIRGIL-80 categorically refused to change or amend his statement. He said that the figure he gave us was the price tag that he put on his work and that we could take it or leave it.

13. AEVIRGIL-80 admitted that he was wrong in not clearing such a presumptuous claim for work not authorized by his Case Officer. He promised that in the future if his claim is allowed he will obtain the permission of his Case Officer for any expenditure which would be considered out of the ordinary.

14. AEVIRGIL-80 was told that in all probability his claim would not be allowed. In reply he said that this would be all right with him and in this case we would "forget the whole business" meaning subsidizing AEVIRGIL-80 to the tune of \$300.00 per month. It can be seen that AEVIRGIL-80 is reconciled to an adverse opinion should it be forthcoming.

15. At this writing it is felt that we can write-off AEVIRGIL-80's accounting for the \$274.62. Of course, we cannot honor the \$160.00 claim of AEVIRGIL-89 for his part in this maneuver. AEVIRGIL-80 has been told to

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return the January articles to their owners with an explanation that none are needed this month- that the Field has a backlog which it wishes to utilize. No subsidy has been extended for the month of January and AEVIRGIL-80 has been informed that it is extremely doubtful that there will be one. A final decision would be forthcoming very soon and AEVIRGIL-80 has been so told.

16. Headquarters in the first analysis cannot of course be victimized by any individual who dictates terms. The control element must rest in the hands of the governing body, not the governed. The fact that AEVIRGIL-80 can be said to be blackmailing us for the retention of his services clearly implies that he has put on the mantle of indispensability. Very few people can lay claim to that mantle and AEVIRGIL-80 is not one of them. We can very well do without his limited contribution to AEVIRGIL-53 and it is clear that this is the only thing to do.

17. Concerning the literary contributions of AEVIRGIL-53. We assume from the accountings that AEVIRGIL-80 has rendered over a period of two years and a reading of AEVIRGIL-70, that the Field has a large backlog of unused material. We hope that these articles have not all been published simply because they represented a monthly contribution which was too large to be all incorporated in AEVIRGIL-70. If this is the case, cannot the AEVIRGIL-53 section be shortened to a degree which you deem feasible, employing the backlog which we hope you have still retained. In this way we will not have to be dependent upon AEVIRGIL-53 for material for some time to come and even though AEVIRGIL-53 is on ice, so to speak, no one need know it.

18. Although AEVIRGIL-80's exit from active participation of AEVIRGIL-53 activities will leave a vacuum temporarily, we certainly will try to reactivate AEVIRGIL-53 on a broader basis and under new leadership. Inasmuch as the Field has put a great amount of energy and work in broadening the present organization, we feel that a similar effort on our part to transform AEVIRGIL-53 into a more useful and efficient support element is necessary.

19. We think that under the right circumstances AEVIRGIL-80 can be persuaded to resign his presidency of AEVIRGIL-53. This is conjecture on our part because we don't actually know what AEVIRGIL-80's reaction will be to his future role in AEVIRGIL-53, one without personal compensation and without funds for administrative functioning. There is a chance he might want to relinquish his position to one of the other members. We could have James M. DUNBAR, who is our only other witting contact in AEVIRGIL-53, try to convince the other members that perhaps this is the time to infuse some new blood into the helm by electing a new president come election time. AEVIRGIL-80 has served two terms as President.

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20. Summing up, our main concern at present is the write-off of  
AEVIRGIL-80's December accounting which is completely unacceptable to  
Finance Division, and the termination of the subsidy for AEVIRGIL-53.  
Also the resignation of AEVIRGIL-80 from his present position as presi-  
dent of AEVIRGIL-53 and the election of a new President at a future  
meeting. And a reworking of AEVIRGIL-53 considering all the foregoing  
aspects. <sup>OR LIQUIDATION</sup>

21. Field comments are requested soonest.

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