

AEVIRGIL RENEWAL FY 1957

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## SUMMARY REQUEST FOR RENEWAL DIVISION PROJECT CLEARANCE SHEET

### 1. Action: Request for Renewal FY 1957

A. Project Cryptonym: AEVIRGIL  
B. Division: SR  
C. Branch: SR/3  
D. Desk: W6

### 2. Division Concurrences:

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[ ]	SR/COP
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20 July 56  
Date

26 July 56  
Date

22 June 56  
Date

14 June 56  
Date

21 June 56  
Date

20 June 1956  
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20 June 1957  
Date

Case Officer: [ ]

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PROJECT: AEVIRGIL. *Included in the SR Div. Op. Program for FY 1957 - [ ]*

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## I. Dates of Original Approval, Renewals and Amendments:

- A. HTBALDUR, approved 8 July 1952 by DD/P
- B. HBDUCKPIN, approved 10 April 1953 by DD/P
- C. AEBROOM, approved 22 May 1953 by DD/P
- D. AEVIRGIL, approved 30 December 1954 by DD/P  
(includes former projects listed above and AEPAWN, AESCROLL and AECACOTOL)
  - 1. Amendment No. 1, dated 6 August 1954
  - 2. Amendment No. 2, dated 30 March 1955
  - 3. Amendment No. 3, dated 5 August 1955
  - 4. Amendment No. 4, dated 5 August 1955

## II. Funds Used by Fiscal Year Since Initiation of Project:

(AEPAWN AESCROLL AEBROOM)	FY 54	[ ]
AEVIRGIL	FY 55	[ ]
AEVIRGIL	FY 56	[ ]
AEVIRGIL	FY 57	[ ]

## III. Objective and Project Proposal:

1. The objective of Project AEVIRGIL is to conserve, develop and utilize for the political and psychological struggle against the USSR the unique human resources constituted by the post-war emigration from the Soviet Union. To this end, the Central Association of Post-War Emigres (TsOPE), whose Hqs. are located in Munich, Germany, has been organized, supported and controlled by CIA for exploitation as: a) a controlled organizational framework for Soviet emigres; b) an incentive to potential defectors; c) a vehicle enlisting the talents of recent defectors in the anti-Soviet struggle and as a means for assessment, orientation and training for this purpose; d) an attributable source and working mechanism for the active conduct of PW operations against the population of the USSR and Soviet troops in the DDR.

2. It is proposed to continue financial support to AEVIRGIL to enable it to continue and expand its broad program of PP operational activities which include: leaflet distribution operations via its two balloon teams and rocket

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team; editorial production of propaganda literature (leaflets, pamphlets, brochures, cartoons etc); propaganda school; printing shop which prints the AEVIRGIL propaganda output; publication of overt press organs - the Russian language monthly journal, SVOBODA, and the German language journal, Der ANTI-KOMMUNIST; other activities include periodic press conferences utilizing new defectors and/or capitalizing on major events in the Soviet Union; mass meetings for German public as well as Soviet emigres on topics which are appropriate for propaganda exploitation; regular and systematic seminars for German youth and political groups; TsOPE also sponsors a weekly radio program over the Munich radio facilities of VOA. It also maintains close liaison with USEP and those American and German voluntary agencies in the welfare field in Germany to assist in and obtain rehabilitation aid for Soviet emigres in W. Germany. TsOPE supplies secure and effective cover for the FI Project AECARRERA in Berlin which enables BOB to exploit those REDCAP operational opportunities arising from the propaganda distribution operations of AEVIRGIL.

IV. Statement of Accomplishment during the Past Year and Estimate of Effectiveness:

1. The long-nurturing process of AEVIRGIL began to pay off dividends during the past year and the presently-consolidated and functioning AEVIRGIL complex has been developed into one of SR Division's primary and effective PP mechanisms. The operational achievements of AEVIRGIL during the past year mark the high point of AEVIRGIL's existence. During the period 1 July 1955 through 31 May 1956, AEVIRGIL developed distribution assets with a capacity to handle a large volume of propaganda materials. AEVIRGIL distributed a total of 40,932,013 leaflets in DDR. AEVIRGIL printed a total of 23,580,000 leaflets while 22,930,000 leaflets were obtained through commercial and/or MKTOPAZ facilities. During this period, the AEVIRGIL propaganda work group published 11 issues of SVOBODA, and 5 issues of Der ANTI-KOMMUNIST. The editorial staff elements of AEVIRGIL also composed 98 different leaflet texts during this period. A total of 14 different pamphlets and/or brochures were published for use in selective AECARRERA REDCAP operations. The past year has seen AEVIRGIL emerge as one of the leading Russian emigre political organizations. With the appearance of Der ANTI-KOMMUNIST, AEVIRGIL has successfully launched a public relations campaign in West Germany and has established many contacts with official and private German organizations and personalities. As a result of intensified work on the West German scene, AEVIRGIL has become better known and its prestige has increased correspondingly. The AEVIRGIL organization receives more invitations for speaking engagements before German audiences than it can fulfill because of its limited personnel assets.

2. The AEVIRGIL propaganda framework proved to be an effective and responsive mechanism to implement appropriate PP guidances. AEVIRGIL's unique attribute in this connection is its amenability to control and direction of CIA Staff elements. AEVIRGIL has carried a major portion of our PP counter-action against the Soviet Committee for the Return to the Homeland

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in W. Germany. The Committee's calumnious attacks upon AEVIRGIL in the pages of its newspaper attests to the effectiveness of AEVIRGIL.

3. The stepped-up AEVIRGIL propaganda distribution operations in the DDR resulted in the improvement of the qualitative flow of East Zone visitors to the AECARRERA/AEVIRGIL offices in West Berlin.\* There has been a monthly average of 61 East Zone visitors to the AEVIRGIL office. Intensive debriefing of these visitors permits AECARRERA PA's to get a broad picture of the morale and psychology of Soviet troops which serves not only as an operational guide, but also as a basis for the production of better and more effective propaganda literature.

V. Brief Statement of Plans for Ensuing Year:

1. Operation planning for the next fiscal year includes a continuation of the foregoing outline of AEVIRGIL activities but on a more intensified and qualitative scale. More attention is to be devoted to AEVIRGIL work on the German sector, since in the final analysis, the official German attitude and good will toward AEVIRGIL will determine whether AEVIRGIL will be able to continue its base of operations from German soil. In order to increase AEVIRGIL's capabilities, plans are underway to broaden the membership base of AEVIRGIL to enable it to complement its ranks for more intensive work on the German and Russian sectors. To lessen the focus on AEVIRGIL PW activities, plans include the diversification of AEVIRGIL activities. Negotiations are being carried on to determine whether AEVIRGIL can qualify as an active force in the welfare field in Germany by becoming a contractor within the USEP framework. The AEVIRGIL printing shop possesses the herent potential for more intensive utilization and its physical layout and capital equipment are being analyzed to determine whether it would be feasible for AEVIRGIL to enter into the book publishing field on a limited scale. The recent closing of the Chekhov publishing firm in New York, has left a vacuum in the Russian publishing field and AEVIRGIL can stand to gain additional publicity and prestige by entering the book publishing field. The implementation of a more diversified program of action for AEVIRGIL will afford, from the operational standpoint, additional and sufficient cover to implement FI-peripheral operations in other areas of the world, staffed by trained contract-type personnel, under AEVIRGIL cover, who will be able to devote maximum attention to operational tradecraft. Plans are underway to mount a coordinated and extensive program of counter-action to the repatriation efforts of the Soviet Committee for the Return to the Homeland. AEVIRGIL is considered as one of our primary mechanisms to implement this program.

\* These visitors have for the period October 1955 through May 1956 supplied 138 separate reports of indications of effectiveness of AEVIRGIL propaganda distribution operations. These reports were included in the project status reports for this period.

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PP STAFF COORDINATION

PROJECT: AEVIRGIL

	AMENDMENT NO.	DIVISION
		SR
X	RENEWAL <u>FY'57 Summary</u>	BRANCH
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	TERMINATION	DESK
		W6

STAFF CONCURRENCE				MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	SIGNATURE	COPY NO.	DATE	YES	NO	DATE
Covert Budget Branch	<i>[Signature]</i>	2	6 Aug 56			
<del>Act</del> SSA-DD/S	<i>[Signature]</i>	2	29 Aug 56			
PP/WWG	<i>[Signature]</i>	3	7 Aug 56		X	
PP/AMD	<i>[Signature]</i>	3	7 Aug 56		X	
PP/ICD/Press	<i>[Signature]</i>	3	9 August		X	
PP/ICD/Propagand	<i>[Signature]</i>	3	10 Aug 56		X	
PP/ICD/Radio	<i>[Signature]</i>	3	10 Aug 56		X	
PP/OPS/PR	<i>[Signature]</i>	3	17 Aug			✓
C-IOD	<i>[Signature]</i>	1				
<del>PP/C/OPS</del>		1				

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

for CPP	<i>[Signature]</i>	DATE
A/DD/P/P	<i>[Signature]</i>	DATE

(This space reserved for comments of SSA-DD/S; CPP; A/DD/P/P.)

*1/ Funds Available.*

19 June 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/BF

SUBJECT: Materiel and Facilities Requirements Annex - Project  
AEVIRGIL - PP - Summary Renewal for FY 1957

A. MATERIEL

1. ZI	QTY	Unit	SAC	Total
a. Other Supplies				
<u>1.</u> Balloon, J-100's @ .75 ea. 2,000 per month	24,000	ea	2	\$18,000.00
			TOTAL	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
2. Offshore				
a. Other Supplies				
<u>1.</u> Hydrogen, for J-100's				16,800.00
<u>2.</u> Supplies for MOB activities				1,000.00
<u>3.</u> Rockets, for leaflets				<u>3,000.00</u>
			TOTAL	<u>\$20,800.00</u>

B. FACILITIES

1. Offshore				
a. Rental of one safehouse, including key money and utilities				5,300.00
b. Rental for one office, including utilities				<u>500.00</u>
			TOTAL	<u>\$5,800.00</u>

SR/Logistics Liaison Officer

APPROVED:

Chief, SR/Logistics

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SECURITY INFORMATION

<b>PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA</b>	PROJECT CRYPTONYM <b>AEVIRGIL</b>	7-3400-51-013
	FISCAL PERIOD COVERED <b>1 July</b> 195 <b>6</b> THRU 30 JUNE 195 <b>7</b>	
*MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION		
RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION <b>SR DIVISION</b>	CASE OFFICER	

**A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS**

Indicate number and type of personnel required and estimated total compensation for salary, allowances, travel and related employee benefits. Include everyone paid from project.

TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION		
	U. S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
STAFF EMPLOYEES				[ ]	[ ]
STAFF AGENTS				[ ]	[ ]
CAREER AGENTS				[ ]	[ ]
CONTRACT AGENTS	2	1	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
CONTRACT CONSULTANTS				[ ]	[ ]
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
FIELD AGENTS					
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER		17	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>TOTAL A.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

**B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT**

Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.

COMMO \$	CHEMICAL \$	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES \$	OTHER SUPPLIES \$ 18,000 - ZI \$ 17,800 - OP
MEDICAL \$	ORDNANCE \$	SPECIAL DEVICES \$	OTHER EQUIPMENT \$ 3,000 - OP
<b>TOTAL B. Transportation - \$3,000</b>			<b>41,800</b>

**C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES**

Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.

**Rents & Utilities - Safehouse . . . . . \$ 5,800**  
**Office . . . . . 500**  
**Vehicle Maintenance . . . . . 1,700**  
**Printing & Distribution . . . . . 27,000**  
**Use of SR Division assets . . . . . 15,400**  
**Miscellaneous operational expenses. . . 3,200**

TOTAL C. 2

**D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS**

If funds are to be turned over to individuals or groups in large lump sums to be expended by the individuals or groups at their discretion to accomplish an agreed-upon objective, explain the type of financial accounts, factual verification or statements, if any, other than a receipt for the lump sum, which will be obtained.

**Accountings in accordance with approved Administrative Plan.**

TOTAL D. **(Detail attached)**

**153,800**

**TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D) \$**

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**E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

APPROXIMATE DATES AND AMOUNTS OF MONEY REQUIRED

FORM REQUIRED

U. S. DOLLARS

FOREIGN (SPECIFY)

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (SPECIFY)

SPECIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION

**F. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

(Within security limitations, list any other facts or circumstances which will enable Special Support Staff to lend adequate logistical support to this project. Indicate specifically the "RUSH" or "TIME" factors involved.)

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<b>PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA</b>	PROJECT CRYPTONYM <b>AEVIRGIL (Subsidy Detail)</b>
	FISCAL PERIOD COVERED <b>1 July 1956 THRU 30 JUNE 1957</b>
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CONTRACT CONSULTANTS					
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
FIELD AGENTS					
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER		<b>29</b>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>TOTAL A.</b>			[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

**B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT**

Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.

COMMO \$	CHEMICAL \$	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES \$	OTHER SUPPLIES <b>\$7,980 - OP</b>
MEDICAL \$	ORDNANCE \$	SPECIAL DEVICES \$	OTHER EQUIPMENT <b>\$14,600 - OP</b>
<b>TOTAL B.</b>			<b>22,580</b>

**C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES**

Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.

**Rents & Utilities: 2 offices, 1 printshop, 1 safehouse . . . 9,980**  
**Maintenance . . . . . 4,100**  
**Travel . . . . . 3,130**  
**Conference & Convention costs . . 15,900**  
**Printing & Distribution . . . . . 22,900**

**TOTAL C.** **56,010**

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**TOTAL D. As shown, A through C**

**TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D) \$**

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