

DIVISION CLEARANCE SHEET

I. ACTION: Project Renewal

- a. Project Cryptonym
- b. Division
- c. Branch
- d. Desk
- e. Case Officer's Name and
- f. Telephone Extension

DTLINEN  
EE  
German  
EE/G/E-4  
[ ]  
3234

II. DIVISION CONCURRENCES:

[ ]  
Case Officer

[ ]  
Chief, EE/G

[ ]  
Chief, EE/PP

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Chief, B & F

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Chief, EE

26 August 1958  
Date

26/8/58  
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28/8/58  
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12 Sept 58  
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Date

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REQUEST FOR DTLINEN PROJECT RENEWAL

1. TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED: ( ) (Because of security developments affecting this project there is a possibility that it will be changed, transferred to the West German government or terminated which will make it unnecessary to expend all of this amount).

2. AMOUNT IN WHICH PROJECT WAS INCLUDED IN THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAM: \$285,000.

3. SUMMARY OF FUNDS APPROVED AND OBLIGATED BY FISCAL YEAR SINCE PROJECT INITIATION:

<u>FY</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>
1950	[ ]	[ ]
51		
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4. PROJECT DATA:

a. Policy Changes: There have been no policy changes having a direct bearing on this project.

b. Changes in Objectives: The project objectives remain the same.

c. Significant Organizational Changes: Because of adverse security developments, the project's principal agent has been relieved of his functions and will be terminated. For the same reasons, the project's network of co-workers in East Germany is being dropped and the deputy principal agent, who had been charged with the  operation of this network, will shortly be relieved of his functions and either terminated or transferred to other activities outside the scope of this project. DTLINEN is now funded in part through overt banking channels. The money is transmitted from a New York bank to a bank account in Germany maintained by DTLINEN's lawyer for this purpose.

d. Quantitative Output:

(1) Publications: DTLINEN in recent months had been producing and distributing (principally to East Germany via balloon) a monthly total of from one to four million printed items. These consist

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of both regular DTLINEN publications and special brochures and leaflets. Where appropriate, DTLINEN publications have been targetted more precisely via air mail distribution to selected mailing lists. Recent security developments and the reaction to those developments by the West Berlin and West German Governments will have an effect upon the project's continued ability to produce and distribute these items. (There is already pressure on DTLINEN to discontinue all ballooning from West Berlin). However, it is as yet too early to predict the extent or nature of these developments. The Field is currently exploring the situation.

(2) Advice and Assistance to East German Refugees and Visitors: The DTLINEN offices in West Berlin give advice and assistance to, as well as obtain information from, visitors and refugees from East Germany. In recent months such visits have averaged approximately 600 per month. This constitutes a reduction in visits from a previous average of over one thousand and is at least partially attributable to increasing efforts by East German security forces to prevent the flow of East Germans into West Berlin. Unfavorable publicity in East and West Zone papers concerning DTLINEN has probably also been a contributing factor to the decreasing number of visitors.

e. Probable Effectiveness:

(1) Measured in terms of opposition efforts against it, DTLINEN rates as an extremely effective mechanism. East Zone harassment and recruitment attempts against DTLINEN staff employees continued at a high rate during the past year.

(2) East Zone residents continue to advise DTLINEN that they have found or sighted DTLINEN propaganda material in the East Zone. CAGAVEL, a source developed through DTLINEN, reported that a DTLINEN leaflet gave the SED a particularly difficult time because of its effective arguments against Ulbricht.

f. Relationship to the RMD:

This project carries out activities currently given a B priority in the German Station Related Mission Directive.

g. FI Production:

It is not anticipated that DTLINEN will provide a significant quantity of FI material in the future since the debriefing of co-workers which provided the largest portion of FI production has ceased with the termination of the Covert section of DTLINEN. During

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the past year, 41 reports received from DTLINEN were disseminated by Headquarters.

h. Significant Security or Control Developments:

As the result of an intensification of the long-standing campaign against him, the Principal Agent of DTLINEN was forced to resign. Since the attack also involved the operation and management of the Covert (Operations) Section of DTLINEN, it too was terminated. The deputy P/A who functioned primarily as the chief of the Covert section is being terminated.

As the project is now constituted, its operations are limited to refugee, tracing, and welfare services and to the production and distribution of propaganda for East Germany. It is not anticipated that this level of activity will be stepped-up in the foreseeable future nor that any changes in the operation will be made without prior coordination with the West German and West Berlin Governments.

It may be safely assumed that opposition activity against DTLINEN will decline in proportion to the decrease in activity of DTLINEN targetted at the East Zone.

i. Principal Agent Data:

The project currently has co-Principal Agents, [ ], both of whom are long-standing employees of DTLINEN. Their appointment was checked with and approved by a representative of the Kaiser Ministry.

[ ] was originally hired on the recommendation of [ ] (ex-P/A) and was formerly head of the DTLINEN Reports Section. [ ] also recommended by the ex-Principal Agent, functioned as Chief of the Central Files Section. [ ] Approval has been amended to allow direct contact by the case officer; [ ] Approval amendment is in process.

Since [ ] only recently assumed their present duties, it is not possible as yet to assess their effectiveness with respect to these positions. However, both had been employed for some time by DTLINEN in responsible jobs prior to designation to their present positions. Records indicate that both men carried out their former duties as Section Chiefs efficiently and securely. Reports which have been received subsequent to their taking over management of DTLINEN indicate that both men are acutely aware of the fluidity of the current situation and are making every effort to give the best account possible.

Meetings with the case officer are normally held two to three times per week in Berlin Base safehouses.

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j. Staff and Contract Personnel:

One Headquarters case officer part-time and one field case officer part-time are currently assigned to this project.

k. Host Country Liaison:

KUBARK support of DTLINEN was revealed to the host country in 1952. Any decisions affecting DTLINEN's future will be coordinated with the host country via established German Station liaison contacts.

l. U. S. Liaison:

Liaison relations with the State Department Missions in Bonn and Berlin and with the U. S. Army on DTLINEN matters has been satisfactory.

m. Future Plans:

Termination of [ ] have proceeded to date without incident.

For the present only the overt refugee, tracing service, advisory functions and the production and distribution of propaganda material to the East Zone will be continued and these on a reduced scale. No additional staff employees will be recruited.

DTLINEN's eventual structure and activities can only be conjectured at this time. However, final determination of its future will have to take into consideration the opinions and desires of the West German and West Berlin Governments. Future possibilities include but are not limited to: 1) conversion of the operation at its present level to joint KUBARK/West German control; 2) transfer of some Functions to other German agencies with termination of the remaining functions; or 3) termination in toto of the DTLINEN project.

Although the project is currently operating on a reduced schedule we have requested the full budget for FY 1959 in order to make provision for personnel terminations.

n. Budgetary Breakdown: See Financial Data Sheet attached.

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