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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director for Plans

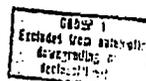
**SUBJECT : Request for Approval to Continue
Employment of Certain Contract Employees**

1. Project TPMURILLO was approved in 1964. Its purpose is to enable the CI Staff to identify, locate, analyze, and collate overt texts on the RIS so that data on the Soviet services, their personnel, and their operations may be extracted and prepared for inclusion in Soviet GICS, a computer program. The project deals principally with historic information which enables us to chart the organization of the RIS, to identify its personnel, and to unravel its operations since the inception of the service in 1917.

2. For this purpose we hired a group of contract employees who had previously been used as agents on various CS projects. The group includes defectors whose information had for the most part been disseminated and for whom no other duties were at hand at the time. All of them are U.S. citizens. Several of these employees have now reached the age of sixty or more and are to be retired in accordance with recent regulations.

3. Each employee in this group has specialized expertise, knowledge and skills which have been acquired through the years and which are of particular value to the project because of their vintage. It is

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2. Mario K. GIORDANO served as an officer in Estonian military intelligence before World War II and rose to the rank of major. During the war he worked for German military intelligence (Abwehr) and was involved in countless anti-Soviet operations. In 1951 he was recruited by the CS and worked on contract in a variety of SB operations involving agent spotting, recruitment, training, handling, etc. He entered the US with our assistance in 1952 and continued to work as an SB contract employee on a variety of projects until July 1970. Since then he has worked for project TPMURILLO as an analyst and inputter of data on the RIS. His wide range of experience in combatting Soviet intelligence operations while he served in Estonian and German intelligence affords us a unique opportunity to gain valuable insights into RIS activities of yore. GIORDANO is an exceptionally gifted researcher and has prepared several valuable studies. In addition to his native Estonian, he also has a fluent command of Russian and German. He is now 68 years of age and we plan to retire him in 1976. His present grade is GS-12/2 (\$16,395).

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