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c. Amendment No. 1 to Project OBTEST requests an additional \$6,800 for FY 1957 to meet the additional personnel costs. Funds are available within the SE Division's current budget allocation and the Comptroller has been advised accordingly.

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It is proposed that Amendment No. 1 to Project OBTEST be approved in the amount of \$6,800, increasing the project's FY 1957 authorization from [] to [] to provide funds for the payment of additional agents to be used in redirecting the present broadcasting capability.

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4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Deputy Director (Plans) approve Amendment No. 1 to Project OBTEST as proposed, above.

CONCURRENCE:

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL:

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