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**PP PROJECT ACTION SHEET**

**I PROJECT CRYPTONYM**

OBTEST

<input type="checkbox"/>	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION	EE
<input type="checkbox"/>	AMENDMENT No.	BRANCH	Yugoslav/Albanian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RENEWAL FY 1960	DESK	EE/YA/PP
<input type="checkbox"/>	TERMINATION	CASE OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> EXT. 8168

**II DIVISION CONCURRENCES**

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	SIGNATURE TYPED & SIGNED	COPY No.	DATE	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
C/EE/YA	[ ]					
C/EE/PP						
EE/B&F						
C/EE						

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DATE 2007

**III CONCURRENCES - OTHER DIVISIONS AND OFFICES**


**IV APPROVAL**

SUBJECT PROJECT ACTION IS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$   FOR FY 1960  
FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION ARE AVAILABLE FROM WITHIN THE CURRENT ALLOCATIONS TO  
THE DIVISION.

APPROVING AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE	DATE

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REQUEST FOR PROJECT RENEWAL

1. TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED
2. AMOUNT IN WHICH PROJECT WAS INCLUDED IN THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAM
3. SUMMARY OF FUNDS APPROVED AND OBLIGATED BY FISCAL YEAR SINCE PROJECT INITIATION

19000

FY 1955 \$     
FY 1956 \$     
FY 1957 \$     
FY 1958 \$     
FY 1959 \$

4. PROJECT DATA

- a. Current objectives - Promoting evolutionary, revisionist divisive developments within the Albanian Communist Party. The radio programs are written for the consumption of the rank and file members of the Albanian Communist Party.
- b. Changes in operational mechanism. More operational supervision will be taken over by career agent   thus obviating the need for excessive staff officer time expenditure. Policy direction will, of course, be adequately maintained.
- c. Intelligence production. The career agent spends approximately one-half his time interrogating Yugoslav and Albanian refugees. The positive and operational information resulting from his efforts are transmitted to Headquarters under the Albanian and Yugoslav FI projects.
- d. Analysis of effectiveness.
  - (1) In January 1959, a legal traveler agent reported that a Communist relative had mentioned listening to OBTEST with the comment that the "Communist sponsors" of the radio would have done better to have remained inside Albania and tried to improve the situation from within.
  - (2) On 4 March 1959, the Secretary of the Albanian Communist Party Enver Hoxha, in a major speech to the Albanian Communist Party denounced OBTEST as a revisionist tool of the United States working in conjunction with Yugoslavia and located in Athens, Greece.
  - (3) In May 1959, we received a report from a legal traveler returnee from Albania that he and his friends listened to OBTEST in Albania from September 1958 to January 1959 and that an Albanian Communist friend of his stated that "in a way all Albanians are sympathetic with the Program".

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## Analysis of the current effectiveness of the project in carrying out NSC objectives.

We believe that OBTEST contributes to Agency efforts to disrupt Soviet controlled Communism through the spreading of the revisionist doctrines and "National Communism" in Albania because of the evidence as cited in the previous section, and also because of the following facts: Our monitoring reports confirm that there are little or no jamming facilities in Albania, consequently OBTEST can be clearly received within Albania most of the time. Although there are comparatively few radios in Albania (estimated at 50,000) most of our target audience (Albanian CP members) do have radios and can listen to OBTEST if they so desire. The aborted attempt of the "National Communists" in Albania in February of 1956 to overcome the Stalinist regime, and the repeated anti-revisionist campaigns by the Albanian regime indicate that the disruptive effects of "revisionism" is one of the main vulnerabilities of the Albanian regime. The excellent qualifications of the OBTEST script writer and his ability to produce scripts which are well written in the Communist jargon leads us to believe OBTEST is well suited to exploit the Albanian CP target.

### e. Cover, Control, Security.

The career agent  has regular DAC Cover and type B clearance. The indigenous agent AIPLEBE has OA clearance and nominal commercial cover representing an American market research group. This is only for purposes of providing a cover story for his relatives and friends because the Greek I.S. is fully aware of his covert duties. AIPLEBE is dependent financially on the salary received from us, and his residence in Greece is dependent on the graces of the Greek authorities. In addition he is motivated against the present Albanian regime for personal reasons and is ideologically attracted to "National Communism" or "Socialism". Because of AIPLEBE's demonstrated competence, the  Disaster Plan has been amended to include evacuation of AIPLEBE in order to be able to utilize his services elsewhere.

### f. Assessment of indigenous agent

AIPLEBE meets on an almost daily basis with his case officer. He is a well qualified and competent script writer as well as an industrious worker. Having been a former member of the Albanian CP who was purged for what he considers unjust and false charges, he is personally motivated to work against the present leadership of the party. His weakness lies in his use of alcohol which at times becomes excessive.

### g. American project personnel

The staff officer will be  and the individual responsible for the day to day operating management will be career agent  a naturalized American citizen.

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h. Liaison with intelligence services

The Greek intelligence service by agreement at the initiation of the project is kept informed on all pertinent developments in the project. Although no problems have come up as a result of this arrangement thus far, the fact remains that any problem involving Greek-Albanian relations is subject to the dictates of the Greek government.

i. Interagency coordination

Not applicable

j. Plans for the ensuing year

The low relative Agency priority on Albania dictates less time will be available for Albanian projects such as OBTEST; consequently the number of our programs may be reduced. However, the greater experience of the OBTEST personnel should compensate for the decrease in man hours that will be spent in supporting the project.

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## FISCAL YEAR 1960 - PROJECT BUDGET ESTIMATE

1. Agent salaries		
a. <input type="checkbox"/>		\$ 6,505.00
b. AIPLEBE	<input type="checkbox"/>	2,491.67
2. <u>Safehouse Expenses (Including Maintenance)</u>		
a. Safehouse PROPHOUSE		1,500.00
3. <u>Travel Expenses</u>		
a. Operational travel		500.00
4. <u>Operational Expenses</u>		
a. Refugee subsistence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Purchase of publications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Equipment and supplies (including mailing operations material)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. <u>Other expenses</u>		
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	Education Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	Language Lessons	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	Quarters	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. AIPLEBE Language Lessons		<input type="checkbox"/>
e. AIPLEBE Quarters		<input type="checkbox"/>
	TOTAL	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: In addition to the above items, AIPLEBE's Letter of Intent requests authority to obligate a maximum of \$500.00 to be paid at the time of termination. This termination is not foreseen during Fiscal Year 1960.

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<b>PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA</b>  MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION	PROJECT CRYPTONYM <b>OBTEST</b>
	FISCAL PERIOD COVERED <b>1 July 1959 THRU 30 JUNE 1960</b>

RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION <b>EE</b>	POINT OF CONTROL (Hdqs. or name of Field Station) <b>[ ]</b>
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**A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS**

INDICATE NUMBER AND TYPE OF PERSONNEL REQUIRED AND ESTIMATED TOTAL COMPENSATION FOR SALARY, ALLOWANCES, AND RELATED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. INCLUDE EVERYONE PAID FROM PROJECT. ATTACH PERSONNEL ANNEX IF NEW PROJECT T/O OR T/O ADJUSTMENTS ARE INVOLVED.

TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION		
	U.S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
STAFF EMPLOYEES					
STAFF AGENTS					
CAREER AGENTS	1		6505.00	3095.00	9600.00
CONTRACT AGENTS		1	2491.67	1150.00	3641.00
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER					
<b>TOTAL A.</b>					<b>13241.00</b>

**B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

INDICATE AMOUNT REQUIRED IN APPLICABLE SPACES. IN THOSE PROJECTS WHERE THERE IS AN UNUSUAL REQUIREMENT FOR AGENCY SUPPORT, OR WHERE LONG LEAD-TIME ITEMS ARE REQUIRED, APPROPRIATE ANNEXES SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR ATTACHMENT TO THE PROJECT.

COMMO	CHEMICAL	QUARTERMASTER	OTHER SUPPLIES	SERVICES
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
MEDICAL	ORDNANCE	SPEC. DEVICES	OTHER EQPT.	SPACE
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**TOTAL B.**

**C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES**

INDICATE VOLUME AND NATURE OF EXPENSES.

Safehouse  
Ops travel  
Refugee subsistence  
Purchase of Publications  
Supplies



**TOTAL C.**

**D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS**

IF FUNDS ARE TO BE TURNED OVER TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS IN LARGE LUMP SUMS TO BE EXPENDED BY THEM AT THEIR DISCRETION TO ACCOMPLISH AN AGREED-UPON OBJECTIVE, ATTACH ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN OR FISCAL ANNEX, AS APPROPRIATE. LIST GENERAL CATEGORIES OF EXPENSES TO BE COVERED BY SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS, INCLUDING ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR EACH CATEGORY.

**TOTAL D.**

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

**E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

STATE TYPES OF CURRENCIES NEEDED, IN UNITS PER MONTH, AND APPROXIMATE DOLLAR VALUE.

PROPOSED FUNDING PLAN (How and where the payment or advance will be made).

**F. ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS**

TO BE COMPLETED FOR DIRECT PROJECTS ONLY. ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBSIDY, PROPRIETARY, OR OPERATIONAL INVESTMENT PROJECTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN OR FISCAL ANNEX, AS APPROPRIATE.

DESCRIBE TYPE OF ACCOUNTING TO BE OBTAINED AND ANY SPECIAL PROCEDURES OR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OR RECORDING OF THOSE ACCOUNTINGS.

THIS PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA SHEET REFLECTS THE TYPE AND DEGREE OF SUPPORT REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT.

DATE

SENIOR STAFF OR AREA DIVISION CHIEF OF SUPPORT

APPROVING AUTHORITY

DATE

PP/OPS/PP REF. NO.

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