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CA PROJECT ACTION RECORD

I PROJECT CRYPTONYM ~~OBTEST~~

	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION	EE
	AMENDMENT No.	BRANCH	Yugoslav/Albanian
	RENEWAL FY 19	DESK	EE/YA/PGCA
XXXX	TERMINATION	CASE OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> EXT. 3114

II DIVISION CONCURRENCES

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	SIGNATURE TYPED & SIGNED	COPY No.	DATE	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
C/EE/YA	[]					
EE/B&F						
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III CONCURRENCES - OTHER DIVISIONS AND OFFICES

CI/OA	[]					
DDP/PG/CA						

11 July 1960

IV APPROVAL

SUBJECT PROJECT ACTION IS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ FOR FY 19
FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION ARE AVAILABLE FROM WITHIN THE CURRENT ALLOCATIONS TO
THE DIVISION.

Termination effective 30 June 1960.

Chief, DDP/PG	[]	[]	<i>11 July '60</i>
APPROVING AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE	DATE	

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/P

SUBJECT : Termination of Project OBTEST

1. Project OBTEST is due to expire on 30 June 1960. This Project is herewith submitted for termination, following the stipulations of CSHB 230-60-2, paragraph 9 as follows:

(1) Project OBTEST

(2) Original Project Objectives: Through the agency of a clandestine "national Socialist" radio program to (a) loosen the ties between Albania and the USSR; (b) to encourage the modification of the harsher and more unenlightened policies of the Albanian regime; (c) to foster disruptive tendencies with the hope of weakening the present Albanian Communist regime.

(3) Reasons for termination: The termination of Project OBTEST is the result of the reduction of broadcast facilities at Athens Station and the lowered priority of Albania as a target for Covert Action operations.

(4) Effectiveness of the Project: OBTEST/1 was specifically denounced in March 1959 by the Secretary of the Albanian Communist Party in a major speech before the Albanian parliament. We have furthermore two reports from Albanian-American legal travellers and one refugee interrogation report, all of which noted that a program bearing the same title as OBTEST/1 was causing consternation to the Albanian Communist regime.

(5) Proposed Date of Operational Termination: OBTEST/1 broadcasts were terminated on 20 November 1959. The Project is to be continued through 30 June 1960 to cover funding obligations incident to the termination and re-location of agents carried under Project OBTEST.

(6) Estimated Date of Final Liquidation of Commitments:
30 June 1960

(7) Plans for Disposition of Funds, Material and Personnel: The writer-announcer, AIPLEBE was terminated effective 1 December 1959 and was paid a \$500 termination bonus. Career Agent will be transferred to Project DMNEON, a new project which is presently being prepared on the Field's recommendation. Properties and material used under the Project will be turned over to for disposal.

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(8) Status of Commitments to-be Settled: The termination bonus to AIPLEBE has been paid. There are no other commitments to this agent. Commitments to will be transferred from OBTEST to Project DMNEON.

(9) Risks: None

(10) Estimated Costs of Termination: Approximately \$800 including AIPLEBE's termination bonus, disposal of materials and costs of quitting rented safehouses before the expiration of their respective leases.

(11) Request for Extra Funds: No additional funds are needed. The Project OBTEST funds are considered sufficient to meet all foreseeable obligations.

(12) Statement that Central Cover Division has been Alerted:
Not applicable.

2. OBTEST Project actions for Fiscal Year 1959 and Fiscal Year 1960, plus 201 file are attached for your information.

Chief, EE Division

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EE DIVISION PROJECT ROUTING SHEET

PT	OBTEST	TYPE	CA	AMOUNT	\$15,841 - FY 60 Ops Program
ACTION	Termination	EXP. DATE		RECEIVED	22 Jun 60
FINANCE	N.A.	CLEARANCES		SENT STAFF	

DATE	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
2. GW	PROJECTS OFFICER <i>Terminate.</i> [] 25/6/60
	CHIEF OF OPERATIONS
	CHIEF, EE/PLANS Recommend approval of the termination. [] EE/EVAL
	23 June 1960
3. AC	CHIEF OF OPERATIONS
	CHIEF, EE DIVISION A