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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY PS/EG PROJECT DATA SHEET  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

Date 21 June 1974

Div/Br/Desk SB/SA	Country USSR	Type of Action FY 1975 Renewal	Project Cryptonym AEDYNAMIC
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1. Funds	Programmed	Requested	Approved	Obligated
FY 73	1	1	1	1
FY 74	1	1	1	1
FY 75	1	1	1	1
FY 76	1	1	1	1

2. Man Years Required:	FY 73	FY 74	FY 75
<u>Field:</u>	0	0	0
<u>HQS:</u>	.6	.6	.6

3. Description of Activity

The AEDYNAMIC activity is responsive to DDO Objective A.2.a "to increase the impact of moderate and liberalizing elements of Soviet society on the foreign and military policies of the Soviet Government." AEDYNAMIC seeks to exploit and increase nationalistic, cultural and other dissident tendencies in the Ukraine and thereby to exert pressure on the Soviet regime for greater national and intellectual freedom. The principal means by which AEDYNAMIC attempts to encourage and to widen the scope of this already active dissidence is by acquiring, publishing and infiltrating into the USSR literary, political and historical works conducive to an increased growth of a Ukrainian national consciousness. This is an evolutionary, rather than revolutionary, process.

Since 1950 the Agency has supported the Foreign Representation of the Ukrainian Supreme Liberation Council (ZP/UHVR), a small political advisory council of Ukrainian emigre intellectuals based in New York, and its research, writing, and editorial component Prolog Research Corporation of New York, an Agency proprietary. Dissident underground literature smuggled out of the Ukraine and contributions from emigre intellectuals in the West is edited and published in New York by Prolog, and printed

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in Munich by a Prolog affiliate, the Ukrainian Society for Studies Abroad. This material is sent to the USSR covertly through the international mails or handed to Ukrainian travelers to the West; some is mailed and delivered in the USSR by Western travelers, and some is trans-mailed via Eastern Europe.

A smaller New York based emigre political party, The Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists Abroad (OUNZ) assists the Council in acquiring dissident material and in distributing and infiltrating Council publications. This Group is nominally unwitting of Agency ties to the Council and receives no CIA support.

For the year ending 28 February 1974 some 10,800 pieces of project literature were mailed and distributed by these means. This included about 3,000 copies of the monthly magazine Suchasnit (Contemporary) (a compendium of dissident views), 1,300 copies of Ukrainskyy Samostinyhk (Ukrainian Independent), 1,500 books, and over 5,000 copies of the Information Bulletin (a letter sized news sheet on dissident activity which is mailed in hand addressed envelopes to make detection more difficult.) Eleven Ukrainian language books were published during this period with another nine in preparation. These distribution totals are down about 25% from previous years because of stricter censorship and more severe repressive steps taken by the KGB, including the jailing of several leading dissidents. This has also made it more difficult to acquire internal manuscripts; only 12 such documents were obtained in the past year. Increased production and distribution costs have also tended to reduce the activity.

Some material aid continues to be supplied to jailed dissidents and their families by AEDYNAMIC.

Operational guidance is furnished by a Headquarters case officer who deals regularly with the five cleared and witting Prolog officers in New York. There is no contact elsewhere. SB plans to exploit this and other CA activities operationally to increase the declining collection of intelligence.

AEDYNAMIC materials are being used more frequently in operations against ethnic Ukrainians serving as Soviet officials abroad, or, in the case of the UN, as members of the Ukrainian mission to the UN.

The difficulty of verifying distribution and receipt of dissident materials in denied areas is common to all these

efforts. Only a few acknowledgements are received directly, but generally there is little feedback. Effectiveness can be extrapolated to some extent by the sensitivity of the regime to this activity and its constant warning of these appeals to nationalistic sentiments.

4. Special Features

At the present funding level of \$ [ ] AEDYNAMIC takes about 3% of the total funds devoted to covert action activities against the Soviet Bloc, and distributes about 2% of the material, but this 2% is targeted exclusively against the USSR.

5. Funding

Two CGS notional facilities, Becker Regional Studies Associates of Denver, and International Survey Services of Los Angeles, have ostensible contracts with Prolog to do research. The Munich office has no corporate tie to Prolog and is funded by Swiss bank transfers backed by another CGS notional in the U.S. The expenses for both the New York and Munich offices are accounted for in accordance with the AEDYNAMIC Administrative Plan which was approved in January 1972 and remains valid.

6. Interagency Coordination and Approval

AEDYNAMIC was approved by the 40 Committee in June 1973 and is included as one of the nine covert action activities directed at the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe for which 40 Committee approval is presently being sought.

7. ADDO Conditions of Approval - FY 1974

None

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PROJECT EVALUATION

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	Initials	Date	Initials	Date	
1. PS/EG/SEC			4. ADDO		Evaluation Officer
2. C/PS/EG	<i>DM</i>	11/7			Date Received
3. C/PS/EG/A					Date Due

Rating(s):	Objective(s): A.2.a
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COMMENT

1. We intend to examine four specific issues in our evaluation of this activity: (a) the need for the activity and for CIA involvement in it, (b) the effectiveness of the effort in terms of performance against the A.2 Objective and utilization of resources, (c) exploitation of the activity for collateral operational benefits, and (d) the efficiency of project administration.

a. AEDYNAMIC conduct primarily as a catalyst, guiding and assisting the already existing underground structure in its attempts to promote Ukrainian national consciousness to sustain internal agitation for greater personal freedoms without provoking the authorities to become so repressive that no action of this kind is possible. While a limited number of samizdat manuscripts would reach the West and be published without covert intervention, through AEDYNAMIC the flow of such material to the West is increased and its existence is widely publicized. The material is also published covertly in significant quantity, and it is infiltrated into the USSR in sufficient volume to provide the Western moral and material support needed by the dissident movement in its confrontation with the Soviet government. Private sponsorship of this activity is not likely, and unlike the Radios, overt U.S. Government sponsorship is not feasible.

b. Effectiveness. The measurement of performance against objectives and effectiveness of resource utilization

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is dependent upon verification of distribution, comments of recipients and emigres, Soviet Government reactions, and dissident use of the materials.

(1) Verification of Distribution. Activity managers have now acquired a detailed list of all distribution and information collecting assets with an indication of their special abilities to contact travelers to the West and in some cases to travel to the USSR. This should permit a more accurate verification of materials distributed and help to refine targeting. Some distributors are also able to collect reactions to the material, and this feedback is used by the managers to further refine the publications and methods of distribution. Some recipients respond directly to activity offices. However, only the first tentative steps have been taken to verify distribution and we recommend that every effort be made to devise additional means to accomplish this. More specific information on distribution will also assist in operational exploitation.

(2) Comments of Recipients, Defectors and Emigres. Correspondence from internal readers indicates that the monthly Suchasnist in particular is viewed as speaking for the Ukrainian dissident movement. Dissidents encourage the continuing external support of the nationalist movement in the Ukraine as well as in other non-Russian Soviet Republics. This view is confirmed by travelers to the West. Debriefings of new wave emigres indicate that this literature has a significant impact because it represents an effective, relatively low-key form of nationalistic protest.

(3) Soviet Reactions. Why don't the Soviets prevent the importation and distribution of this material? The answer seems to be that much more repressive measures would have to be undertaken to cut the flow, and this is not desirable at a time when detente and CSCE issues argue that the Soviets should do otherwise. Some leading Ukrainian dissidents rest in jail after a crackdown of some three years ago, and since then some tightening up has taken place. The Soviet press constantly attacks these publications. However, the multiplicity of distribution channels and the quantity of material distributed, the relative inefficiency of the censors as well

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as the willingness of more Soviet citizens to take the risks involved, also favors AEDYNAMIC's efforts to disseminate these materials. The fact remains, however, that distribution is becoming more difficult.

(4) Dissident use of the Material. AEDYNAMIC successfully brings together internal and emigre dissidents through its publications, thus helping to unite the Ukrainian nationalist movement. AEDYNAMIC publications are known to circulate clandestinely, and this encourages additional contributions for publication and internal distribution.

(5) Operational Exploitation. Through AEDYNAMIC CIA has been successful in exploiting some extremely useful internal operational leads. We encourage the increased effort to acquire more detail on the recipients of project material. This is expected to supply additional leads for exploitation inside the USSR. The proposed assignment of a young, trained and willing Prolog officer to Europe to work with Munich Base on exploitation of ops leads is encouraging.

(6) Management Efficiency. Despite the increased difficulties in internal distribution, activity managers have been able to maintain a reasonable level of publication infiltration. Funding is being maintained at the same level.

2. In sum we believe that verification of distribution needs improvement, that the funding level is not unreasonable, that operational exploitation is proceeding satisfactorily and that intelligence production needs more attention. The project serves a useful purpose in our effort to encourage nationalistic elements in the USSR, and assists in the development of constraints on the arbitrary exercise of Soviet power.

3. Approval of this renewal for FY 75 is recommended.