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	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION HQS				
	RENEWAL FY 19 88	BRANCH PPS/SEO/SIB				
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER []	DATE 11 DEC 87			
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. 3D00	BUILDING HQS	TELL EXT.	RED BLACK 45873	
	INTENDED SOLELY FOR COL- LECTION PER SEC 662 OF FOR. ASSIST. ACT		NOT INTENDED SOLELY FOR COLLECTION PER SEC 662 OF FOR. ASSIST. ACT			
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CONCURRENCES OF DIVISIONS					
ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (and Signature)	DATES		MEMO ATTACHED	
		IN	OUT	YES	NO
C/PPS/SIB	[Signature]		16 Dec 87		
C/PPS/SEO	[Signature]		16 Dec		✓
PPS/B&F	[Signature]		12/3/87		✓
PPS/PA	[Signature]		12/18/87		✓
PPS/PLANS	[Signature]		1/7/88		✓
DC/PPS	[Signature]		1/8/88		✓
C/PPS	[Signature]		1/8/88		✓

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS					
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		IN	OUT	YES	NO
CCS	[Signature]		20 Jan 88		✓
C/SE/OPS	[Signature]		20 Jan		✓
EUR/CA	[Signature]		22 Jan 88		✓
CI STAFF	[Signature]		25 JAN 1988		
C/EPS	[Signature]		8 JUN 1988		

APPROVAL				
PERIOD	AMT THIS ACTION	FY	TOTAL FUNDS AUTHORIZATION	
FROM 1 October 87	TO 30 September 88	19 88	[]	
APPROVING AUTHORITY (Title & Signature)		FOR DDO USE ONLY		DATE
[Signature]		EXEMPT FROM P/S REVIEW	COMPARTMENTED P/S REVIEW	11 June 1988

APPROVAL - FY-88 OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY - QRPLUMB

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

QRPLUMB, a proprietary, is a New York-based Ukrainian publishing and distribution corporation with affiliates in Munich and London. QRPLUMB publishes a Ukrainian-language monthly political-literary magazine, a Russian-language socio-political quarterly journal, bulletins, pamphlets, leaflets, and books for infiltration and clandestine distribution within the Soviet Ukraine. The purpose of the QRPLUMB Activity is to provide intellectual and moral support to those Ukrainians who seek social and political moderation of the Soviet system and who encourage liberalization of various strata of the Ukrainian population.

AUTHORIZATION

This operational Activity supports Directorate for Operations Objective T and is in compliance with the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. It is covered by a Presidential Finding dated 7 June 1978 and has been reported regularly to the appropriate committees of Congress.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

--Books: QRPLUMB has published five books in Ukrainian to date, and four more are scheduled for this year. They also obtained a Lithuanian language prayer book, which we reprinted in 3000 copies and the QRPLUMBS passed to the Lithuanian community for infiltration.

--Video Cameras: QRPLUMB purchased 10 Sony 8mm camcorders for infiltration by legal travellers. These are for activists to record noteworthy events, such as demonstrations, etc. The first three have already been sent in.

--Videotapes: QRPLUMB has been responsible for the distribution of 50 copies of "The Harvest of Despair" inside Ukraine.

--Audiotapes: They distributed approximately 150 cassette recordings of a Mass in the Uniate church (totally banned and actively suppressed in the Soviet Union) into the Ukraine.

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--QRPLUMB publications include:

a. Suchasnist - a Ukrainian language journal published 11 times a year (with one double issue). They distribute approximately 250 copies of each edition inside.

b. Forum - a Russian language journal, currently published twice a year, which deals primarily with sensitive nationality questions. Approximately 750 copies per issue are infiltrated into the Soviet Union.

c. Soviet Nationality Survey - an English language monthly dealing with Soviet nationality issues, which goes primarily to Third World countries, East and West-European libraries and scholars. The Ukrainian Academy of Sciences has subscribed to the Survey this year for the first time.

d. Soviet Ukrainian Affairs - a quarterly English language bulletin which deals primarily with Soviet Ukrainian topics, and is aimed at East and West-European audiences.

e. Ukraine Report - a new, German language publication published at irregular intervals, which concentrates on glasnost and developments inside Ukraine, aimed at East and West German audiences. A few weeks after it appeared, the publication was already quoted in a Swiss newspaper.

f. Suchasnist - a Polish language version of the basic publication, aimed at improving Polish-Ukrainian relations. One volume appeared in 1986, in three editions.

g. Samostiynik - a Ukrainian language bulletin edited in the West, published in Poland for distribution into the Ukraine and other bloc countries. It is not attributable to QRPLUMB.

h. Ukrainian Peace Committee News - see para 5 below.

i. Dialogi - a Polish language bulletin published in Poland, edited in the West, and aimed at the Polish audience, stressing the need for Polish-Ukrainian cooperation.

j. A Ukrainian language catalogue listing all available QRPLUMB publications also appeared in 1987.

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--The Ukrainian Peace Committee (UPC): QRPLUMB set up the UPC to intervene in the Copenhagen World Peace Congress, and its success led them to continue and increase its activities. It also took part in the June 1987 Stockholm Peace Festival, and published two editions of the Ukrainian Peace Committee News, distributed to various peace groups worldwide. The UPC received wide coverage in a Yugoslav newspaper, and then received an invitation to send a representative to an unofficial Polish peace conference in Warsaw. The Polish authorities, however, denied a visa to the UPC representative. UPC did participate in a large gathering of unofficial peace group representatives in Budapest in fall of 1987.

--Chernobyl Anniversary Project. Two groups of unwitting travellers distributed approximately 6000 leaflets in Kiev and a few hundred more went via Soviet internal mail to various Soviet institutions and persons.

--Workers' Rights Project. QRPLUMB distributed ca 3000 leaflets calling for workers' rights and free trade unions in Donetsk. (A nearby coal mine explosion occurred at about the same time.)

--Polish contacts. The program has expanded, as the above publication statistics show. The idea is to use Poland as starting point for infiltration into the Ukraine, relying on Polish-Ukrainians to infiltrate materials, as well as to print publications in Poland.

--QRPLUMB expanded contacts with other East European (including Baltic) emigre groups to promote closer relations on human rights and other issues of common concern. QRPLUMB/57 attended a Baltic American Freedom League testimonial in Washington, D.C. where he gave a speech on better cooperation among anti-Soviet emigre groups.

--The QRPLUMB organization moved its office from New York City to Newark. The move provided additional office space while decreasing overhead.

PLANS:

--A proposal to re-convert QRPLUMB to a controlled or non-controlled subsidy is under examination at this time.

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--QRPLUMB plans to continue publishing and to expand infiltration into the Soviet Union. They will also continue the Polish language publishing efforts, furthering cooperation with the Polish underground to facilitate infiltration of printed and video materials into the Ukraine. Efforts are also under way to explore new avenues of infiltration, one of them through Yugoslavia.

--With the increased emphasis on audio/video cassette infiltration into the Soviet Union, QRPLUMB plans to increase its efforts, both in providing additional duplicating capability and a selection of appropriate video films. In addition, they will continue infiltrating the 8mm handycam video cameras into the Ukraine.

--QRPLUMB will place greater emphasis on verifying that materials reach target audiences, as well as on ascertaining their effects on those audiences.

--In addition, the QRPLUMBs contemplate publishing a book based on Soviet Ukrainian press accounts of Russification policy in the Ukraine.

--The Ukrainian Peace Committee will expand its activities by increasing the number of publications and contacts with other peace groups, especially non-official peace groups in Eastern Europe.

PROBLEMS:

--Two former QRPLUMB leaders are subjects of continuing Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigations (OSI) investigations into their WWII activities, on suspicion of ties to Nazi occupation forces in the Ukraine. While there is nothing in our files to substantiate these allegations and both Subjects deny them, the Soviet Ukrainian press continues to vilify these people and the QRPLUMB organization as well. If OSI were to bring formal charges, this could subject our relationship with the QRPLUMB organization to closer scrutiny, possibly exposure.

--For some years the QRPLUMB organization and QRPLUMB/57 have maintained contacts with officials of the Peoples' Republic of China (PRC). This year QRPLUMB's London representative visited the PRC and gave several lectures on Soviet nationality issues to Chinese scholars and officials. Two Chinese scholars are spending several

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months with the QRPLUMBs as part of this exchange. We monitor this closely for counterintelligence reasons and for possible operational exploitation by China Operations and by FR/NY. We monitor this QRPLUMB activity to ascertain that it not jeopardize our CA equity in the organization.

ASSETS AND MECHANISMS

--QRPLUMB/57 (P/57) - witting, President of the proprietary. P/57 was granted an OA on 5 July 1983. P/57 was polygraphed during FY 1985, the results of which earlier OPACTS have discussed. P/57 receives a salary of \$37,000 per annum from QRPLUMB. As a full-time proprietary hire, he receives retirement and health/life insurance. There are no other special benefits.

--QRPLUMB/75 (P/75) - witting, Treasurer. P/75 was granted a CSA on 10 September 1985. P/75's annual salary of \$30,000 is paid by the proprietary. P/75 receives retirement and health/life insurance. There are no other special benefits.

--QRPLUMB/103 (P/103) - witting, Vice President. He was granted a CSA on 20 June 1985. P/103's annual salary of \$25,000 is paid by the proprietary. He receives retirement and health/life insurance. There are no other special benefits.

--There are 15 unwitting proprietary hires who work either full or part-time in New York, and 7 who work in London and Munich. All full-time employees receive retirement and health/life insurance benefits. These benefits are provided in accordance with the Administrative Plan. The New York-based unwitting proprietary hires have either CSAs or Proprietary Approvals, or are in the process of being cleared. We trace the European employees for derogatory information when hiring them. All unwitting employees believe they are working for the research/publishing company.

COVER/SECURITY

During the past fiscal year, two PRC officials delivered a somewhat clumsy and semi-cold recruitment pitch at QRPLUMB/57. Unaccountably, rather than press for nationality or Ukrainian information on which P/57 and his organization specialize, they

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Income:			
Agency Funding	()	()	()
Other - Sales/Subsc.	65,000	65,000	65,000
Total Income:	()	()	()
Total Operating Budget	()	()	()
Expenses:			
<u>Fixed</u>			
Salaries & Benefits	284,000	290,000	300,000
New York Office	145,000	150,000	150,000
<u>S/T Fixed Expenses</u>	429,000	440,000	450,000
<u>Operating</u>			
Publishing Costs	190,000	190,000	200,000
Microfilm/Material	5,000	5,000	5,000
Purchase Books/Period	5,000	5,000	5,000
Distribution Costs	140,000	120,000	125,000
Munich Office	125,000	125,000	110,000
London Office	110,000	100,000	100,000
Research/Contact Ops	80,000	35,000	60,000
Ops Travel/Entertain.	31,000	20,000	23,000
Office Move	50,000	-0-	-0-
<u>S/T Operating Expense</u>	736,000	600,000	628,000
<u>Total Expense:</u>	1,165,000	1,040,000	1,078,000
Closing Cash on Hand	()	()	()

*The decrease in the FY-88 -89 projections reflects reprogramming of funds within PPS.

8 JUL 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM:

Chief, Evaluation and Plans Staff

SUBJECT: Approval of OPACT QRPLUMB for FY 1988

1. Description: OPACT QRPLUMB, a proprietary in New York, is a Ukrainian publishing and distribution corporation with affiliates in Paris, London and Munich. It publishes a Ukrainian-language monthly political-literary magazine, a Russian-language socio-political journal, bulletins, pamphlets, leaflets, and books for infiltration into the Ukraine. Its purpose is to provide intellectual and moral support to Ukrainians seeking social and economic moderation of the Soviet political system, and to encourage liberalization among the Ukrainian population. QRPLUMB is a NSPG program.

2. Authority: This activity is authorized under the Presidential Finding of 7 June 1978, supports Directorate for Operations Objective T, and is in compliance with Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. It has been regularly reported to the appropriate committees of Congress.

3. EPS Comments: Since the FY 1987 review of OPACT QRPLUMB took place at the end of the Fiscal Year, the OPACT submission encompassed activities undertaken in FY 1986 and a major portion of FY 1987. Consequently, the activities covered in the FY 1988 OPACT renewal request are an update of FY 1987 activities.

QRPLUMB published five books in Ukrainian, and infiltrated via the Lithuanian community 3,000 copies of a Lithuanian-language prayer book. It also continued to distribute/infiltrate into the Ukraine its various Ukrainian-language publications, including a Polish-language version of a publication aimed at improving Polish-Ukrainian relations, as well as English and German-language publications for distribution primarily in Western Europe. QRPLUMB set up the Ukrainian Peace Committee to intervene in the Copenhagen World Peace Congress, and took part in the Stockholm Peace Festival. Its activities received wide coverage in Yugoslavia and other East European countries. QRPLUMB continued its activist campaigns on Chernobyl and women's rights projects, and expanded its Polish contacts to infiltrate material into the Ukraine via Poland. In addition, QRPLUMB expanded contacts with Baltic and other East European emigre groups to promote closer relations on human rights and issues of common concern.

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The video cassette project has done well with the distribution/infiltration into the Ukraine of 50 copies of The Harvest of Despair, a poignant film about famine in the Ukraine during the 1930's. QRPLUMB also purchased 10 Sony Camcorders for infiltration by legal travellers. In addition, some 150 audio cassette recordings of a Uniate church mass were infiltrated into the Ukraine.

There continues to be concern about two former QRPLUMB leaders who are the subject of a current dormant investigation by the Department of Justice into their alleged wartime activities with Nazi occupation forces in the Ukraine. Another CI concern are the Agency-sanctioned contacts maintained by the QRPLUMB principal agent, QRPLUMB/57, with PRC officials. We urge PPS to monitor closely these issues, and to ensure that neither issue jeopardize our CA equity in QRPLUMB.

PPS is currently examining the CCS proposal to convert QRPLUMB to a controlled or non-controlled subsidy. PPS must decide this issue prior to the FY 1989 OPACT submission.

4. Responses to FY 1987 EPS Recommendation: PPS provided CCS via EPS on 25 November 1987 the requested interim report on the status of the conversion of QRPLUMB from a proprietary to a controlled subsidy.

5. EPS Recommendation: In view of its potential to influence a specific segment of the Soviet population, EPS recommends approval of OPACT QRPLUMB in the \$ [] amount requested with the caveat that PPS monitor closely CI issues regarding the Department of Justice investigation of two former QRPLUMB leaders and their alleged activities in Nazi-occupied Ukraine, and the QRPLUMB/57 Agency-sanctioned contacts with PRC officials. In addition, PPS must decide prior to the FY 1989 OPACT submission the conversion of QRPLUMB to a controlled or non-controlled subsidy.

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