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DD/P Project Approval Sheet

Project Cryptonym AECHAMP (PP) Amendment No. _____

Sub-Project Cryptonym _____

Originating Division SR

Approved -- ~~Disapproved~~ Richard Helms 19 Feb. 54
for DD/P lets

Comments: _____

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY OF THE PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Extension of Project AEGHAMP (PP portion)

1. This is to advise that this date I have approved an up-to-date project outline embracing the PP portion of Project AEGHAMP in the amount of [] for FY '54. Although AEGHAMP (formerly BOLAPIN) has been operative since 1949, it has been re-submitted at this time to insure that the scope of its activities fall within documented authority. It was approved in principle for the same amount by the Director as part of the SR Division's FY '54 Program. Funds are available and the Comptroller has been advised accordingly.

2. Its objectives are to maintain the morale of the people of Lithuania, to preserve and further stimulate their pro-Western activities and to harass the Soviet regime in that country. Toward accomplishing the foregoing, this Agency is providing guidance, financial assistance and other forms of support to the leading Lithuanian emigre organization in Europe. This organization in turn conducts a comprehensive political and psychological warfare campaign, including broadcasts directed at the U.S.S.R.

Richard Helms

For

FRANK G. WIGNER

Deputy Director (Plans)

19 February 1954

PP/OPS/PP [] :gvt

cc: Orig & 4 - Addressee

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Project Outline Clearance Sheet

Project Cryptonym AECHAMP PP Amendment No. _____ Project No. 4-3420-51-028

Sub-project Cryptonym _____ (Where applicable)

Developed by: /s/ [] x 3264 28 Dec '53
Case Officer Organization Date
Reuben Efron SR/2

Reviewed by: /s/ [] 28 Dec '54 /s/ []
Foreign Branch Chief Date Division Chief Date
Chief, SR/2 Chief, SR

Conferences: FS/Plans/Comm, [] 1 Feb '54
Date

✓ (Staff/C - concurred on Copy #1, 29 Jan. '54)
Date

✓ * [] PP/C/Radio 2 Feb '54
Date

✓ [] PP/ICB 12 Feb 1954
Date

✓ * * (BUDGET DIV. - see note from #1, 3 Feb. '54)
Date

✓ * * (DD/P-ADMIN - concurred on #1, 4 Feb. '54)
Date

✓ (EE/PP - concurred on #4, 2 Feb. '54)
Date

✓ (PP/PAD - concurred on #3, 3 Feb. '54)
Date

✓ (PP/Pres - concurred on #3, 4 Feb. '54)
Date

see above ~~PP/ICB - concurred on #2, 12 Feb. '54~~
Approved subject to conditions below:

✓ (IOD - concurred on #3, 16 Feb. '54)
Date
see above ~~PP/Radio - 12 Feb. '54~~

Conditions of approval: All Memo PP/Radio to CPP - 2 Feb. attached e/c

* * "funds available, subject to approval of an Admin. Plan"

✓ (FI/Plans - concurred on #4, 12 Feb. '54)

/s/ [] SECRET - SECURITY INFORMATION
for CPP - 19 February 1954 #2

PROJECT OUTLINE

23 December 1953

Project Cryptonym : AECHAMP PP (4-3420-51-028)

Originating Division: SR

a. Division Chief: , Ext. 2421

b. Branch Chief : , Ext. 8547

c. Case Officer : Ext. 3582

Target Area: Lithuanian SSR

Type of Project: Overall PP Project

Financial Mechanism: Subsidy

Funds Requested: For Fiscal Year 1954

Current Status: Previously operative under original BGLAPIN Project
which was approved by ADPC on 29 July 1949.

1. OBJECTIVES:

- a. To provide financial support for AEPOLE/1--a Lithuanian emigre organization in Germany--in order to maintain that organization as an effective instrument of political and psychological warfare against the USSR.
- b. To deceive and confuse the Soviet Regime in the Lithuanian SSR.
- c. To maintain the morale and devotion to the West of the Lithuanian people.
- d. To preserve and support the spirit of resistance in the Lithuanian SSR.

2. ORIGIN AND POLICY GUIDANCE:

a. Origin

- (1) KUBARK has been in contact and in association with AEPOLE/1 since 1949. The organization was selected at that time both for its contact with Lithuania and because of its primacy among the Lithuanian emigres. AEPOLE 1 has in the past assisted in the spotting and recruiting of agents for infiltration into Lithuania. The organization is no longer engaged in this activity, but it continues to lend its blessing to certain penetration operations and is exceedingly active in various propaganda and informational activities directed against the USSR. AEPOLE/1 continues to be recognized among the emigration as the major voice of free Lithuania. KUBARK payments to AEPOLE/1 since 1949 totalled []. [] of this sum has been in the form of general FI-PP subsidies; [] in specific propaganda support; and [] for a specific operational requirement. The most recent grant was a specific purpose subsidy of [] in September 1953. This was designed to support AEPOLE/1 psychological warfare operations against the Lithuanian SSR, by extending especially its several radio broadcasts, as well as to maintain and develop AEPOLE/1 as an instrument of political warfare. AEPOLE/1 had asked for a subsidy totalling [] (approximately [] for the period of 1 January to 30 June 1953. AEPOLE/1 further estimated that an expanded Psychological Warfare Section will require a total of [] (approximately [] per annum.
- (2) Extensive examination of the problems involved in carrying out sound psychological warfare operations into the Lithuanian SSR has led to the conclusion that the maintenance of one covert associate in Washington in support of PP activities is most essential for the successful implementation of the program.

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(3) The employment of a director of AEPOLE/1's Psychological Warfare Section is of great importance. Such a director will be able, after receiving proper training in Washington, to implement U.S. policies in PP warfare against the USSR, to strengthen the psychological warfare effort of AEPOLE/1, and to develop AEPOLE/1 as an effective instrument of political warfare. His employment by KUBARK as a contract agent will give it greater control over AEPOLE/1 and facilitate the coordination of activities.

b. The Project originated as BGLAPIN Project, approved on 29 July 1949; and authorization for the implementation of this Project, at the present time, is contained in the USSR Fiscal 1954 Country Program approved in principle by DCI on 7 September 1953. Therefore, it is necessary to continue this Project in accordance with the proposals outlined below.

3. SITUATION:

The Regime of the USSR has controlled the former Republic of Lithuania with an iron hand since occupying and annexing the nation in June-July 1940. This control was broken only by the German occupation of the area during 1941-1944. The United States has not and, on the basis of the evidence of public and classified policy declarations, does not intend to recognize the legality of the Soviet absorption of Lithuania as a constituent "republic" of the USSR. While the Soviets have killed and deported a significant portion of the Lithuanian population, and many fled to the West in 1944-1945, the great majority of those remaining in Lithuania today are nevertheless thoroughly anti-Soviet.

The policy of the United States is to seek the eventual liberation of Lithuania by peaceful means. The objectives set forth above constitute covert implementation of this policy.

4. PROPOSALS:

- a. Subsidization of AEPOLE/1 to the extent of [] in three quarterly installments in order to assist its maintenance as an effective voice against the USSR and Soviet occupation of Lithuania aimed at enhancing the basic U.S. orientation of the indigenous population.
- b. Rendering support and guidance for AEPOLE/1 regular daily broadcasts to the homeland via Radio Vatican and Radio Madrid; assisting in the expansion of other AEPOLE/1 broadcasting and PP activities.
- c. Maintenance of a covert associate in the Washington area whose main function is the gathering, translation and preparation of appropriate material in support of AEPOLE/1's radio assets and Information Service, as well as PP activities originating at Headquarters. [] is requested for this purpose.
- d. The employment of a director of AEPOLE/1's PP program who is to be trained in Washington and dispatched to the field under a two-year contract. \$6,500 is requested for this purpose.

5. OPERATIONAL OUTLINE:

a. The main task of this Project is to subsidize AEPOLE/1 efforts in the PP field by helping to develop and to maintain AEPOLE/1's psychological warfare section and broadcasts to the Homeland.

b. Personnel

- (1) The Chairman of AEPOLE/1's Executive Committee now located in Germany--AEPOLE/6. He is under contract as a covert associate and is paid \$1.00 per annum. No reimbursement for expenses is involved.
- (2) The covert associate now employed under contract in the Washington area. He has his first citizenship papers. He is engaged in preparation of data and material in support of PP activities.
- (3) The Director of AEPOLE/1's Psychological and Political Warfare program who is employed as a contract agent--AEPOLE/7.

c. Indigenous groups and/or leaders--N.A.

d. Target groups

- (1) The Executive Committee and deliberative body of AEPOLE/1 are located in West Germany. AEPOLE/1 propaganda activity is performed in various parts of the world. The Government and CP of the USSR are targets of AEPOLE/1 propaganda as is the Soviet Regime in the Lithuanian SSR.
- (2) The target area for operations, carried out with the assistance of the covert associate through AEPOLE/1 and otherwise, is the Lithuanian SSR. The target groups in the target area are:
 - (a) The Lithuanian population of the Lithuanian SSR as a whole.
 - (b) Certain officials and institutions of the Soviet Regime in the Lithuanian SSR.

e. Duration

- (1) KUBARK association with and support of AEPOLE/1 is viewed as a continuing activity which is an integral part of cold war operations.
- (2) The maintenance of a covert associate in support of the PP effort is viewed as continuing for an indefinite period. The work is to be conducted in pursuit of U.S. cold war objectives and could continue as long as that phenomenon

does. In the event of open hostilities, the covert associate will be used to support hot war operations.

- (3) The same considerations as above apply to the employment of the director of AEPOLE/1's Psychological Warfare Section.

f. Graphic Illustrations: None

6. SECURITY:

a. Cover

- (1) AEPOLE/1 is operating in Germany as an independent Lithuanian emigre organization whose main political aim is the eventual liberation of Lithuania and the strengthening of Lithuanian culture and national spirit among Lithuanian emigres in the West as well as in the Homeland. AEPOLE/1 is also affiliated with other Lithuanian organizations throughout the world and especially with the American-Lithuanian Council in the U.S. Since AEPOLE/1 is a bona fide political emigre organization, no special cover for its activities is necessary.
- (2) The covert associate, who is active in Washington, is working under the cover of an employee of a local commercial translation agency cleared by KUBARK Cover Division.
- (3) While in Washington in training, the candidate for the position of the Director of AEPOLE/1's Psychological Warfare Section is to be given the cover of a research analyst. Upon his departure to Germany, he is to assume his cover of an AEPOLE/1 employee.

b. Knowledgeability

- (1) The Chairman of AEPOLE/1 and the members of AEPOLE/1's Executive Committee are aware of ODYOKE support. Funds are given to the Chairman of AEPOLE/1 who then transfers them to the Lithuanian National Fund in Germany, which handles all AEPOLE/1 funds. The members of the AEPOLE/1 assembly understand that contributions to their fund come from a major Lithuanian organization in the U.S. and from other private and public Lithuanian sources.
- (2) The covert associate is witting of ODYOKE interest only.
- (3) AEPOLE/7 is witting of ODYOKE interest only.

c. Operational Security: See 6.d. below.

d. Risks

- (1) The history of our relations with AEPOLE/1 would indicate

that there are no major risks involved in this relationship. An additional control factor is the existing contract between KUBARK and the Chairman of AEPOLE/1's Executive Committee who is employed as a covert associate for the consideration of one dollar per annum.

- (2) No major risks are involved in the employment of the covert associate in Washington for performance of PP support functions. He is not witting of KUBARK interest. Control and strict supervision by a case officer should neutralize any risk which may develop.
- (3) No major risk is involved in the contractual relationship with AEPOLE/7. He is not witting of KUBARK interest. The field will exercise operational control over him, subject to Headquarters' guidance and direction.

e. Personnel Disposal

- (1) No disposal problems are involved in relations with AEPOLE/1.
- (2) No disposal problem is foreseen in relation to the covert associate. After expiration of contract, it will either be renewed or subject will be given due notice and he will then apparently return to his permanent residence in California.
- (3) No major disposal problem is involved in relations with AEPOLE/7. He is to remain in Germany for a period of two years, after which his contract will either be renewed or he will be returned to his permanent residence in Illinois.

f. Disaster Plan

In the event of Soviet attack on West Germany, AEPOLE/1 would be evacuated in accordance with the current Agency emergency evacuation plan for Germany.

7. COORDINATION:

a. Relation to Other Projects

- (1) This Project is closely tied to the ARCHAMP FI Project inasmuch as AEPOLE/1 gives its blessing and cooperation with regard to FI operations into Lithuania.
- (2) The activity of the covert associate has its counterpart in the Project AEBASIN PP for Estonia.

b. This Project is closely related to the overall Country Program for the USSR in the PP field.

c. Extent of Coordination

- (1) EE Division was originally responsible for and is fully

cognizant of KUBARK contact with AEPOLE/1.

- (2) I & S has given assistance in contacting the candidate for the position of Director of AEPOLE/1's PP Program, and in procuring quarters for him in the Washington area while in training. Cover Division was requested to provide a proper cover for subject.

8. CONTROL:

- a. The field is to exercise partial supervision over the activities of AEPOLE/1 and AEPOLE/7 and coordinate their actions in accordance with directives from Headquarters.
- b. An Administrative Plan to cover the subsidy element of this Project is in process of preparation in cooperation with the Project Administrative Planning Staff/DD(A).
- c. AEPOLE/1 and the covert agent are to submit reports on their activity and budget to Headquarters via field channels. No unusual reporting procedure is involved.

9. BUDGET DATA:

- a. Total overall CIA funds as reflected in Fiscal Year 1954:
 according to the following breakdown:

(1) Personnel

(a) One contract agent, 9 months	\$ 3,000.00
(b) One covert associate	4,000.00 (<u>\$7,000.00</u>)

(2) Travel

(3) Transportation

(4) Subsidy (in three quarterly installments)

(5) Material

(6) Facilities

TOTAL

See attached form 59-25 for detailed financial data.

- b. Funds available in accordance with authorization of USSR Fiscal 1954 Country Program.
- c. Non KUBARK funds: None
- d. Foreign currency: Payments in the field will be made in DM's

provided through normal Station facilities.

e. Funding

- (1) Funds are released to the field for transmittal to AEPOLE/1 in accordance with the Administrative Plan. Accountability for subsidy received is submitted by AEPOLE/1 via field channels in accordance with Headquarters' instructions and directives and provisions foreseen in the Administrative Plan.
- (2) Salary payments to the covert associate and AEPOLE/7 are made by Headquarters.

f. Financial history--see paragraph 2.a.

g. Future financial requirements depend on how well AEPOLE/1 executes its PP tasks and especially upon the proper functioning of AEPOLE/1's Psychological Warfare Section. In case AEPOLE/1 expands its activities in the broadcasting field, larger sums, as authorized in Fiscal Year 1954, will be necessary.

10. SUPPORT DATA:

- a. At present, no full-time KUBARK personnel to handle the Project in the field are available. It is contemplated, when, and if, the Project expands, that a full-time PP officer be dispatched to the field to take charge of the Project.
- b. Necessary support and material is being handled by the Division's Logistics Branch.
- c. Communications with AEPOLE/1 are maintained in the following manner:
 - (1) Agency cable and pouch communications for transmittal of instructions, directives and policy guidances.
 - (2) Open airmail communication directly to AEPOLE/1 Headquarters in Germany for transmittal of unclassified propaganda material, translations of news items, articles, editorials, etc. The return address of such mail is a postoffice box in Washington.
- d. Other KUBARK Support
 - (1) Main support of AEPOLE/1 is based on our subsidization of their PP effort in the amount of In addition, we are supporting the AEPOLE/1 effort by sending proper guidance and material (in the original language or translated) for their broadcasts and other PP activities.
 - (2) Support required for the maintenance of the covert associate in the Washington area consists of the following:

- (a) An apartment cleared by I & S which is used both as an office and home.
 - (b) Procurement of a limited amount of office equipment including a Lithuanian-faced typewriter, strong box, and miscellaneous clerical materials.
- (3) Support required for the maintenance of AEPOLE/7 consists of the following:
- (a) A two-month training program in PP activities prior to subject's departure for Germany.
 - (b) Procurement of a furnished apartment cleared by I & S to be used by subject as a safehouse while he is in training in the Washington area.
- e. Support required from other United States agencies--N.A.

11. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

a. Current Status

- (1) The portion of the Project concerned with the support of AEPOLE/1 represents a continuation of activity previously performed under Projects BGLAPIN PP, CAPSTAN PP and ABCHAMP FI. KUBARK contact with AEPOLE/1 has been continuous since 1949.
- (2) The covert associate has been under contract since 1 August 1953. He is working in the Washington area in a partially subsidized private apartment which serves also as his living quarters. He is under official cover of a translator, working for a private translation service.
- (3) A properly qualified candidate for the position of Director of AEPOLE/1's Psychological Warfare Section has been selected and approved by AEPOLE/1. On 15 October 1953, subject signed a contract for the duration of two years. He has received two months' training in PP activities and has departed for Germany.

b. Commitments

- (1) No special commitments were made to AEPOLE/1. AEPOLE/1 is to expect our support as long as they fulfill their undertaken effort in the PP field.
- (2) No special commitments for the covert associate except as outlined in paragraph 6.e.
- (3) No special commitments for AEPOLE/7 except as outlined in paragraph 6.e.

- c. Effectiveness: see paragraph 11.e. below.
- d. Anticipated results: see paragraph 11.e. below.
- e. Evaluation
 - (1) The performance of AEPOLE/1 will be evaluated on a continuing basis in order to assure that our support is utilized in an intelligent and effective manner.
 - (2) The performance of the covert associate who is located in the Washington area will be regularly assessed. The results of operations carried out with the assistance of the covert associate will be evaluated to the extent operational circumstances permit.
 - (3) The performance of AEPOLE/7 will be regularly assessed. The results of operations which may possibly be carried out with subject's active participation or assistance will be evaluated to the extent operational circumstances permit.
- f. Policy questions--N.A.
- g. Congress--N.A.
- h. Extra-Agency action--N.A.
- i. Proprietary companies--N.A.
- j. Special considerations--N.A.
- k. Liquidation
 - (1) Inasmuch as AEPOLE/1 is an independent political organization, no liquidation problem involved other than mentioned under paragraph 6.e.
 - (2) Liquidation of activities of the covert associate and contract agent already discussed in paragraph 6.e.
- l. Intelligence exploitation is carried out under AECHAMP FI. Intelligence produced as a by-product of FP operations will be processed through FI channels.

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Security Information

TO : Chief, SR Division 14 May 1953
ATTN : []
FROM : Assistant Director for Communications
SUBJECT: Project ^{AECHAMP/PP}
~~CAPSTAR/PP~~

1. Subject project has been reviewed by this Office. No Communications facilities beyond those already existing will be required in support of this project.

2. It is intended that this memorandum shall accompany subject project when presented for approval in lieu of a Communications Annex for the project.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS:

[]
Chief, Special Projects Branch

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PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA	PROJECT CRYPTONYM AECHAMP 4-3420-51-020
	FISCAL PERIOD COVERED 1 July 195 3 THRU 30 JUNE 195 4

*MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION

RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION SR Division	CASE OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

Indicate number and type of personnel required and estimated total compensation for salary, allowances, travel and related employee benefits. Include everyone paid from project.

TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION		
	U. S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
STAFF EMPLOYEES				(Travel)	
STAFF AGENTS					
CAREER AGENTS					
CONTRACT AGENTS		2	7,000	3,550	10,550
CONTRACT CONSULTANTS					
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
FIELD AGENTS					
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER					
TOTAL A.					\$10,550

B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT

Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.

COMMO \$	CHEMICAL \$	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES \$	OTHER SUPPLIES <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ink</i>
MEDICAL \$	ORDNANCE \$	SPECIAL DEVICES \$	OTHER EQUIPMENT <input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL B.			<input type="checkbox"/>

C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.

Operational apartment

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 the individuals or groups at their discretion to accomplish an agreed-upon objective, explain the type of financial accounts, factual verification or statements, if any, other than a receipt for the lump sum, which will be obtained.

Subsidy of emigre organization

Quarterly accountings will be obtained.

Administrative Plan is in process.

TOTAL D.

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

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PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA		PROJECT CRYPTONYM ABCHAMP 4-5420-51-028			
		FISCAL PERIOD COVERED 1 July 195 3 THRU 30 JUNE 195 4			
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RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION SR Division		CASE OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS					
Indicate number and type of personnel required and estimated total compensation for salary, allowances, travel and related employee benefits. Include everyone paid from project.					
TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION		
	U. S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
STAFF EMPLOYEES				(Travel)	
STAFF AGENTS					
CAREER AGENTS					
CONTRACT AGENTS		2	7,000	3,500	10,500
CONTRACT CONSULTANTS					
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
FIELD AGENTS					
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER					
TOTAL A.					\$10,500
B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT					
Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.					
COMMO \$	CHEMICAL \$	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES \$	OTHER SUPPLIES	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>myk</i>	
MEDICAL \$	ORDNANCE \$	SPECIAL DEVICES \$	OTHER EQUIPMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
TOTAL B.				<input type="checkbox"/>	
C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.					
Operational apartment					
TOTAL C.				<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Subsidy of emigre organization					
Quarterly accountings will be obtained.					
Administrative Plan is in process.					
TOTAL D.				<input type="checkbox"/>	
TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D)	\$			<input type="checkbox"/>	