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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT:

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Project AEVIRGIL, Amendment No. 3

2. The objective of Project AEVIRGIL is to conserve, develop and utilize the unique human resource constituted by post-war emigration from the Soviet Union in the political and psychological struggle against the USSR. The project supports and strengthens an emigre organization, located in Germany, which was organized and has been controlled by the Agency. This organization engages in psychological warfare and encourages defection by assisting emigres both in the field and from its United States Chapter.

3. The American Chapter of AEVIRGIL was organized in New York on 11 September 1954. The value of AEVIRGIL as an attributable source and working mechanism for our psychological warfare operations is considerably enhanced by the formation and organization of active chapters in areas with an USSR emigre concentration. Activization of such chapters accord AEVIRGIL the propaganda effect of international authenticity which increases the organization's appeal to the potential defector. An active contribution on the part of the American Chapter membership to the work of the parent organization maintains their interest and motivation in the anti-Soviet cause and affords the opportunity to build a cadre of reserves for possible future assignment with the parent project. The chronic unavailability of qualified personnel for duty with the parent project is perhaps the most serious weakness of Project AEVIRGIL. The general level of competence of the American Chapter membership is recognized to be superior to the general AEVIRGIL membership. A continuing American Chapter contribution would be immediately reflected in the increased quality of the content of AEVIRGIL propaganda materials.



4. The monies requested to support the American Chapter activities will be primarily utilized to cover the expenses involved in the production of propaganda materials in support of the propaganda activities of the parent organization. The American Chapter would form an editorial board for <u>Svoboda</u>, the house organ of the parent organization, in which a permanent section would be allocated to the news of the <u>American</u> Chapter. Other activities would include: the production of leaflet texts on various themes for eventual distribution by the balloon team of <u>AEVIRGIL</u>; preparation of specialized brochure texts for use as defection inducement materials in REDCAP operation; production of radio scripts for <u>AEVIRGIL</u> broadcasts over VOA/Munich and Radio Liberation; submission of suggestions, plans, criticisms, etc. designed to improve the effectiveness and broaden the scope of <u>AEVIRGIL</u> activity.

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5. Control over the Chapter's activities will be largely exercised by the Headquarters Case Officer through the President of the American Chapter, who holds a Covert Security Clearance. Headquarters total financing of the Chapter and its power to withhold funds at any time is the ultimate basis of control. Disbursements of allocated funds will be made on the basis of standard author honorariums for materials that are accepted and utilized by the parent organization. Only such other costs as typing charges, phone and postal charges which are directly associated with the production of propaganda materials will be honored. The Chapter will be unaware of the amount of the funds allocated for its activities and financial support will be apportioned on a piecemeal basis and will vary directly with the Chapter's output. Estimated monthly expenditures are presently projected on the following anticipated financial breakdown; author honorariums for articles in Svoboda, leaflet texts and brochure texts -- \$300; stenographic supply expenses -- \$50; postal/phone expenses -- \$25; travel and/or committee expenses -- \$75; payment to New York AEVIRGIL member for use of apartment as AEVIRGIL office in lieu of leased commercial office facilities -- \$50.

6. AEVIRGIL is included in the SR FY 1956 Operation Program in the amount of ______, and additional funds will not be required. Funds for this purpose have been requested in the AEVIRGIL FY 56 budget and it is recommended that specific approval be granted to the amendment request of AEVIRGIL.

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MATERIEL AND FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS ANNEX

PROJECT AEVIRGIL - PP (AMENDMENT #3)

Amendment #3 to Project AEVIRGIL - PP requires no materiel or facilities support other than that provided with subsidy funds.



Approved:

Chief, SR/Logistics

23 June 1955



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