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16 October 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Psychological and Paramilitary Staff

ATTENTION: [ ]

SUBJECT: Project LGCASSOCK Re-Documentation

An extension of ninety (90) days is requested in which to prepare the re-documentation of Project LGCASSOCK. This request is made in order that the findings of the current EE/Plans and COS reviews of the project may be incorporated in the re-documentation.

*signed*  
[ ]  
Chief, EE/Germany

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2 MAY 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : PAPS Review of Administrative Plan for EE Division  
Subsidy Project LCCASSOCK

I. Compliance with Plan

1. An Administrative Plan for EE Division Subsidy Project LCCASSOCK was prepared in January 1954. A review of the project as of this date indicates the Plan has been complied with except for the following requirement:

Requirement: 2. There shall be an agreement in writing, if operationally feasible, providing the basis for determining the cost of publication . . . . If for operational reasons a written contract cannot be obtained, a memorandum by the field case officer and concurred in by the Chief of Station, setting forth the terms . . . shall be prepared.

Compliance: EE Division states this has not been done. However, the Division has contacted the field which stated that a contract will be obtained in the next two or three months.

II. Adequacy of Plan

2. The Plan is adequate for present needs. However, if in the future a new Plan becomes necessary, the budget section should be revised to conform more exactly with current practices and procedures.

☐ Chief  
Project Administrative Planning Staff, DD/S

☐ Project Review Officer

PAPS/DDB/GCK:pa  
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DD/P PROJECT APPROVAL SHEET

Project Cryptonym: LCCASSOCK Renewal FY 1956  
Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_

Originating Division: EE/Germany

~~Approved-Disapproved~~ L 2\* 12 Aug '55  
Deputy Director (Plans) Date

COMMENTS:

\* Approved as a Project Renewal for FY 1956 in the amount of \$L □

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SENIOR STAFF PROJECT CLEARANCE SHEET

1. Identification: <b>Renewal</b>						
a. Project Cryptonym: <b>LCCASSOCK</b>		d. Division: <b>EE</b>				
b. Sub-Project Cryptonym:		e. Branch: <b>G</b>				
c. Amendment No.		f. Desk:				
2. STAFF COORDINATION				Memo	No Memo	Date of Memorandum
Element	Signature	Copy#	Date			
a. Budg. Div.	<i>E</i>	1	9 Aug '55			
b. PAPS	<i>E</i>	1	2 Aug '55			
c. SSA-DD/S	<i>E</i>	1	10 Aug '55			
d. PP/OPS/PR	<i>E</i>	2	5 Aug '55			
e.	<i>E</i>	1				
f. C-PP/OPS	<i>E</i>	1	12 Aug '55			
g.	<i>0</i>					
h.						
i.						
j.						
3. Concurred in and forwarded to DD/P by: <i>E</i>				12 Aug '55		
				Date		
Conditions: (This space reserved for CPP and SSA-DD/S)						
<i>if funds available off</i>						

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Division Project Clearance Sheet

Project Cryptonym: LCCASSOCK

Sub-Project Cryptonym: NA

Amendment No: Redocumentation

Developed by:   EE/PP/6 22 June 55  
Case Officer Organization Date

Reviewed by:   22 June  
Chief, EE/PP/Germany Date

23 June  
Chief, EE/Plans Date

23 June  
Chief, EE/PI/Germany Date

27 June  
EE/Budget and Finance Date

26 July 55  
Deputy Chief, EE/Operations Date

29 June 1955  
Commo / ~~OT/EAR~~ Date

15 July 55  
CI Staff Date

22 July 55  
Cover Division Date

Date

Date

Date

Date

Forwarded by:   26 July 1955  
ACTING Chief, Eastern European Division Date

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PROJECT CRYPTONYM: LCCASSOCK

Originating Division: EE

a. Division Chief:                  , Ext. 2062

b. Branch Chief:                  , Ext. 3311

c. Case Officer:                  , Ext. <sup>3925</sup> ~~8187~~         

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TARGET AREA: East Germany

TYPE OF PROJECT: Propaganda

FINANCIAL MECHANISM: Subsidy

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$                   for FY 1956

CURRENT STATUS: Operative during FY 1953 under HICOG grant and ZRCANDY funds. Originally approved 12 February 1954

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LCCASSOCK

1. OBJECTIVE

Project LCCASSOCK is designed to prepare, print and distribute clandestinely to selected East German target groups falsified editions of East German publications, and other propaganda media such as pamphlets, leaflets and stickers. In addition LCCASSOCK at times also prepares and mails falsifications of official East German correspondence for administrative harassment purposes.

2. ORIGIN AND POLICY GUIDANCE

a. Origin:

NSC 10/2 and EE/PP Strategic Plan, Part 2, Paragraph 2.

b. Whence proposed:

The project was originated in the field.

3. SITUATION

a. East Germany is a Soviet-controlled area with strict control of information media. Therefore, covert Western propaganda and news is needed to substitute for a free press and keep alive the spirit of resistance among the East Zone population. Among the media appropriate for this purpose, falsifications of East German publications are particularly effective because of their relative ease of infiltration, their suitability for distribution to pinpoint target groups and the protection which their falsified covers and formats provide against cursory inspection by the East German authorities. It is through these advantages that LCCASSOCK has added a specialized propaganda and distribution mechanism to the German Mission's psychological warfare facilities.

b. Since the project's approval in February 1954 the LCCASSOCK organization has falsified and distributed official organs of the East German police and paramilitary forces, the national youth organization, the Communist and captive political parties, agricultural workers and political and cultural intelligentsia. In addition LCCASSOCK has falsified mass interest publications such as East Germany's chief woman's magazine and the most popular East German weekly newspaper. High indications of distribution and effectiveness of the falsifications have been received in the form of letters from East Zone readers, articles in the East Zone press, reports by friendly intelligence organizations and questionnaire debriefings of refugees.

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## 4. PROPOSAL

It is proposed that CIA continue to provide financial support to LCCASSOCK for the production and distribution in East Berlin and East Germany of falsified issues of bona fide East German publications as well as other types of propaganda, such as leaflets, pamphlets, stickers and administrative harassment correspondence.

## 5. OPERATIONAL OUTLINE

### a. Sub-proposals

The primary task of the LCCASSOCK organization will be to produce and distribute propaganda aimed at special groups within the East Zone population, using falsification of East German information media as an aid to distribution. A secondary task for LCCASSOCK will be the production and distribution of other forms of propaganda such as pamphlets and brochures, as well as falsifications of official East German correspondence for the purpose of administrative harassment.

### b. Key personnel

The principal agent of Project LCCASSOCK is the director and organizer of the LCCASSOCK staff and distribution groups. Formerly a free-lance journalist, he has been engaged in publication and distribution of falsified East German newspapers and magazines since 1950. A cleared indigenous agent residing in West Berlin, he was first contacted by a CIA staff officer in the fall of 1950, but was not utilized actively until April 1952.

### c. Indigenous groups

1) The LCCASSOCK Headquarters staff is located in West Berlin. The staff is currently composed of the principal agent, two editors, two editorial assistants, one security specialist, one administrative assistant, three secretaries, one safehouse keeper and a distribution chief. The principal agent and the four editorial workers who write, edit and make up the material for distribution have journalistic backgrounds and have personal experience with conditions in the East Zone. In addition to the permanent headquarters staff, free lance journalists with specialized knowledge of East Zone affairs are employed on an irregular basis.

2) The LCCASSOCK distribution apparatus consists of 11 nets, each under the direction of a different contact residing in West Berlin. These contacts operate in turn under the supervision of the LCCASSOCK security and distribution officers in the headquarters staff. The current number of distributors within the LCCASSOCK apparatus is about 200. Approximately 95% of the total LCCASSOCK output is distributed by hand through the nets, with the remaining five per cent being distributed by balloon. (The ballooning assets which have been used up to this time were those of Project DTLINEN. Ballooning has been used as a method of distribution on those occasions when the LCCASSOCK publication was aimed at the entire East German population.)

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d. Target Group

The target group for each falsified issue is determined by political, operational and security considerations. The most frequent target groups have been (in order of frequency): Members of the People's Garrisoned Police; the overall East German population; members of the People's Police; functionaries of the East German Communist Party; East Zone farmers; bourgeois and educated classes; the East Zone paramilitary organization; the subordinated East German political parties; the East German youth organization.

e. Duration

The project is designed to continue for an indefinite length of time.

f. Graphic Representation

None.

6. SECURITY

a. Cover

The physical cover of LCCASSOCK is that of an advertising and public relations firm with offices in West Berlin. The firm is registered with the West Berlin city administration. The former father-in-law and close friend of the LCCASSOCK principal agent is a wealthy West German industrialist who donates a considerable amount of his income for charity and political purposes. In the event of official West German scrutiny of LCCASSOCK operations (i.e., by tax and monetary authorities) the father-in-law is prepared to state that he has financed the LCCASSOCK organization without claiming tax deduction, a practice which is common when contributing to political organizations. The principal agent maintains contacts in the city tax and employee benefit offices for the purpose of guarding against investigation of the cover firm's finances. Distribution operations are run from a building separated from the LCCASSOCK staff offices.

b. Knowledgeability

1) The principal agent and security officer are aware that they are dealing with official representatives of the United States Government, probably AIS.

2) Project LCCASSOCK has been revealed as a U.S.-sponsored operation to key officials of the Federal Republic's "Ministry for All-German Affairs" (Kaiser Ministry) and the unofficial West German intelligence organization headed by General Reinhardt Gehlen. The LCCASSOCK organization was subsidized irregularly by the Kaiser Ministry from May 1950 to the summer of 1951. At that time the subsidy was put on a regular basis and provided for the production and distribution, in 20,000 copies each, of two falsified East German newspapers monthly. The principal agent's operations on behalf of the Kaiser

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Ministry were suspended in May 1952 as a result of personality differences and controversy with that office over terms of operation. They were resumed in May 1953, when the Kaiser Ministry supported the production of one regular issue per month, but were again terminated in October 1953.

c. Operational Security

Due to the increasing amount of attention being shown by Soviet authorities to Western psychological warfare activities, security consciousness is maintained at a high level by the LCCASSOCK group. Special instruction in operational security is given in the form of courses and individual lectures to all headquarters staff members and distribution contacts by the LCCASSOCK security officer. Only the security officer at Headquarters and the distribution chiefs have contact with the net leaders and distributors and the security officer and principal agent are the only personnel in contact with the LCCASSOCK printer. A close liaison is maintained by the LCCASSOCK security officer with former colleagues in the West Berlin and West German police forces, who provide added protection for the organization and facilitate the running of traces on LCCASSOCK personnel when necessary.

The editorial office is overt and contains no sensitive files, while the distribution office is covert and removed from the editorial office. All meetings with LCCASSOCK distributor contacts are held outside LCCASSOCK premises. The security officer uses a friend's tavern with built in tape-recorders for special debriefings of distributor contacts.

d. Risks

Because of the nature of Project LCCASSOCK, that of disseminating anti-Communist propaganda in East Germany, it is believed that the repercussions in the event of a compromise would not be very great either in the United States or abroad, particularly since key West German officials have been briefed on our support of the project. The primary risk of embarrassment in this operation would be the defection or kidnapping of the principal agent or other members of the headquarters organization. What was strongly believed to have been an attempt to kidnap the principal agent was made in the summer of 1952, but was rendered unsuccessful through the efforts of the LCCASSOCK security officer and the cooperation of the HICOG Office of Public Safety. Since that time two LCCASSOCK net leaders have been lost to the East German security forces because of intelligence-gathering operations for the Gehlen organization. However, neither of these losses resulted in serious security compromise or necessitated moving the LCCASSOCK headquarters offices.

e. Personnel Disposal

It is not believed that disposal of personnel will constitute an abnormal problem either during or at the termination of the project.

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f. Disaster Plan

Transfer of individuals and the destruction of incriminating materials in the event of hot war will take place in accordance with the German Mission evacuation plan.

7. COORDINATION

a. Relation to other projects

As the publication of falsified periodicals requires a considerable amount of detailed and correct information on the specific subject matter of the East German counterpart publication as well as the interests of the target groups, the LCCASSOCK editors must rely upon the expert advice of members of other anti-Communist organizations based in Berlin. Among these organizations are the CIA-sponsored "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity", "League of Freedom-Loving Jurists" and the "Union of Political Refugees from the East". Liaison and coordination between LCCASSOCK and the CIA-sponsored groups are monitored by the respective project case officers in the Berlin Operations Base.

b. Significance within over-all program in area

Project LCCASSOCK constitutes a valuable PP asset in that it promotes the spirit of resistance of the East Zone population by providing highly specialized propaganda material which can be tailored to attract specific target groups not generally accessible to Western propaganda.

c. Extent of coordination

The coordination necessary for the successful achievement of the project objectives will be established through the CIA German Mission with other agencies of the United States Government which might require knowledge of this operation such as HICOG and the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps in Germany. To date this project has been broadly coordinated with HICOG in connection with that organization's transfer of funds to the CIA German Mission to finance LCCASSOCK and the utilization of the HICOG Office of Public Safety for investigating a suspected kidnapping plot against the principal agent. In addition, the U.S. sponsorship of LCCASSOCK has been revealed to certain offices of the West German government (see Para 6 b).

8. CONTROL

a. Nature of

Berlin Operations Base exercises direct control by means of full financial subsidy and editorial guidance. Secondary control is exercised by the CIA German Mission, and by Headquarters, which exercises normal financial, editorial and administrative control of this project. Editorial control is maintained as follows: Each publication to be falsified will be selected by the case officer and principal agent upon the basis of a joint analysis of which East German publication would be the most effective vehicle for

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carrying a specific and timely propaganda message to a selected target audience. The LCCASSOCK editors will write the articles for the magazine on the basis of broad principals established between the case officer and principal agent. Prior to actual distribution, the case officer will make a final check of the printed edition. This same application of control holds true for other forms of propaganda printed by LCCASSOCK.

b. Administrative Plan

The LCCASSOCK administrative plan was approved on 8 February 1954 by the DD/A.

c. Reports

The usual reports requirements, as outlined in RI 50-11 and implementing regulations, will apply to this project. Reports covering the distribution of each falsified edition and of the miscellaneous propaganda will be submitted to the principal agent by the distribution group. Distribution and effectiveness reports will be consolidated by the principal agent and submitted to the case officer for review and evaluation.

9. BUDGET DATA

a. Total CIA funds required for 1956: Total CIA funds requested are \$ [ ] (See Attachment A for financial breakdown).

b. Availability of Funds: Funds for this project have been included under the EE Division FY 56 operational program.

c. Non-CIA Funds: NA

d. Foreign Currency: Total funds made available to Project LCCASSOCK will be supplied in West German currency by Finance Division in the field.

e. Funding: Funds which are advanced to the project case officer will be charged to the project. The case officer will give the funds directly to the principal agent, who will provide monthly accountings showing how the money was utilized. Upon receipt of these accountings the Finance Officer will write off the obligated funds as an expenditure. All funds will be accounted for in accordance with CFR's and the Project's Administrative Plan.

f. Financial History: In February 1952 the principal agent applied to HICOG for a grant to enable him to continue his anti-Communist activities. In line with the established policy by which HICOG engages only in "white" or "grey" psychological warfare activities, and by which CIA has the sole responsibility for covert operations, HICOG turned over the agent and his facilities to the German Mission. An arrangement between the HICOG Office of Public Affairs and the German Mission was effected on the basis of which a HICOG grant of DM 10,000 (\$2,370) per month was made available to the German

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Mission to finance the LCCASSOCK operation for a period of nine months beginning 1 April 1952. The total sum of DM [ ] ([ ] [ ]) was passed by HICOG to the German Mission on 2 April 1952. The project is listed in HICOG files as Project CF-75 (PUB Contingency Fund). To provide for the continuation of the project following the expiration of the HICOG grant, Headquarters, on 19 December 1952, authorized the field to obligate up to DM [ ] (\$ [ ]) of ZRCANDY funds (ECA counterpart funds turned over to CIA) to carry LCCASSOCK through the third quarter of FY 1953, at the rate of DM [ ] per month. On 2 April 1953 the field was authorized to spend up to DM [ ] (\$ [ ]) ZRCANDY funds for the fourth quarter of FY 53. During FY 1954 the field was authorized to spend up to DM [ ] (\$ [ ]) in ZRCANDY funds for the production and distribution of two falsified magazines per month in 20,000 copies each and of miscellaneous propaganda. Total CIA funds made available to LCCASSOCK during FY 1955 were DM [ ] (\$ [ ]).

**g. Future Requirements:** It is anticipated that financial requirements for FY 1957 will be the same as for FY 1956 (see Attachment A).

## 10. SUPPORT DATA

**a. Total CIA personnel:** Total CIA personnel necessary for the project will be one field and one headquarters case officer on a part-time basis. These personnel are presently available.

**b. Training:** No basic or specialized training is needed for the CIA personnel involved in Project LCCASSOCK. There are no instructoral requirements and no training sites or materials needed.

**c. Materiel:** NA

**d. Communications:** No communications facilities beyond those now available to the CIA German Mission will be necessary.

**e. Other CIA Support:** NA

**f. Support from other U.S. Agencies:** No support from other U.S. agencies will be required other than that presently available to the German Mission.

## 11. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

### a. Current Status

Project LCCASSOCK is already operative. A CIA staff officer first contacted the Principal Agent in the fall of 1950, but the Principal Agent was not used actively until April 1952, when the agent applied for a HICOG grant to enable him to continue his anti-Communist activities and was turned over by HICOG to the German Mission for exploitation. From April 1952 until February 1954 the LCCASSOCK organization produced and distributed 30 falsified issues of East German publications in 20,000 copies each. Since its approval in February 1954 Project LCCASSOCK has produced an average of 20,000 copies

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of propaganda material per month with present production being about 17,500 items per month.

b. Commitments

The principal agent has been promised assistance to himself and family and to four members of his staff in the event of the necessity for evacuation.

c. Effectiveness

The effectiveness of the project has been demonstrated by distribution reports, letters from East Zone readers, special questionnaires issued to East Zone readers by the distributors, reactions in the Communist press to LCCASSOCK operations, analysis of refugee debriefing questionnaires and analysis of countermeasures taken by East German security forces. These sources of information have shown that LCCASSOCK material has been distributed in the pinpoint target areas and that there is a demand for further editions of LCCASSOCK falsifications. Reaction in the Communist press and analysis of East German security force counteractions indicate that the East German regime has been harassed by some LCCASSOCK publications but has been unable to identify the source of the material because each publication appears only once.

d. Anticipated results: See Paragraphs 3 and 5 a.

e. Evaluation: See Effectiveness above. A continual survey which is made of the operations of each net includes all of the above described methods for determining distribution and effectiveness as well as information gathered on net leaders and distributors through parallel checking, physical surveillance and personal debriefing. A scoring system has been developed in which each net is rated on the basis of manpower, geographical factors, operational reporting and confirmatory indications of distribution. This long-term system of evaluation has already assisted in the detection and termination of some fabricator groups, while proving the capabilities of other nets to the extent that increases in distribution have been granted. Special technical devices are used to identify the tear sheets of publications which readers have returned in the mails by request. These include marking the publications carried by each net with a specialized typographical error which permits identification of the responsible net when the tear sheet is returned by an East Zone reader. Other reporting methods used to evaluate distribution are pre-written postcards and letters issued to distributors; pre-written postcards with attached requests to readers, hidden inside publications; photographic coverage of actual distribution operations which must include the street signs of the cities where the distribution takes place; and limited post-facto checking of areas of reported distribution.

f. Policy questions: NA

g. Congress: NA

h. Extra-Agency action: NA

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- i. Proprietary companies: NA
- j. Special considerations: NA
- k. Liquidation: No special termination problems are anticipated.
- l. Intelligence annex: NA

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SECURITY INFORMATION

<b>PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA</b>		PROJECT CRYPTONYM <b>LCCASSOCK</b>			
		FISCAL PERIOD COVERED <b>1 July 1955 THRU 30 JUNE 1956</b>			
*MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION					
RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION <b>EE</b>		CASE OFFICER <b>E J</b>			
<b>A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS</b>					
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					
STAFF AGENTS					
CAREER AGENTS					
CONTRACT AGENTS					
CONTRACT CONSULTANTS					
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
FIELD AGENTS					
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER					
TOTAL A.					
<b>B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT</b>					
Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.					
COMMO	CHEMICAL	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES		OTHER SUPPLIES	
\$	\$	\$		\$	
MEDICAL	ORDNANCE	SPECIAL DEVICES		OTHER EQUIPMENT	
\$	\$	\$		\$	
TOTAL B.					
<b>C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES</b>					
Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.					
TOTAL C.					
<b>D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS</b>					
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.					
In addition to receipts signed by the project principal agent for all sums received, monthly itemized accountings are supplied by the principal agent for all expenditures. These accountings bear the signed statement of the principal agent that according to his knowledge the accountings are correct.					
TOTAL D. <b>E J</b>					
TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D) \$ <b>E J</b>					



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E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

APPROXIMATE DATES AND AMOUNTS OF MONEY REQUIRED

*A* [ ] [ ]

FORM REQUIRED

U. S. DOLLARS

*DM*

FOREIGN (SPECIFY)

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (SPECIFY)

SPECIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION

F. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

(Within security limitations, list any other facts or circumstances which will enable Special Support Staff to lend adequate logistical support to this project. Indicate specificationally the "RUSH" or "TIME" factors involved.)