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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/3

SUBJECT : Review of Positive Intelligence Production from
Project AECASSOWARY for the Period 1 July 1960
to 30 June 1961

Project Renewal Date: 30 June 1961

Funds Requested: Over \$15,000

Statistics

1. Our review of the AECASSOWARY project reveals that positive intelligence production during the period 1 July 1960 to 30 June 1960 was as follows:

Reports received/processed:	19
Reports used in Disseminations:	15
Reports rejected:	4
Reports awaiting dissem action:	0
Disseminations:	17
Evaluations requested:	8

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Comments

2. During the review period, the AECASSOWARY project provided five reports on possible missile indicators, five on airfields and aircraft, and four on living conditions and industrial and town information. In addition, there were three reports on political conditions and two on agricultural organization. The geographic area covered was, of course, exclusively the Ukrainian SSR. The information was provided by approximately 11 sources or informants, seven of whom were former residents of the Ukraine, two travelers to the Ukraine (one briefed), and three unwitting Soviets outside the USSR.

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3. Although the quantity of positive intelligence from this CA project was not large, the information was often of some significance and was useful because of intelligence interest in the Western Ukraine as a missile deployment area. ORR's comment on CS-3/476,920, "Forbidden Zones and Possible Missile Bases Southwest of Stanislav" was: "A good report - the kind of information we need". CS-3/477,006, "Forbidden Zones near the Polish Border" was "A report of value". CS-3/466,673 was of interest to consumers because it described rail cars carrying what may have been missiles, although there was not sufficient detail to establish that they were definitely missiles. The information on airfields and aircraft was sometimes vague and based on rumor but was usually on military fields of considerable significance. Photographs of Uzhgorod, although of a routine nature, were useful because of the lack of other coverage of the area. One report on kolkhoz organization was disseminated because it answered specific requirements, but another was not because it was very marginal and outdated. While a number of reports were based on rumor elicited from relatives, much of the information was detailed and accurate as to locations and spellings, probably because of sources' familiarity with the area and language.

4. The AECASSOWARY project appears to have a good potential for collecting missile-related information on the Western Ukraine because of its access to travelers with Ukrainian ties visiting that area and to recent Ukrainian emigres. Our priority interest in this part of the USSR would seem to indicate a concerted effort to utilize such individuals wherever possible. Debriefings during the period under review concentrated on topics of interest. The reports were in fair detail, but follow-up questions from customer analysts reveal a need for more intensive debriefings wherever missile indicators are touched on.

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Chief, SR/Reports

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