23 October 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: CWH

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Development of Physical Surveillance Assets in Mexico

REFERENCE

s WH/FI Memorandum of 14 October 1958

1. The subject of the recruitment of a physical surveillance team in the United States for use in Nexico as well as other areas within WH has long been a topic of discussion at Headquarters. While it is palpably ridiculous to consider the use of a surveillance team recruited and trained in the United States and based in Nexico, operationally in other areas in Latin America, there is some merit, at least in theory, to the proposal in 2a of reference. Although one of the basic factors in the make-up of any surveillance team is that its members must be indigenous to the area of operation, it would be possible to recruit such a team as suggested in 2a and use this team in Mexico. However, I believe this would be time-consuming and very expensive for the following reasons:

- a. Machine runs have already been made to spot candidates within the Agency of the Mexican/American type for the LIMESA/LIMUST project, with negative results.
- b. In order to make it attractive to young men of the caliber desired, we would have to offer some kind of a career with a starting salary of somewhere between the GS 7 and GS 9 level, plus travel and allowances. Without attempting to even estimate this cost one can see that the figures for a team of fifteen would run into six digits.
- c. It would take a minimum of three months for a recruiter to move into the southwest area and spot, contact, develop and recruit a team of fifteen.
- d. Once a team of suitable candidates was recruited, it would then take a minimum of another three months to train these cardidates in basic trade craft and surveillance techniques.
- e. Upon completion of the training period, the candidates would have to be moved individually into the area of operation to become familiar with this area, the language, people, and atmosphere in general, etc. This would take another three months minimum.
- f. After completion of the area familiarization period, the team would have to be assembled and put through various surveillance exercises as a unit to check them out prior to actual operation.

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- g. There would be other problems confronting such a team from a security standpoint, such as cover credentials, which would always pose a threat to the operation.
- 2. To sum up, it would appear that the proposal in 2a of reference is not feasible because of the time and expense involved plus the always latent security hazard.
- 3. I agree with paragraph 2 b of reference. Not only should the personnel of the surveillance team be recruited at the station, but as outlined in paragraph 3 it should be relatively easy to find suitable candidates. For example it is proposed under the new LIEMPTY project (this consists of the remainder of the non-blown LIESTICKs and the LIJERSEYs) to recruit a physical surveillance team. Two of the station's outstanding indigenous agents. Scantling and Gerende, are under this project and both are capable of spotting, developing, and recruiting agents.
- 4. I agree with paragraph 3b, c, and d, and believe that Headquarters should make every effort to find an experienced and competent case officer to fill Clover's slot as the outside surveillance case officer.

John B. Brady

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14 October 1958

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SUBJECT:

Development of Physical Surveillance Assets in Mexico

- 1. On 8 October 1958 a meeting of representatives of SR Division and CI Staff was held, attended by the undersigned, to discuss means for building up physical surveillance assets in Moxico. The SR and CI representatives pointed out that their current and projected work on BCMORNING and their cases requires a considerable strengthening of physical surveillance assets, and it was the consensus that these assets would be used far into the future on Soviet targets. It was further agreed that since the LIPSTICK operation has encountered difficulties this year, new assets should be sought.
- 2. Various approaches to the problem were discussed, the most viable of which were as follows:
 - a. Recruiting of teams or basic elements for teams in the Mexican colonies of the southwestern ${\tt U}_{\bullet}$ ${\tt S}_{\bullet}$
 - b. Dispatch of a new case officer to Mexico with the sole and specific duty of developing and running the new teams.
 - c. A combination of a and b.
- 3. Initially, it is believed the dispatch of a new case officer to Mexico would be the most successful and give the best immediate results, for the following reasons:
 - a. Headquarters and Station records contain the names of numerous cleared contacts or contacts who could be cleared and through whom introductions could be made to persons suitable for surveillance work. Hitherto these have not been fully exploited owing to the heavy workload on Station personnel and the unimpaired functioning till recently of the LIPSTICK group. Some of these contacts were felt out as recruiters and spotters in years past but the matter was never pushed since the need was not so great as now.
 - b. A new case officer is needed because the present Station staff is still too busy to devote the amount of time needed to build carefully and train thoroughly the new assets.
 - c. The new assets will require the full time direction and coordination of a case officer who has no other responsibilities. In this connection, it would be advisable to try to select, train and utilize at least twelve new agents as soon as possible.

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- d. In brief, a replacement of the former physical surveillance leader is indicated, but a more mature and competent case officer is needed.
- 4. Plan a, recruitment in the U.S., should not be dismissed from consideration. It would take longer than the other plan but might be beneficial in enabling the new agents to be trained in the U.S. They would then have to spend time getting into Mexico and familiarize themselves with operations and operational climate there. This plan, however, presents a problem as to who is to do the recruiting and training in the U.S. SR Division has offered to be of whatever assistance they can, but there is no indication they could do any better at this than WiD.
- 5. It may be of interest to you to know that the SR representatives said the best work done anywhere in the world on the BOMORNING case, which has wide international remifications, was done by LIKAYAK-2 in Mexico.

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1. On 16 December 1955 the daily check of property which this Station may desire to use for operational purposes(LICOOL run) showed that a house adjacent to the LINERICK target installation was vacant. LIPSTICK-19 was contacted immediately to investigate the property. He reported that it was a one-story house(duplex) in very poor condition which was being repaired by the owner for rental. He further reported that from the maid's room on the roof a clear view of the entire LINERICK compound was possible and, if he had understood the LIMERICK language, he would have been able to understand several conversations which were going on between LIMERICK officers in the game area of the compound. LIPSTICK-19 also reported that from the roof of this house it was a distance of only approximately fifty feet to the LIMERICK building across flat roofs with no obstructing partitions except for a small wall and several strands of barbed wire, all totalling about four or five feet high between the last roof and the LIMERICK building.

2. Based upon this favorable report, reference A was sent immediately to Headquarters requesting authorization to rent the house. Two days later reference B was received granting approval to rent the house. Consequently, LIPSTICK-21 (the only cleared married man svailable to the Station, with the exception of LIBENTY, who would fit into the area) was approached and requested to rent the house. This posed a considerable problem to LIPSTICK-21, since the house has only two cedrooms and he already had two children, and at that very time his wife was in the hospital giving birth to a third child. Further, he had a very comfortable house (a duplex which he shared with his brother-in-law at a pre-devaluation rent) which he would never be able to again acquire after this operation was terminated. He did, however, agree to take the house and it was



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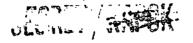


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apparent to all concerned that his decision was based upon loyalty to this Station and dedication to the fight against Communism. It is hoped that this unselfish and devoted act of LIPSTICK-21's will be made a matter of permanent record.

- The reason for LIPSTICK-21 to move from very comfortable quarters at less rent into cramped quarters at a higher rental needed some explanation for his friends and relatives. There is a very fine private school approximately one block from this house which LIPSTICK-21 had often mentioned as the best in the city for his children, and consequently he told everyone that the reason for moving was to be as close as possible to this school so that his children could attend. It should be noted in this respect that, in reality, LIPSTICK-21 had been sending his children to one of the best public schools in Mexico City at no cost. Unier the present circumstances, he will have to pay tuition at the private school because it is the only decent school in the area and it provides excellent cover for his residence in the area. It is requested that Headquarters authorize this Station to assist LIPSTICK-21 in the payment of his children's tuition for the above stated reasons. Approximate cost of the tuition would be \$20.00 U.S. per child per month, or a total for LIPSTICK-21 of \$10.00 US per month. Authorization is requested to assist LIPSTICX-21 by payment of \$30.00 U.S. per month.
- The house is one of a series of one-story houses that extend from the LIMERICK building to a four-story apartment building on the far corner. The fronts of the houses are all directly on the sidewalk with the doors opening onto a one-step stoop. The backs of the houses and the walls of the back patios all abut the compound of the LIMERICK installation. The rear windows of the house face a patio which ends in a brick wall. This brick wall is not as high as the roof of the house, ending about four feet below the level of the roof. There are stairs which ascend from this patio to the roof where the maid's quarters are situated. About halfway up these stairs one can turn and obtain an unrestricted view of the LIMERICK compound. However, the maid's room offers the best operational possibilities since it provides concealment for the observer and his equipment, plus a more advantageous view. LIPSTICK-21 told his maid that she would have to sleep out at a local pension since he needed her room for his radio experiments. This is a plausible story since LIPSTICK-21 is known to be an enthusiastic radio amateur.
- 5. The maid's room has a door that faces across the roofs in the direction of the LIMERICK installation and one window which faces across the house roof toward the street. A view of the LIMERICK compound is obtained by an observer who is back in the room looking through the partly opened door. Some better method of observation will be worked out which will eliminate the security hazard of a door partially opened at all times of operation.





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- 6. At present we plan to allow LIPSTICK-21 considerable time to get settled securely into his new quarters before starting any operational efforts. After this waiting period is over and we feel that we can securely commence operations, we plan on using the base for the following efforts:
 - a. A supplementary photographic base. In this connection the request for additional Exacts and spotting scopes previously made should be expedited. It is anticipated that much operation information will be developed by this photographic work showing the various associations between the people when they are at play in the compound which can never be determined from the LINTICK-LIMITED coverage. Visitors who seldem leave the compound do engage in social activity within the compound and can be photographed for possible identification by the AEDIPPENS. Items which are loaded into the automobiles for transportation to unknown points may be identified through this coverage. Further, should LIPSTICK/LIMITED be terminated for any reason, we would be able to continue some coverage from this base.
 - b. Observation by LIPSTICK-21 of the buildings and the activities in the compound will furnish valuable information on the daily living habits of the residents and their guests.
 - c. The LIPSTICK/LIDOMINO base, presently being occupied by LINCH-FIN, is about 75 yards away from the LIMERICK target while LIPSTICK/LICALLA is only about fifty feet. This base may assist the Head-quarters technicians, who periodically use the LIPSTICK/LIDOMINO base, for reasons of proximity and the use of their equipment from a different direction. The exact use of the LIPSTICK/LICALIA base in this respect must be determined by the Headquarters technicians who are familiar with the equipment used.
 - d. Conversations in the LIMERICK compound are audible to someone who is listening from the maid's room. Naturally street noises and extraneous sounds interfere considerably with this eavesdropping so that the employment of some parabolic microphone and recorder must be used for optimum results.
 - e. Should future operations provide the opportunity to install a transmitter microphone (resonant cavity) in some item carried into the LIMFRICK target, LIMSTICK/LICALIA would serve as an excellent base since it has direct line of sight to the back of the LIMFRICK target.





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f. Prelimina y investigation reveals that the possibility does exist that physical access may be obtained to the LIMERICK target from LIPSTICK/LiCALIA. This investigation will be intensified and a full report, together with available photographs, will be sent to Headquarters for study by FEARSON and NILES as to the feasibility of this type of operation.

7. As stated in para graphs two and three above, LIPSTICK-21 has undergone considerable personal macrifice to accommodate this Station in this operation. It has always been the practice to pay a base house operator a starting salary of approximately \$120.00 U.S. per month, since the work of operating a base house is almost full-time. LIPSTICK-21 now earns \$60.00 U.S. for work of approximately four hours per day. It is therefore requested that this Station te authorized by cable to increase the salary of LIPSTICK-21 to \$120.00 U.S. per month.

Matthew S. DINOLEY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Operations

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SUBJECT:

Amendment and Termination of Project

KDFACTOR

- 1. Project KDFACTOR supported a visual and photographic surveillance operation in Mexico City targetted against the Soviet Embassy. Assets included five agents and two basehouse surveillance sites. Termination of this project, effective 30 June 1972, was the result of a security review which revealed that the VWBLANKET principal knew the basic details of the KDFACTOR operations.
- 2. Agent termination was accomplished without any immediate difficulties; however, continued security will depend on the terminated agents' silence. In the event there is a compromise, the risk of damage to the Station's relations with the Mexican Government should be minimized because of the compatible nature of KDFACTOR's operations.
- 3. The ADDO approved Amendment No. 1 to the project in the amount of \$9,844 for FY 1972 to provide for the agent terminations, but an overrun of \$7,246 occurred as the result of miscalculation of termination costs. This project action requests this additional sum of \$7,246 to cover these expenses.
- 4. The FI Staff recommends approval of this amendment/termination request.

L. A. Campbell Chief

Foreign Intelligence

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Reviewing officer: FI/OPS - Stephen Roll

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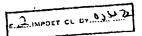
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- 2. The KDFACTOR Project was approved by the ADDC in the amount of \$19,000 for FY 72 and \$20,000 for FY 73. Per DIRECTOR 285255, dated 30 June 1972, the ADDO approved Amendment No. 1 to the KDFACTOR Project in the amount of \$9,844 for FY 72 to provide for costs of agent terminations.
- 3. The decision to terminate all agents and facilities under the KDFACTOR Project was based on a security review of the project activities which indicated that the VWBLANKET principal knew the basic details of the KDFACTOR operations, including the target, the location of the surveillance sites, and probably the true names and former cryptonyms of the agents covered by the project.
- 4. The cost of terminating the agents under the KDFACTOR Project amounted to \$15,573; the cost of closing down the two basehouses under the project was \$1,412. The total amount charged to the KDFACTOR Project in FY 72 was \$36,090 which is \$7,246 over the approved authorization of \$28,844. The overage was incurred in terminating the agents and facilities associated with the KDFACTOR Project. Although Amendment No. 1 to the project was approved in the amount of \$9,844 to cover the cost of terminating the agents in the

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project, the actual payments made by Mexico City Station per the terms of each Memorandum of Oral Commitment (MOC) and in accordance with Mexican law and custom exceeded the estimate for termination costs made by Headquarters at the time the Amendment was requested. Termination payments made to each agent are as follows:

KDFACTOR-2	(Recruited 1956)	\$8,160
KDFACTOR-5	(Recruited 1956)	2.366
KDFACTOR-6	(Recruited 1956)	2,830
KDFACTOR-8	(Recruited 1965)	649
KDFACTOR-9	(Recruited 1966)	1,568

The long tenure of three of the terminated agents, the relatively high monthly salary of KPFACTOR-2 (\$440) plus the computation of the termination payments in accordance with Mexican law and custom were the primary reasons that the final agent termination costs amounted to \$15,573.

- 5. All agent terminations were accomplished in an amicable manner. No visible security risks were apparent at the time of the terminations although any one, or all, of the terminated agents may at some future date decide to divulge to an interested party the details of the KDFACTOR Project operations. KDFACTOR-2, KDFACTOR-5, and KDFACTOR-6 have worked in photo surveillance operations for the Station since 1956 and, therefore, obviously have considerable knowledge of targets, former safesites, personnel, and modus operandi of the Station. However, since the KDFACTOR Project was not concerned with incompatible operations or targets, we believe the risks of damage to Station relations with the Mexican Government in the event of exposure of the KDFACTOR Project operations by a terminated agent are within acceptable limits.
- 6. It is requested that the KDFACTOR Project be amended to provide the sum of \$7,246 for FY 72 to cover the costs of terminating five agents and two basehouse surveillance sites under this project.

7. It is also requested that the termination of the KDFACTOR Project be approved effective 30 June 1972.

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- 6. It is requested that the KDFACTOR Project be amended to provide the sum of \$7,246 for FY-72 to cover the costs of terminating five agents and two basehouse surveillance sites covered by this project.
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Theodore G. Shackley Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

KDFACTOR - Mexico City, Mexico -- Photographic Surveillance Team Support -- FY 1972, Cost \$19,000 and FY 1973, Cost \$20,000

Fiscal Year	Approved	Obligated
1971	\$23,635	\$27,586

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Accomplishments:

1. This project has provided continuous daily photographic and visual coverage of personnel and vehicles entering or leaving the Soviet Embassy. A total of 530 rolls of film were produced during the reporting period. U.S. citizens, visitors, and TDY personnel are given special attention. Identifications of license plates and automobile descriptions as well as drivers and their companions are identified under this project. Additionally, attendance sheets are maintained to establish who is at the Embassy on any given day and hour.

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Costs:

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- 2. Source of Funds: Project KDFACTOR is included in the Western Hemisphere Division's Operational Program in the amount of \$23,735 for FY 1972 and \$24,182 for FY 1973.

3. Project Budget:

	PY 1970 Estimated Obligations	FT 72 _.	FY 73	FY 74
Salaries				
KDFACTOR-2	\$ 5,280	\$ 5,280	\$ 5,808	\$ 5,803
KDFACTOR-5	1,728	1,728	1,901	1,901
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Base houses				
Rents	\$ 6,022	\$ 4,350	\$ 4,240	\$ 4,240
Utilities	400	750	800	800
Maintenance	200	500	500	500
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- 4. Foreign Currency: There is no special need for foreign funds. No non-JRLANCE funds are used.
- 5. Commitments: Christmas bonuses are provided in the FY 72 and FY 73 budgets.
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

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SUBJECT:

Renewal of Project KDFACTOR in 1972 for \$19,000 in 1973 for \$20,000

1. This project covers photo and visual surveillance of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. One observation post covers the front gate of the building and another covers the rear gate and walled compound. Five salaried agents man the sites, four in front and one in back. An official cover case officer collects the take (rolls of film and logs of visitors) once a week by car meetings with the OP keepers. The films are developed and printed inside the Station.

2. The production from this operation has consistently been rated high by the Bureau (which is the principal customer in the field), by other Government agencies and by SB Division. Photosurveillance of a Soviet Embassy might not be a high priority target in some countries. But the fact that the Soviet Embassy in Mexico is a large and active one and the fact that its primary target is operations against the United States make our effort important and valuable. This is the operation that pro-This is induced the photographs of Lee Harvey Oswald visiting the error, Soviet Embassy in 1962.

3. This seemingly straightforward operation has not always been so uncomplicated. Both sites have been in operation and served by the same OP keepers for more than a dozen years. At one of the sites the OP keeper's wife and children take turns manning the equipment. A now-terminated principal agent was divorced several years ago from a wife who knew a lot about the operation. Some desk officers believe that the medical doctor who for years was supposed to be developing the films was simply too busy to do so and that the work was probably done by his uncleared secretary. Family relationships keep cropping up among supposedly compartmented agents. All of this is in the files but not in any one place. We

error, DIEG, 17 April77 believe it is time for the Station to make an updated security review of the operation with particular attention to the knowledgeability of terminated agents and their families. We also believe that the Station should now address itself to the contingency that the present sites or personnel will be blown and to investigate alternative means of continuing their valuable coverage.

- 4. The ADDP last approved this project in May 1970 with the condition that termination payments to the principal agent and his divorced wife be made on a monthly basis. This condition has been met.
- 5. The budgets requested for the next two years are simple and straightforward. Salaries and the traditional bonuses for the five paid agents come to about \$13,000. Rent and utilities on the two observation posts come to \$5,600. The small balance is for operational expenses. This project action also requests amendment of the FY 1971 budget by \$4,260 to cover that part of the cost of termination bonuses to the principal agent and his divorced wife which could not be absorbed by the project. The total of the termination bonuses was \$12,500.
- 6. This is a valuable and productive project which helps fulfill a Priority A-1 Station requirement. The FI Staff recommends approval.

L. A. Campbell Chief

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT:

FI Project KDFACTOR FY 1971 Amendment No. 1 Biennial Renewal Proposal for Fiscal Years 1972 and 1973

1. On 10 December 1971 I approved subject actions in the amounts specified below:

> a. FY 1971 Amendment No. 1 - For \$4, 260, increasing the project's FY 1971 funds authorization (from \$23, 630) to \$27, 893.

FY 1972 Renewal

For \$19,000 *

FY 1973 Renewal

For \$20,000

- 2. I ask that the Station conduct an updated security review of this operation, giving particular attention to the knowledgeability of terminated agents and their families as discussed in paragraph 3 of referent memorandum.
- 3. Also, I ask that you provide me (via MPS/BG) with a memorandum report summarizing the results of the above (paragraph 2) security review by 31 March 1972.

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PROJECT ACTION **KDFACTOR** TYPE OF ACTION NEW PROJECT Western Hemisphere Division FIELD STATION Mexico City RENEWAL FY 1972 & 73 One CASE OFFICER EXTENSION Fred Kravcov 28 Oct 71 BLACK TERMINATION 3E05 1973 4167 Hqs CONCURRENCES OF DIVISIONS ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT 29/10/71 29/10/11 C/WH/1 John C. Murray C/WH/B&F Lunsford O. Healy C/WH/SS Richard B. Wright C/WH/FI Richard S. Welch C/WH/Plans John R. Cassidy C/WHD . William V. Brod 主文學生物理 CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS ALIACHER Haviland Smith Handard Swill SB/X/WH 3/1/2/ FI Staff /s/ Arthur C. Close 9 Dec 71 Frank Hughes /s/ CI Staff 8 Dec 71 CCS/PRQ Charles Beckman /3/ 26 Nov 71 *With the conditions as stated in my memorandum dated 14 December 1971 (DD/P 1-5899) 9 2071 las a C/MPS/BG 9 1/20 71 APPROVAL 1JUly 1970 100 30 June 1971 4 1 260 110 1 1 July 71 30 June 72 , 19,000 19 73 5 20,000 30 June 73 20,000 1 July 72 PPROVING AUTHORITY l D A/DDP FORM 848 USE PREVIOUS SECRET

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KDFACTOR - Mexico City, Mexico -- Photographic Surveillance Team Support -- FY 1972, Cost \$19,000 and FY 1973, Cost \$20,000

Fiscal Year	Approved	<u>Obligated</u>
1971	\$23,635	\$27,586

Changes:

- 1. The processing of photographs obtained through this project now is performed inside the Station. KDFACTOR-1, who formerly processed the take in an outside safehouse, was terminated amicably in early March 1971. Security and efficiency have been increased by this change. KDFACTOR-7 was terminated in 1970, but the termination payments were made during FY 1971 causing an increase in that years obligations.
- 2. Howard T. BAGAUS handled the administration of this project to early April 1971 when project responsibility reverted from the Operations Support Section to the REDTOP Section. At that time Timothy H. ARCHBOLD assumed the inside administrative supervision, and agent meetings were turned over to the outside case officer Bruce H. FERNALD. When ARCHBOLD departed PCS on 7 June 1971, Oliver J. MANKUNAS assumed responsibility for this project, including agent meetings.

Accomplishments:

1. This project has provided continuous daily photographic and visual coverage of personnel and vehicles entering or leaving the Soviet Embassy. A total of 530 rolls of film were produced during the reporting period. U.S. citizens, visitors, and TDY personnel are given special attention. Identifications of license plates and automobile descriptions as well as drivers and their companions are identified under this project. Additionally, attendance sheets are maintained to establish who is at the Embassy on any given day and hour.

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These photographs and reports have contributed operational support to the Station's Soviet operations which is not attainable elsewhere. For example, whenever the Soviets change all their license numbers the Station is able to compile a new, complete roster within a matter of weeks.

Costs:

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- 1. General: \$19,000 is requested for FY 1972 and \$20,000 is requested for FY 1973. It is also requested that the Project be amended for FY 1971 in the amount of \$4,260 to provide for the termination of KDFACTOR-1 and KDFACTOR-7.
- 2. Source of Funds: Project KDFACTOR is included in the Western Hemisphere Division's Operational Program in the amount of \$23,735 for FY 1972 and \$24,182 for FY 1973.

3. Project Budget:

	FY 1971 Estimated Obligations	, FY 72	FY 73	FY 74
Salaries				
KDFACTOR-2	\$ 5,280	\$ 5,280	\$ 5,808	\$ 5,808
KDFACTOR-5	1,728	1,728	1,901	1,901
KDFACTOR-6	2,112	2,112	2,323	2,323
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KDFACTOR-9	1,968	1,968	2,165	2,165
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KDFACTOR-7	2,500	-0-	-0-	-0-
Bonuses	1,374	1,088	1,087	1,087
	\$20,130	\$12,944	\$14,129	\$14,129
Base houses			•	
Rents	\$ 6,022	\$ 4,350	\$ 4,240	\$ 4,240
Utilities	400	750	800	800
Maintenance	200	500	500	500
	\$ 6,622	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,540	\$ 5,540

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Total Expenses	\$27	7,587	\$19	000	\$20	0,000	\$20	0,000

- 4. Foreign Currency: There is no special need for foreign funds. No non-JKLANCE funds are used.
- 5. <u>Commitments</u>: Christmas bonuses are provided in the FY 72 and FY 73 budgets.
- 6. <u>Funding</u>: Funds are hand-carried from the Station by the case officer and transferred during clandestine meetings. Receipts are obtained for all disbursements according to JKLANCE regulations.
 - 7. Annexes: None.

PREVIOUS PROJECT ACTION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT

: FI Project LIEMPTY
FY 1970 Amendment
FY 1971 Renewal

REFERENCE

: C/FI Memorandum for ADD/P, dated 19 May 1970, Subject: "Renewal of Project LIEMPTY."

- 1. On 22 May 1970 I approved subject action for the amounts requested with the understanding that the termination payments to GERENDE and his wife will be on a monthly basis as described in paragraph 4 of referent.
- 2. Messre John C. Murray and Charles M. Bounds attended the project meeting.

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Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

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LIEMPTY - Mexico City, Mexico -- Photographic Surveillance Team Support -- FY 1971, Cost \$23,635.

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Purpose:

Project LIEMPTY supports a visual and photographic surveillance of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. The aim is to identify and cover the movements of persons entering and leaving the Embassy, including Soviets and visitors. The intelligence collected through such activity contributes to the Station's overall Soviet operations program, mainly in support of Priority A-1, but to some extent, Priority A-4, of the Operating Directive for Mexico.

Description:

The Project operates through two fixed basehouse surveillance posts, a small photographic laboratory, a principal agent, and six sub-agents. A team of four subagents, operating from a basehouse, maintains visual and photographic surveillance of the Soviet Embassy front entrance. One sub-agent, operating from a second base-house, covers an area in back of the Embassy, where Soviet officials meet, play and work. These units photograph all persons moving in or out of the specific target areas. They also maintain logs and provide written reports on observed activity. All of this material is passed to the principal agent, who passes the film to another sub-agent for processing at a laboratory equipped for that purpose. After the film is processed and printed, the principal agent passes the finished product, plus written reports and logs, to the Station case officer. A brief description of each unit, each agent and his role in the operation follows.

- 2. LILYRIC (MEXI-132) is a basehouse located near the front of the Soviet Embassy. This house has been in operation since October 1966. It is rented through LIMOUSINE (201-5762), a cleared American businessman. He is the estensible owner of record and, as the landlord, collects rent from the tenants and then passes it to the Station case officer. LIEMPTY-13 and his family (see paragraph 3 below) live in the LILYRIC house and conduct their surveillance operation from it during daylight hours (0800-1800).
- 3. LIEMPTY-13 (201-119961) is the key member of the LILYRIC basehouse team. He maintains contact with the principal agent and does some photographic work. However, because LIEMPTY-13 is employed outside as an industrial engineer, he is unable to spend much time operating the LILYRIC photographic equipment, and most of this work is done by his wife, LIEMPTY-14, and their sons, LIEMPTY-26 and LIEMPTY-27 (see paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 below).
- 4. LIEMPTY-14 (201-167567) is the main photographer and observer at the LILYRIC basehouse. She works closely with her husband, LIEMPTY-13, in running the operation, including the preparation of observation reports and logs. She also does the LILYRIC housekeeping, as any housewife would do.
- 5. LIEMPTY-26 (201-762111), the son of LIEMPTY-13 and LIEMPTY-14, has been a student at the Mexican Technological Institute. In his spare time he operates the LILYRIC photographic equipment, and helps LIEMPTY-14 in maintaining the arrival and departure logs of target personalities.
- 6. LIEMPTY-27 (201-762112), another son of LIEMPTY-13 and LIEMPTY-14, has been a prep school student. He assists in operating the LILYRIC photographic equipment and transcribes notes into a finished typewritten log of events.
- 7. LICALLA (MEXI-03) is a basehouse located behind the Soviet Embassy. It has been in operation since 1957. The building, a four-unit affair, collectively known as LIMUST, is Agency owned. It was purchased through LIMOUSINE in September 1957, and the property is in his name. The LICALLA site is occupied by LIEMPTY-9 (see paragraph 8 below) and he runs the surveillance operation from it.

- 8. LIEMPTY-9 (201-136454) is the only agent operating from the LICALIA site. He does all the photography, maintains logs and prepares observation reports. He also maintains contact with the principal agent. LIEMPTY-9 is a part-time insurance salesman and is self-employed in the accounting business, which he conducts at the LICALIA site.
- 9. Raymond H. GERENDE (201-119523) has been the principal agent for this project. He is a Mexican national contract agent who is self-employed as an English teacher and also works as a salesman for a light bulb manufacturer. GERENDE has been mainly responsible for maintaining contact with the LIEMPTY agents, passing instructions to them, and collecting the product for passing to the Station case officer. He has also paid them and handled all other administrative matters. He is being terminated by the end of FY 1970 for security reasons (see Problems, paragraph 1).
- 10. Bruce H. FERNALD (P) (201-008189) replaced GERENDE (see paragraph 9 above) as the project's principal agent in early December 1969. FERNALD, a U.S. citizen born in June 1915, operates under non-official cover as a retired immigrant. He is responsible for maintaining contact with the LTEMPTY agents and collecting the product for passing to the Station case officer. He also handles administrative matters, including agent salary payments. FERNALD is financially covered under Project AEMAGNIFY.
- 11. The LIEMPTY photographic laboratory (MEXI-137) is located in a room at GERENDE's residence. It is equipped to process the photographs taken by the LIEMPTY surveillance units. The work is done by LIEMPTY-4. (See paragraph 12 below). Since GERENDE will be terminated by the end of FY 1970, the Station is taking steps to establish a new LIEMPTY photographic laboratory at a new safesite.
- 12. LIEMPTY-4 (201-117967) processes all the photographic film taken by the LIEMPTY photographers and makes the number of prints required. He does this work at night in the LIEMPTY photographic laboratory. He is self-employed as a medical doctor, and he is a brother-in-law of GERENDE, in whose home the laboratory is located.

Changes:

- 1. The LIENTRAP mobile unit, consisting of LIEMPTY-10 and LIEMPTY-11, is being removed from Project LIEMPTY and placed under Project LIEMBRACE, which supports a unilateral physical surveillance team. The purpose of this change is to increase the size of the LIEMBRACE team in order to meet a growing demand for operational surveillance support from the various Station operating sections. The transfer will become effective at the beginning of FY 1971 and both FY 1971 project budgets have been adjusted to cover financial aspects of the change.
- 2. Raymond II. GERENDE was removed as the LIEMPTY principal agent in early December 1969 owing to a security problem (see Problems, paragraph 1). He was replaced on 9 December 1969 by Bruce II. FERNALD, a career agent operating under cover as a retired immigrant. The change has caused some delay in the receipt of photographs because FERNALD is unable to meet LIEMPTY agents as frequently as GERENDE had met them, but operational effectiveness is not significantly reduced by this delay. The key issue is that security and reliability of the principal agent have improved considerably.

Accomplishments:

- 1. Project LIEMPTY has provided continuous daily photographic and visual coverage (Monday through Saturday) of the front entrance and rear areas of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. All Soviet personnel and their visitors entering or leaving the Embassy have been photographed. In addition, visual surveillance reports were prepared when appropriate. These photographs and reports have contributed essential operational support to the Station's Soviet operations program.
- 2. Recently, LIEMPTY photographs were exclusively used to produce an updated mugbook on Soviet officials in Mexico. The book has been loaned to the FBI, AF/OSI and the 902nd Military Intelligence Group for operational use in debriefing their agents engaged in dangle operations and double agent operations against the Soviet services in Mexico City. One 902nd controlled agent was identified from an LIEMPTY photograph taken when the agent tried to contact the Soviets at

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LIEMPTY-4 Salary	2,400	2,640	2,640
LIEMPTY-9 Salary	4,320	4,752	4,752
LIEMPTY-10 Salary	4,224	-0-	-0-
LIEMPTY-11 Salary	2,736	-0-	-0-
LIEMPTY-13 Salary	1,536	1,690	1,690
LIEMPTY-14 Salary	1,824	2,006	2,006
LIEMPTY-26 Salary	672	739	739
LIEMPTY-27 Salary	1,728	1,901	1,901
LICALLA Safehouse Rent		••	•.
(MEXI-03)	1.248	1,373	1,373
LILYRIC Safehouse Rent	-,	-,	
(MEXI-132)	2,880	2,880	2,880
Safehouse Utilities	1,100	1,200	1,300
GERENDE Dark Room Rent	-,	-,	•
(MEXI-137)	960	-0-	-0-
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Maintenance	1,200	['] 600	600
Property Maintenance and	-,		
Replacement	500	500	500
Photographic and Other			
Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,000
Christmas Bonuses	2,140	2,354	2,354
LIEMPTY-19 Termination	-,	,	-,
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LIEMPTY - Mexico City, Mexico -- Photographic Surveillance Team Support -- FY 1971, Cost \$23,635.

Fiscal Year	Approved	Obligated
1966	\$43,145	\$36,294
1967	43,000	42.082
1968	42.185	42.158
1969	43,320	41,416
1970	38,970	49,468 (Projected)

Purpose:

Project LIESTI supports a visual and photographic surveillance of the Soviet Embussy in Mexico City. The aim is to identify and cover the movements of persons entering and leaving the Embassy, including Soviets and visitors. The intelligence collected through such activity contributes to the Station's overall Soviet operations program, mainly in support of Priority A-1, but to some extent, Priority A-4, of the Operating Directive for Hexico.

Description:

1. The Project operates through two fixed basehouse surveillance posts, a small photographic laboratory, a principal agent, and six sub-agents. A team of four subagents, operating from a basehouse, maintains visual and photographic surveillance of the Soviet Embassy front entrance. One sub-agent, operating from a second basehouse, covers an area in back of the Embassy, where Soviet officials meet, play and work. Those units photograph all persons moving in or out of the specific target areas. They also maintain logs and provide written reports on observed activity. All of this material is passed to the principal agent, who passes the film to another sub-agent for processing at a laboratory equipped for that purpose. After the film is processed and printed, the principal agent passes the finished product, plus written reports and logs, to the Station case officer. A brief description of each unit, each agent and his role in the operation follows.

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- 2. LILYRIC (MEXI-132) is a basehouse located near the front of the Soviet Embassy. This house has been in operation since October 1966. It is rented through LIMOUSINE (201-5762), a cleared American businessann. He is the estensible owner of record and, as the landlord, collects rent from the tenants and then passes it to the Station case officer. LIEMPTY-13 and his family (see paragraph 3 below) live in the LILYRIC house and conduct their surveillance operation from it during daylight hours (0800-1800).
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The CI Staff concurs in the renewal of this extremely valuable operational support project. The Staff desires to be kept informed on all security developments and repercussions resulting from the divorce problems of Gerende (P) and his wife. The Staff urges the Station to continue its all-our efforts to keep this divorce out of the courts.

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MEMORANDUM FOR : Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

THROUGH : MPS/BG

SUBJECT : Renewal of Project LIEMPTY

1. WH Division requests renewal of Mexico City Station's Operational Support Project, LIEMPTY, for \$23,635 for Fiscal Year 1971 and a \$10,498 amendment for FY 1970 to cover termination payments to a former Principal Agent and his wife. Last year LIEMPTY was approved for \$38,970. One agent termination and the transfer of the cost of a mobile surveillance unit to another project are responsible for the reduced FY 1971 request.

- 2. LIEMPTY supports a visual and photographic surveillance of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. It includes a
 Principal Agent, Raymond H. GERENDE (P), and 6 subagents who
 maintain two separate safehouses, one in front and one in
 the rear of the Soviet Embassy, from which anyone entering or
 leaving the Embassy can be observed and photographed. The
 various members of the team handle and service the photographic
 equipment, develop and print photographs, keep observation
 reports and logs, including the arrival and departure of target persons, and maintain the two safehouses mentioned above.
- 3. This project does not provide positive intelligence, except incidentally. It is designed to furnish a running account, both photographic and in writing, of all Soviet Embassy personnel and their visitors arriving at, or leaving, the Embassy. Photographs taken by LIEMPTY personnel were used to produce an updated "mugbook" on Soviet officials in Mexico which has been loaned to other US security agencies for operational use in activities targeted against Soviet services in Mexico City. LIEMPTY agents also provided information which enabled the Station to identify the companions of known KGB officials, to identify the habit patterns of new arrivals at the Soviet Embassy and provided a wealth of other information of operational value concerning Soviet Embassy activities.
- 4. A security problem, resulting in a Station decision to restrict the activities of GERENDE, place him on half pay, and replace him with a career agent (a valuable asset who

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also handles SB operations) arose during the project year. GERENDE has been having marital difficulties which may end in divorce. Along with other incompatible features of the marriage, which have resulted in numerous family fights, there have been long, bitter and violent arguments as to who will have custody of their 4 children and concerning a monetary settlements. The Station has become involved in these altercations because GERENDE's wife is knowledgeable of his CIA relationship and could, if she chose to do so, expose him as an agency employee. She has promised to keep quiet but there is no assurance that she will do so. In view of the risk involved, should GERENDE's wife expose his agency relationship and in view of the fact that, despite his 15 years of service and his undisputed ability and experience, other unfavorable qualities militate against his retention, the Station is considering terminating GERENDE. It is proposed to pay him a termination bonus of \$10,000 for 15 years of service in accordance with Mexican Taw and his wife \$2,500 as a security measure designed to keep her quiet. After discussion with the desk. FI Staff believes that, if GERENDE is paid the \$10,000 termination money, it should not be given to him in one lump sum but should be paid on a monthly basis, the amount per month to be determined by the Station, thus eliminating the possibility of his squandering it all at once and possibly coming back for more of the same. The same procedure should be followed in the \$2,500 payment to his wife. In both cases at least an element of control is assured in that both GERENDE and his wife will know that continued receipt of their monthly payments will depend upon their continued loyalty to the agency. In the meantime, we feel this man, whose morale, and ability have been seriously affected by his marital strife, given time, can perhaps be rehabilitated and once again become a valuable Station asset. This would ensure his continued loyalty and give him an income out of which to pay his alimony. Aside from the foregoing there were no other problems, security or otherwise. All meetings between the case officer and the new Principal Agent are held under secure conditions, or more often if necessary, at prearranged dates, times and places. Meetings between the P/A and the subagents are held under similar conditions. The Station has been requested to submit an updated emergency recontact plan to be included in the first FY 1971 quarterly program report for this project.

5. Agents' salaries, safehouse rentals, motor vehicle maintenance and travel, property maintenance and Christmas bonuses will total \$23,635. Despite the security aspects related to the marital difficulties of the erstwhile P/A.

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this is an excellent operation which has been described by the Station as representing a highly effective and highly useful support mechanism. SB Division has stated that, although relatively inexpensive, it is a very worthwhile and valuable project. FI Staff recommends approval with the stipulation that the recommendation with respect to payment of termination bonuses to GERENDE and his wife be carried out.

Peer de Silva

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

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SUBJECT

FY 1970 Renewal of Project LIEMPTY for \$38,970

- 1. Project LIEMPTY, now in its eleventh year, is the Mexican Station's operation which provides visual and photographic surveillance of the Soviet Embassy from safehouses at the front entrance and back of the building, as well as from a mobile unit. All Soviet personnel and their visitors coming to the Embassy are photographed. From 1 November 1967 to 31 December 1968, approximately 21,367 photographs were taken and thousands of pages of surveillance reports were completed by personnel in this project. SB Division is pleased with the quantity and quality of the photographs and the Station finds them useful for operational purposes against the SB target. During the past year several U.S. citizens entered the Soviet installation in Mexico City and their photographs were identified by the FBI. There is a good relationship between the Station and the FBI in Mexico City and appropriately sterilized photographs are passed locally.
 - 2. There have been no significant security problems.
- 3. The only changes in the project have been the elimination of one of the safehouses, which was used as an observation post, and termination of the agent who attended it. No real loss resulted from this change since the safehouse was so located that photographs taken from it overlapped those taken from another safehouse. The agent who serviced the facility was getting too old to do an efficient job and was terminated amicably. Also during the past year a new agent was added to the project.
- 4. Total funds requested for FY 1970 are \$38,970. Salaries and legally required bonuses for nine agents come to \$30,080; safehouse rental and maintenance amounts to \$6,188; maintenance of two vehicles, \$1,200; and photo and operational expenses, \$1,500. FY 1969 approval was for \$43,520 and estimated obligations for this period are \$43,500. A new, \$5,000 vehicle was purchased in FY 1969 and none is needed in FY 1970 which accounts for the reduction in costs for the present year.

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5. Project LIEMPTY contributes substantially to the Mexican Station's SB effort. The occasional identification of U.S. nationals in contact with the Soviets could have an important bearing on National Security. The operation is handled by an experienced and capable, outside contract agent under the direction of a Station officer which provides good security and personnel economy. It is a well managed and productive operational support mechanism necessary to Station operations. FI Staff recommends approval.

Peer de Silva Chief Foreign Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : LIEMPTY Project Renewal (FY 1970)

1. Renewal is requested for the LIEMPTY Project for the period 1 July 1969 through 30 June 1970 (FY 1970) in the amount of \$38,970. Funds are available in WH Division. \$45,000 was programmed for FY 1970.

- 2. LIEMPTY is a project supporting Soviet operations of the Mexico City Station. It provides for two basehouses, a photo surveillance vehicle, and personnel for photographic and visual surveillance of the Soviet Embassy. Presently, two fixed surveillance points near the Embassy provide the location from which the photographs are taken and observers are stationed. One basehouse is adjacent to the rear of the Embassy, where Soviet officials meet, play and work. The other basehouse is across the street from the front of the Embassy and gives a direct view of every person entering or leaving. There is also a mobile photographic unit (a VW van) which is now used in support of all Mexico City Station operations and in conjunction with the LIEMBRACE surveillance team (used primarily against Soviet targets). Raymond H. GERENDE, an indigenous contract agent, is the principal agent of the operation and meets daily with the basehouse keepers and subagents.
- 3. LIEMPTY contributes significantly to the Station's Soviet operations program and is considered an essential element of the Station's support apparatus. During the period 1 November 1967 through 31 December 1968, approximately 21,367 photographs were taken. In response to a request to SB Division for an evaluation of the project, the following comment was received: "There are few such sources of high resolution photographs of Soviets, especially giving good side views. These photos are welcomed by SB Division since they furnish a steady flow of up-to-date identity data..." The photos are useful to the Station in confirming the identities of Soviet personnel and visitors to the

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Embassy, some of whom are U. S. citizens. During the past year, several of these U. S. citizens were identified with the help of the photos (which were passed to the FBI). Furthermore, the movements and habits of the Soviets are studied, and more knowledge is acquired on their friends and associates, especially Nexican nationals. This information is useful in target studies. For example, the senior TASS representative, a known KGB officer, is a recruitment target. He is under intensive operational scrutiny for leads developed from knowledge of his activities and contacts. LIEMPTY support is an integral part of this current developmental activity.

- 4. During the past year, one of the three basehouses was closed, leaving two, and the agent attending it was terminated. This was done because the agent was becoming less effective with age, and because there was some overlap between the photos taken from this basehouse and those of another. The termination was amicable, and the working hours of the personnel of the other basehouse were extended slightly. Another agent was also hired to help. This new agent is of the same family as the rest of the personnel occupying the basehouse, and no additional security risks are anticipated from this addition.
- 5. There have been no security or administrative problems. The Station and GERENDS are constantly on the alert for any sign that the Soviets are aware of the surveillance activities. While it is quite possible that the Soviets are aware of the surveillance, so far indications are that they are at least not fully aware, since no effort is made by them to avoid being photographed, even when having meetings with contacts in the rear of the Embassy.
- 6. Approval is recommended of this valuable operational support project.

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MPS/BG/FI 8 May 68

PROJECT BRIEFING

WH - Mexico

ACTION :

ADD/P approval of renewal (19 mos.)

1 Dec 67 - 30 Jun 69

PURPOSE:

An operational support project providing three basehouses and a mobile surveillance unit to monitor primarily the Soviet Embassy, its personnel and its visitors, by physical and photographic surveillance.

BACKGROUND: The project covers three properties near the Soviet Embassy (two in front of the Embassy's sole entrance and one behind the garden) from which visual and photographic surveillance is carried out. It also covers a darkroom and a mobile photographic truck. Some of the project personnel are used at times for miscellaneous support tasks such as servicing postal boxes and for countersurveillance and other protective services.

PROGRESS:

During the past year the project provided nearly all of the operational photographs and physical surveillance reports used in the Station's operations against the Soviet Embassy and its personnel. SB Division says, "This rather unique operation has unquestionably made a major contribution to the increasingly effective Soviet Operations program of the Mexico Station."

The project produces primarily operational data and counterintelligence information. It provides leads, evidence of which Soviet officers have been in the Embassy and which ones have been away, who has used which car, who has been talking to whom or going out of the building with whom. (One photograph from this project was used in the Warren Commission Report.)

FUNDS \$69,725 (19 mos.) (Programmed FY 69 \$46,000)

	FY 68 (7 mos.)	FY 69
Salaries (9) and bonuses	\$19,475	\$32,020
Vehicle maintenance Rent and utilities	1,165 4,665	2,000 8,000
Equipment	300	500
Operational expenses	600 \$26,205	1,000 \$43,520

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: FI and CI Staffs concur.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

THROUGH: MPS/BG

SUBJECT: Project LIEMPTY

1. WH Division requests renewal of LIENPTY for the 19-month period 1 December 1967 through 30 June 1969 in the amount of \$69,725. While this represents a slight reduction on a pro rata basis from the \$45,000 for which LIEMPTY was approved for the 12-month period starting 1 December 1966, it reflects a proportionately modest increase in cost for the 19-month renewal period over the estimated total disbursement of \$40,130 for the past project year. This will provide for small salary increases to meet the rising cost of living for certain of the agents involved in the project who have not received raises in some time as well as for slightly higher rental fees for the various basehouses. The project, now in its tenth year, is designed primarily to provide for the collection of operational information on the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, including the identification and movements of its personnel and visitors. To this end, LIEMPTY provides for the maintenance and exploitation of three basehouses for fixed visual and photographic surveillance of the Soviet Embassy and a mobile basehouse in the form of a panel truck used for mobile photography against the Polish Embassy, leaders and meeting sites of local communist parties, and other targets of opportunity. An important corollary objective of LIEMPTY is operational support in the form of countersurveillance for Agency personnel and operations, including those of other bases and stations as the needs and requirements of the Mexico Station permit. The funds requested include \$43,520 for the period 1 December 1967 through 30 November 1968 and an additional \$26,205 to cover the period 1 December 1968 through 30 June 1969. The latter funds are asked for in a supplemental request to put the project on a fiscal year basis.

2. A long-term contract agent and eight other support agents are involved in the management and operation of the

LIEMPTY facilities and in surveillance activities directed at the primary Soviet target. Some of these agents are used also in dark room photographic processing, letter drop, and, on occasion, moving surveillance activities.

- This project is only part of the complex of Mexico City Station instruments for meeting requirements from a number of U.S. agencies, including the FBI. It is clearly an effective, well-managed support operation serving important needs.
- 4. No major or significant changes in LIEMPTY personnel or operational techniques have been introduced nor have there been any known incidents adversely affecting the security of the project or its personnel since the previous project renewal period. As a uni-lateral operational support effort, LIEMPTY continues to be a most useful station asset supporting a number of station activities. In spite of small increases in costs as discussed above, the project is considered to be holding the line on cost and personnel.
- The objectives of project LIEMPTY are in direct support of priority A objectives 1, 2, and 4 of the current Operating Directive for Mexico. It is considered by SB Division to have made significant contributions to the Station's well developed, high priority Soviet Operations Program. During the past year the various LIEMPTY basehouse installations produced valuable information in the form of photographic coverage and physical surveillance reports on the daily movements, personal associations and habit patterns of selected targets of special interest. In numerous instances this coverage confirmed the specific intelligence service connections of Soviet officers in the Embassy. Often the identities of Mexicans and nationals of other countries in contact with the Soviets were established. The mobile panel truck unit was exploited regularly to provide information on not only the Soviets but also the Cuban target as well as local Communist Party targets.

Chief

Foreign Intelligence

Attachment Project

LIEMPTY PROJECT RENEWALS
THROUGH FY 1968

(RENEWALS FOR FY 1969 AND FY 1970 ARE IN PROJECT RENEWAL FILE)

MPS/BG/FI 11 Jan 67

PROJECT BRIEFING

PROJECT: LIEMPTY

WH - Mexico City

ACTION: ADD/P approval of renewal

1 Dec 66 - 30 Nov 67

PURPOSE: Provides stationary surveillance against the Soviet Embassy and a mobile photographic basehouse which is used primarily against the Polish Embassy and local Communist party leaders.

PROGRESS: Three basehouses (LIMITED, LILYRIC and LICALLA) provide coverage of both the front and rear of the Soviet Embassy. Throughout the past renewal period each operational component contributed actively and concretely to the fulfillment of the operational tasks levied on the Station. In the first nine-month period approximately 17,000 individual frames of operational photographs were provided from the fixed basehouses. These served to confirm the identities of Embassy personnel and their visitors and provided detailed reporting on the movement and habit patterns of selected targets of special interest. The mobile unit (LIENTRAP) provided over 1,000 individual photographs. Of particular value were photographs of local and exile Communist leaders. Raymond H. GERENDE (p) continued in the role as principal agent for Project LIEMPTY. His overall operational assignment involved at least 12 clandestine meetings per week, in addition to his meetings with the LIEMPTY project case officer.

PROBLEMS: In mid 1966 LICOWL/1, who owns a small store near the Soviet Embassy, reported that a Soviet official had approached him and asked him to inform on his neighbors. Reportedly the Soviet named LIEMPTY/6 of the LIMITED basehouse by name and also asked about the tenants of the building housing LILYRIC. However, in view of LICOWL's previous history of lying, it is difficult to assess exactly what the Soviets requested and just what LICOWL/1 may have told them. The Station is still looking into this development.

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STAFF

COMMENTS: FI and CI Staffs concur in renewal.

CI STAFF: Strongly urges the Station to continue its close monitoring of Soviet interest in the installation buildings and attempts to obtain information on sensitive project personalities. The Station should devise necessary contingency plans of action to eliminate any security hazards if it is determined that the Soviets are intensifying such efforts and could be getting "too close" to the project installations, personalities and activities.

8 JAN 1967

MEMORAIDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

THROUGH:

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SUBJECT:

Project LIEMTY

1. This action seeks renewal of Project LEZZTY covering Menico City Station's stationary surveillance basehouses aimed against the Soviet Embassy. The activity will ecst \$45,000 for the period 1 December 1966 to 30 November 1967. Approval is recommended.

- 2. Project LIENTY has been in being for nine years. At present it supports three stationary basehouses near the Soviet Embassy and a mobile photographic basehouse. These are used to obtain photographic coverage and logs of Soviet movements and visitors to the Soviet Embassy. The mobile basehouse is used also to cover meeting sites of the local communist parties and targets of opportunity.
- 3. A principal agent and eight agents are used in the LIEM-TY activity. The agents are variously employed as basehouse keepers, photo lab technicians and surveillance operators.
- 4. Security has been generally good although one incident occurred in mid 1966 which may have some impact on the future security of the operation. An approach was made to an agent of the Station, who owns a small store near the Soviet Embassy, to report on his neighbors among whom are some of the LIEMTY agents. One, LIEMTY-6, was mentioned by name. The Station is watching this development carefully.
- 4. The LIEMITY activity proved its worth during the past year when check was made on conflicting stories told by two Station agents. The LIEMITY surveillance reports proved that one of the agents was lying about his contacts with the Soviets. LIEMITY is well managed and continues to serve an important Mexico City Station need.

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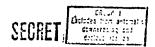
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : LIEMPTY Project Renewal

- 1. It is requested that the LIEMPTY Project be renewed for the period 1 December 1966 through 30 November 1967 for a total of \$45,000: \$29,020 for FY 1967 and \$15,980 for FY 1968. The Project is included in the FY 1967 Operational Program for \$45,000. Funds are available within WH Division.
- 2. LIEMPTY covers stationary surveillance base-houses targeted against the Soviet Embassy. These basehouses provide photographic coverage and logs. Two of the basehouses (LIMITED and LILYRIC) cover the activity in the front of the Embassy, and LICALLA provides coverage of the back courtyard area. The LIEMPTY project also covers a mobile photographic basehouse in the form of a panel truck which is used against the Polish Embassy where we have no permanent surveillance basehouse, and against other targets of opportunity.
- 3. The value of Soviet Embassy photographic coverage during the past year was proven when the logs maintained by LILYRIC were used to double check on an operation involving LIRUSTIC-1 and LICOWL-1 who had told conflicting stories of certain events concerning the activity of some Soviets. Through the surveillance reports of the LIEMPTY Project against the Soviet Embassy, it was proven without a doubt that LICOWL-1 (who had just taken a polygraph without apparent deception) was lying about his contacts with the Soviets.
- 4. The LIENTRAP mobile photographic basehouse was targeted against leaders and meeting sites of the local Communist parties as well as other targets of opportunity, particularly exile Communist leaders now residing in Mexico. LIENTRAP provided up-dated identification



photographs of Communist officers which are of value to both the JMTIGER program and the Station's recruitment/penetration program. The LIENTRAP personnel also regularly service twenty-one postal accommodation addresses used by the Mexico City Station.

- 5. One development which may affect the security of the LIEMPTY basehouses of LIMITED and LILYRIC occurred in mid 1966 when LICOWL-1 (who owns a small store near the Soviet Embassy) reported that a Soviet official, AEQUALITY-1, had approached him and requested him to inform on his neighbors. Reportedly the Soviet named LIEMPTY-6 (of the LIMITED basehouse) by name and also indicated all the tenants (unnamed) of the new building which now houses LILYRIC. The Soviet pinpointed the building by saying the one being built by a person who fit perfectly the description of LIMOUSINE. LICONL-1 did not indicate that the Soviet reflected any interest in LIMOUSINE. The occupants of the LILYRIC basehouse were not mentioned. LICOWL-1 indicated to his Station contact that the only person he really suspected in the neighborhood was LIEMPTY-6 (of LIMITED) who doesn't go to work, is always typing, lives comfortably, and owns a car. He claims to have heard it rumored that LIEMPTY-6 was working for the Americans. (Since LIMITED is equipped with a radio and tips off the Station's surveillance team when it is used against Soviet targets, Headquarters has already assumed that the Soviets have identified this basehouse.) LICOWL-1 also listed several persons named by the Soviet who had no connection whatsoever with CIA.
- 6. The Station instructed LICOWL-1 not to become an informant on his neighbors. According to LICOWL-1, he therefore told AEQUALITY-1 he did not have time to collect the information the Soviet wanted. However, in view of the lies LICOWL-1 has been caught in, it is difficult to assess exactly what the Soviets asked of LICOWL-1 and just what LICOWL-1 may have told the Soviets. The Station is still looking into this development.
 - 7. WHD recommends renewal of this Project.

by Jack & Esteline Chief,

Western Hemisphere Division