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PROJECT REVIEW

I. Product of the Project

A. Soviet Coverage

As noted in last year's Project LIFEAT renewal request, LIFEAT coverage of the official Soviet installation was discontinued on 22 June 1960 when the parallel liaison project LIENVOY assumed coverage of this target. In early January 1962 LIFEAT undertook coverage of the home phones of three of the most active Soviet Intelligence officers. This was in response to the continuing Station CI program which includes the monitoring of Soviet contacts, and the guidance received from KUDESK Staff at the time of the last LIFEAT renewal. As of this date, this coverage has not been active for sufficient time to fully evaluate its usefulness. However, it is believed that such coverage has the potential to add materially to the Station's effort in the CI field. Although not designed to provide positive intelligence, some by-product of this type has been obtained. Samples are as follows:

HMM-6364, 8 May 1962 (Briefing of Mexican Pro-Marxist Journalist by Soviet Embassy)

HMM-6382, 15 May 1962 (Mexican Traveller to the USSR)

HMM-6376, 11 May 1962 (Refutation of Rumors that Soviet Cosmonaut TITOV will visit Mexico)

B. Polish Embassy

LIFEAT has remained the primary source of information on this target and the only successful, continuing penetration of the target. The information provided to the interested Case Officer has in the past been described as "unique" and "invaluable". This description holds with equal emphasis for the present as well as the past. Selective examples of the valuable positive intelligence product of this coverage are:

HMMA-17448, 28 July 1961 (Henryk POTASZ)

HMMA-17647, (LIFEAT/LAURICLE), 25 August 1961

HMMA-17694, 1 September 1961 (Irena Halina ZORAWSKA)

HMMA-17876, 29 September 1961 (Movement of Polish Nationals)

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HMMA-18058, 27 October 1961 (Satellite Trade in Mexico)
HMMA-18074, 31 October 1961 (Activities of Polish Embassies
in Mexico and Brazil)
HMMA-18913, 27 April 1962 (RYBAT/Eugeniusz SKOTNICKI)
HMMA-18915, 27 April 1962 (RYBAT/Eugeniusz SKOTNICKI)
HMM-5743, 7 July 1961 (Possible Purchase of Ships from Poland)
HMM-5894, 14 September 1961 (Trade Between Mexico and Poland)
HMM-5921, 26 September 1961 (Polish Plans to Buy Zinc from Mexico)

C. Cuban Coverage

LIFEAT was able to provide coverage of major firms dealing in U.S. goods transshipment via Mexico to Cuba. This technical operation not only provided initial leads which alerted the Station to these companies, but also was able to provide continuing information on the daily activities of the companies involved. Coverage of certain Cuban personages arranging for illegal transshipment of U.S. goods to Cuba was also provided including their contacts and general activities. Samples of the positive intelligence production from this Cuban commercial coverage are as follows:

HMMA-18073, 31 October 1961 (Ruben SAUREZ Y Alvarez,
Representative in Mexico of the Cuban Bank of Foreign
Commerce)
HMMA-18538, 2 February 1962 (Cuban Commercial Activities)
HMM-5883, 26 September 1961 (Cuban Commercial Activities)
HMM-5915, 22 September 1961 (Transcontinental, S.A.)
HMM-6012, 14 November 1961 (Mexican Firm Shipping U.S. Goods
to Cuba)
HMM-6220, 27 February 1962 (Lorenzo L. SAUNDERS, Vice President
of Transcontinental, S.A.)

D. American Communists in Mexico

As in the past, most of the targets in this group have been covered at the request of ODENVY, and the raw take has been partially processed by them. During the period July 1961 through May 1962, approximately 680 reels of take were passed to local ODENVY for their processing. The most valuable information gleaned from the targets in this field continues to deal with contacts, travel, and general activities of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM).

Typical examples of the reporting based on LIFEAT coverage of the ACGM are:

HMMA-17318, 3 July 1961 (Albert MALTZ)
HMMA-17388, 14 July 1961 (Enos Regner WICHER, Maria WICHER)
HMMA-17389, 14 July 1961 (Carl SEBORER)
HMMA-17419, 21 July 1961 (Clarina OVERGAARD, Anders OVERGAARD)
HMMA-17455, 25 July 1961 (Dalton TRUMBO, Cleo TRUMBO)
HMMA-17611, 18 August 1961 (Noah SEBORER/Albert MALTZ/
Charles SMALL)
HMMA-17760, 12 September 1961 (Maurice ZEITLIN)
HMMA-17806, 19 September 1961 (Albert MALTZ)
HMMA-17855, 26 September 1961 (U.S. Citizens Travel to Cuba)
HMMA-17860, 29 September 1961 (Albert MALTZ)
HMMA-18097, 3 November 1961 (Charles SMALL)
HMMA-18492, 23 January 1962 (Albert MALTZ/Noah SEBORER/
Charles SMALL)
HMMA-18827, 10 April 1962 (Albert MALTZ/Noah SEBORER/
Charles SMALL)

E. Exile and Revolutionary Activities

LIFEAT continues to provide information on the exile and revolutionary groups active in Mexico, which information is of the greatest value to the Station and not available from other sources. The emphasis of the LIFEAT effort in this area has been directed toward coverage of Nicaraguan, Guatemalan, and more recently Spanish Republican exiles. The product has been most rewarding in this coverage. Examples of productivity in this past project year:

HMMA-17489, 4 August 1961 (Alejandro GALINDO)
HMMA-18420, 5 January 1962 (Teodora MARTEN Rodriguez)
HMMA-18468, 16 January 1962 (Travel of Salvadorans to Cuba)
HMM-5920, 26 September 1961 (Activities of Nicaraguan Exiles
in Mexico)
HMM-6142, 18 January 1962 (Plans of Guatemalan Army Officers
to Attempt Coup)
HMM-6191, 17 February 1962 (Guatemalan Revolutionary Activity)
HMM-6230, 2 March 1962 (Contacts of Juan Jose AREVALO Bermejo
in Mexico City)
HMM-6292, 2 April 1962 (Return to El Salvador of Colonel Oscar
OSORIO)
HMM-6311, 13 April 1962 (Contacts of Juan Jose AREVALO Bermejo)

HMM-6344, 1 May 1962 (Activities of Spanish Republicans in Exile)
HMM-6349, 4 May 1962 (Views of Juan Jose AREVALO on Peruvian
Presidential Candidate)
HMM-6359, 4 May 1962 (Contact Between Claudio SANCHEZ de
Albornoz, President of the Council of Spanish Republic, and
Juan Simeon VIDARTE, Spanish Exile in Mexico)
HMM-6379, 11 May 1962 (Opinion of Spanish Republican Exiles on
Current Strikes in Spain)

F. Counter-Intelligence Information

By its latest Related Mission Directive, Mexico City Station's major responsibilities continue to lie in the field of CI/CE matters. LIFEAT was able to provide a valuable contribution in the attainment of the Station's objectives in this field. Coverage included that on Carlos Humberto ILLESCAS, who is acting in a covert liaison capacity between the CP and the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. Besides the continuing operational support in the CI/CE field, the following informational reporting was provided:

HMM-5742, 7 July 1961 (Travel of Mexican Leftists Behind Iron
Curtain)
HMM-5836, 18 August 1961 (Activities of Mexican Student of the
University of Peoples' Friendship)
HMM-5977, 24 October 1961 (Interview of Prominent Marxist with
Polish Conselor)
HMM-6322, 20 April 1962 (Contacts between Carlos FUENTES Macias,
Mexican Communist Writer, and Polish Diplomats)
HMM-6337, 27 April 1962 (Activities of Ernesto AYALA Mercado,
Bolivian Ambassador to Mexico)
HMM-6377, 11 May 1962 (Scholarship for Study in Warsaw to Jorge
TAMAYO, Jr., Mexican Marxist Intellectual)

G. Operational Support and Leads Provided other Station Operations

During the past project year LIFEAT continued actively supporting Mexico City Station through production of leads unobtainable through other assets and generally providing other Station operations the secure support only available through a unilateral telephone tap operation. The following is a selected list, together with a brief description, of major contributions of operational support and leads provided through LIFEAT:

LIFEAT/Cuban: The most noteworthy LIFEAT contribution to Station efforts in the Cuban operations field was that of providing leads pinpointing the activities of Transcontinental, S. A. in the illegal transshipment of U. S. materials to Cuba via Mexico. LIFEAT was able to continue coverage of the activities of this company despite the efforts of the company to lose itself in the Mexican business community by changing the name it operated under to Inversiones Mexicanas, S. A. and changing its location and telephone number. Valuable information on the commercial commodities needed by the Castro regime, methods and contacts used in their procurement, and information on the contacts of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico were obtained.

LIFEAT/Czechoslovakian: LIFEAT coverage of the home phones of two Czech intelligence officers provided some leads to their contacts, but more importantly, provided greater security to KUBARK when one of their CIS officers, Miloslav CECH, was singled out for a defection attempt. Through LIFEAT "livemonitoring" of both the original and followup defection attempts, the KUBARK assets were provided maximum protection from possible attempts by CECH to alert his coworkers or arrange entrapment of the KUBARK personnel involved.

LIFEAT/Polish: Probably the most "classic" example of the use of a telephone tap in providing a lead which could develop into a vital penetration of the Polish intelligence occurred recently in the BEKNAVE/BECHICK operation. LIFEAT provided the initial leads which made the Station aware of the possibilities of an operation and has continued to provide vital information for Station's development of the operation. It is the Station's opinion that this one instance of service by LIFEAT was well worth the cost of the entire project for the year. (Full information forwarded in MEXI 0462 and MEXI 0463). Also of great interest to the Station were the LIFEAT provided leads which revealed Jan SLUSARZ, Attache of the Polish Embassy in Mexico, had purchased an automobile which had been stolen in the U. S. and driven to Mexico. In this operation, in which a defection attempt was considered, LIFEAT provided not only the initial leads, but also daily operational information vital to the Station's efforts in this case.

LIFEAT/Yugoslavian: In this coverage of the Yugoslavian Embassy LIFEAT is providing the basic data necessary in establishing operations against this target. Since the Station is expanding its coverage of Yugoslavian activities, much vital data on personalities, contacts, and services obtained by the target establishment must be provided. It is this exact type of coverage that LIFEAT is geared to provide in addition to the operational leads which will be forthcoming as this coverage progresses. The interested case officer, noting LIFEAT is his only present source of information, feels the take which LIFEAT provides and will

continue to provide in this area is vital and basic to the mounting of any operations against the Yugoslav target.

LIFEAT/Soviet/Double Agent: LIFEAT support has provided needed supporting information in backing Station double agent operations. In this area the success of the operation is obviously dependent upon the veracity of the agent. LIFEAT provides information which enables the interested case officer to determine the veracity of the agent involved. LIFEAT also provides a needed check upon the activities of the double agent.

LIFEAT/Spanish Republican: LIFEAT coverage of Spanish Republican exiles in Mexico City have enabled the Station to monitor the activities of the various groupings of the exiles, including the projected attempt on the life of the senior ODACID official in Mexico. LIFEAT has covered personalities of exile factions both involved in planning this attempt and those opposed to it. Coverage of targets in this area also enables the Station to keep abreast of the plans and activities of the various groups which make up the Spanish Republican exile community in Mexico City.

LIFEAT/CI-CE Coverage: LIFEAT leads in this area are exploited in the reporting of travel of important Communists, particularly to Cuba and Iron Curtain countries, and the travel of U.S. citizens, especially Communists and Leftists, to Cuba. Through coverage of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM) LIFEAT has provided ODENVY with an increasing amount of information on the leftist activities of relatives and friends of the ACGM who reside in the U.S. One of the notable items in this regard is providing data on the overt and covert efforts of the blacklisted "Hollywood Ten" to regain their former status in the U.S. film industry.

Finally, and certainly not of least importance, Station security has been enhanced through LIFEAT periodic coverage of former Station assets, like LIVESTOCK-1 and LIVESTOCK-2, who could be a danger to particular Station operations or personnel. Monitoring of certain terminated agents is considered especially valuable where these agents were involved in the more sensitive operations.

H. Conclusion

It is the opinion of the Mexico City Station that the support provided other Station operations, the CI/CE information and leads, and the ability of the unilateral LIFEAT operation to cover sensitive targets without revealing Station interest

to the liaison forces, well justify the expenditure of funds, time, personnel, and security risk. As it has been noted in the past, that even with the Station's involvement in the parallel, but liaison, LIENVOY operation, a change in attitude by the present local government administration or a change in government administrations could end KUBARK participation in that liaison project. For that reason, LIFEAT, in addition to maintaining its present heavy coverage, must be available to once again undertake coverage of the official Soviet and Czech official targets in Mexico City. Therefore, LIFEAT's present orientation, though toward supporting Station operations and CI/CE mission rather than toward targets which would provide positive intelligence, leaves it readily available for recall into the Soviet-Czech coverage. It is the Station's firm opinion that the LIFEAT project provides a substantial and vital contribution in fulfilling the several priority objectives of the Station's Related Mission Directive.

- I. There is attached a list of the HMMs produced from LIFEAT provided material during the period July 1961 through May 1962 as a by-product of the project's prime responsibility of providing support to Station operations.

II. Progress of the Operation

The objectives of the LIFEAT Project are of a continuing nature and are therefore not considered for fulfillment during any given period of time. For this reason percentage figures as to completion of project objectives cannot be drawn. However, an indication of the coverage provided in working toward fulfillment of the objectives can be noted in that 14,000 pages of raw text were produced in the period July 1961 through May 1962. LIFEAT has been in daily operation during the review period with the average number of lines covered per month being 20, with a high in March 1962 of 28 lines covered.

III. Planning for the Future

As was indicated at the time of the last project renewal, LIFEAT hopes to remain uncommitted to coverages that require the expenditure of a great portion of LIFEAT resources but provide coverage of but one target... such as Soviet Embassy coverage. It is added emphatically, however, that should the need arise for LIFEAT to again assume such responsibilities, it is fully able to do so. Until such time LIFEAT will continue to enjoy greater flexibility in the employment of its assets, especially in the areas in which the Station does not wish to reveal its interest or operations to the liaison forces involved in the LIENVOY operation.

As to particular areas of operations, the Station has hopes of employing LIFEAT assets in "hot mike" operations which require access to telephone

centrals and cables. The feasibility of using LIFEAT in this type of operation has already been proven, in a recent operation with the LIERODE installation as a target. Seven reels of "hot mike" take were obtained in test runs on checking both the operation (including installation of the "miked" instrument in the office of the head of the LIERODE official installation) and the equipment which was of radical design and conceived and built by the KURIOT technician assigned to Mexico City Station under deep cover. Unfortunately, before continuous operation could get underway, the LIERODE installation decided upon complete renovation of its telephone system, including the installation of a switchboard. This, at least temporarily, precludes further operation against this particular target, unless a direct line is installed there. However, it is the intention of the Station to attempt coverage of other targets of interest. In these plans LIFEAT plays the key role in installation, line and series cross maintenance, basehouse procurement and maintenance, and processing of take. From the brief test runs via the LIERODE operation noted above, it is believed that "hot mike" operations, supported and maintained by LIFEAT, can greatly aid the Station in its coverage of responsibilities under its present Related Mission Directive.

IV. Performance of Agents

The overall performance of all agents employed in the LIFEAT complex continued to be good during the period of the project review, with security being stressed in all phases of the operation. No security problems were encountered which were not solved by the personnel involved. Since the success of the LIFEAT operation depends largely upon the security of its personnel, Headquarters clearances and evaluation of new personnel will continue to be sought on those new additions who pass a strict field assessment.

V. Expenditures

Approval for renewal of Project LIFEAT was granted 8 September 1961 for FY 1962 in the amount of \$98,973.03. The proposed budget for FY 1963 is broken down in the attached Field Project Outline Renewal Request, Part II, and totals ~~\$102,160.00~~ ~~\$98,973.00~~ ^{\$94,000.00}

VI. Status of Commitments

There are no commitments other than those noted in the project outline submitted herewith and in the individuals contracts and oral agreements (memoranda of oral agreements were forwarded as necessary) of the various LIFEAT personnel.

Even now with the shift of operational emphasis to Station operations support, it is thought significant to include a list of HMM's produced through April 1962 (10 months of the project year) as a by-product in the LIFEAT operation.

HMM 5742	HMM 6220
HMM 5743	HMM 6230
HMM 5836	HMM 6266
HMM 5883	HMM 6292
HMM 5894	HMM 6311
HMM 5915	HMM 6322
HMM 5920	HMM 6337
HMM 5921	HMM 6340
HMM 5960	HMM 6344
HMM 5975	HMM 6349
HMM 5977	HMM 6359
HMM 5985	HMM 6364
HMM 5987	HMM 6376
HMM 6012	HMM 6377
HMM 6015	HMM 6379
HMM 6142	HMM 6382
HMM 6162	HMM 6390
HMM 6191	

PROJECT LIFEAT
PROJECT OUTLINE, PART I

1. Area of Operations

This operation is run from Mexico City Station and is concerned with targets located within Mexico City.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to provide, unilaterally, daily information on the activities of official foreign installations in Mexico and the personnel thereof, as well as coverage of the activities of selected individuals and groups in response to both Station needs and Headquarters requests. Presently, LIFEAT stresses flexibility of coverage with support of Station operations and CI/CE coverage receiving the greatest emphasis.

3. Background

Project LIFEAT was originated on 3 October 1950 as a unilateral telephone tap operation. Actual initiation of operations under this authority occurred on 18 January 1951, and the operation has run continuously from that date. The project was opened with the installation of a single tap and has grown in the past eleven years to coverage of as many as thirty lines in a given month.

The LIFEAT Project is a unilateral operation completely independent from any liaison arrangement. It is staffed by KUBARK contract employees with the majority of personnel being indigenous controlled agents.

During the past eleven years, Project LIFEAT has produced more than 83,500 (estimate) pages of operational and intelligence information in direct support of Mexico City Station's specific objectives, and contributed materially to the intelligence gathering activities connected with the Soviet-Satellite Bloc and more recently with the Cuban representatives in Mexico. In addition, LIFEAT has been of considerable value in monitoring the activities of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM), as well as the activities of the exile groups and local Communists.

With the LIENVOY's assumption of coverage of the Soviet and Czechoslovakian official installations in July 1960, LIFEAT assets were released from continuous coverage of these two targets. These assets were then employed in direct support of Station operations--a role ideally suited for a unilateral operation such as LIFEAT, and extremely important to the security and success of Station operations. LIFEAT, after spending much of Project Year 1961 - 1962 programing to this new role and redirecting its assets, has now adjusted to this role and is fully employed in this vital assignment.

4. References

- a. HMMA-17199, 12 June 1961 (LIFEAT Renewal Request for FY 1962)
- b. HMMW-10085, 14 September 1961 (Approval of LIFEAT Renewal for FY 1962)

5. Objectives

- a. To identify Soviet and satellite intelligence personnel in Mexico and to provide information on the nature and extent of their clandestine intelligence and propaganda activities in Mexico.
- b. To collect information of the Satellite officials both as to their activities as well as information of biographic nature.
- c. To support specific Station operations, especially in the recruitment, defection, Communist Party penetration and counter-intelligence fields.
- d. To collect information on prominent Mexican Communists and pro-Communists and their activities.
- e. To collect information on prominent Communists, other than Mexican, active in Mexico, and to identify them and their associates and activities.
- f. To collect information on exile groups and individuals active in Mexico.
- g. To provide coverage of targets of opportunity in Mexico City in support of Station objectives and Headquarters' requests.

6. Targets

For objectives a and b:

- a. Selected Soviet intelligence officers home phones.

b. Selected Satellite officials office and home phones.

c. Selected private phones being used by known and suspected Satellite intelligence personnel.

For objective c:

d. Selected telephones as requested by Station Case Officers in support of their going and/or projected operations.

For objective d:

e. Telephone conversations from residences of senior Communists and pro-Communists.

For objective e:

f. Telephone conversations from residences of known American Communists residing in Mexico City.

For objective f:

g. Telephone conversations from the residences or offices of prominent exile leaders or their contacts in Mexico City.

For objective g:

h. Telephone conversations which can be monitored from targets of opportunity.

7. Tasks

Case Officer - Jeremy L. NIARCOOS

a. Supervise the operational and administrative activities of all LIFEAT personnel.

b. Maintain awareness of and provide direction in all matters pertaining to the operational management of the LIFEAT Project.

c. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of special operational phases of LIFEAT coverages.

d. Coordinate information received from the LIFEAT coverage with other Station operations, and coordinate as necessary with the Station personnel responsible for the parallel LIENVOY operation.

e. Maintain LIFEAT capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.

f. Maintain supervision over basehouses, equipment, and training of personnel assigned to the LIFEAT operations.

8. Coordination

a. Information produced by LIFEAT, primarily a Station operational support asset, is closely coordinated with other operations of the Mexico City Station. No operational coordination is required with any other geographical area, but they are advised of any information produced by LIFEAT which may be of interest to them.

b. Project LINOG which supports the principal "outside" Case Officer, David M. WILSTED, is effected in coordination with Project LIFEAT.

c. Coordination with the parallel, but liaison project - LIENVOY, is closely coordinated between the responsible Case Officers of both projects, particularly relating to the division of coverage between the two operations, thereby assuring that the unilateral LIFEAT operation will not be endangered by the indigenous personnel of the LIENVOY operation.

9. Personnel

a. Career and Contract Agents

- (1) David M. WILSTED (201-009195), principal "outside" Case Officer.
- (2) Wayne C. DRABAND (201-255095), outside assistant to David M. WILSTED. DRABAND was introduced into the LIFEAT operation in November 1961 as a replacement for Ralph B. RAFANELLI who was transferred from Mexico PCS in the fall of 1961. His OA was amended 14 November 1961 to cover his use in the LIFEAT Project. Although DRABAND possessed only limited knowledge of clandestine activity when first employed, under WILSTED's instruction and Case Officer guidance, plus his own willingness and capacity for work, it appears he will prove a valuable addition to the LIFEAT complex.

(3) LIEMBRACE-S (201-111616) has been introduced to the LIFEAT operation as a standby technician backup to WILSTED, but will be actively employed in the operation only in the event of WILSTED's prolonged absence or incapacity. If and when such action is necessary, LIEMBRACE will then be carried under Project LIFEAT. LIEMBRACE-S's OA was amended to reflect this assignment on 7 April 1962.

(4) Carol K. ZINSMEISTER (201-117968), LIFEAT processor/translator and former basehousekeeper who can be temporarily reassigned basehousekeeping duties.

(5) Olga A. PARFNIK (201-117978), LIFEAT processor/translator, OA for LIFEAT employment dated 28 September 1954.

b. Field Agents

- (1) LIFEUD-1, OA granted 17 October 1950 (201-182704)
- (2) LIFEUD-2, OA granted 14 August 1951 (201-117971)
- (3) LIFEUD-3, OA granted 14 December 1953 (201-117971)
- (4) LIFEUD-4, OA granted 1 October 1953 (201-117743)
- (5) LIFEUD-5, OA granted 16 December 1953 (201-117744)
- (6) LIFEUD-6, OA granted 28 September 1954 (201-117978)
- (7) LIFEUD-7, OA granted 21 October 1954 (201-117980)
- (8) LIFEUD-8, OA granted 31 March 1955 (201-119521)
- (9) LIFEUD-9, OA granted 27 April 1956 (201-117984)
- (10) LIFEUD-10, OA granted 13 September 1956 (201-114085)
- (11) LIFEUD-11, OA granted 21 August 1956 (201-113595)
- (12) LIFEUD-12, OA granted 6 August 1956 (201-113569)
- (13) LIFEUD-13, OA granted 13 September 1956 (201-115833)
- (14) LIFEUD-14, OA granted 26 September 1956 (201-117972)
- (15) LIFEUD-15, OA granted 19 January 1957 (201-126315)
- (16) LIFEUD-16, OA granted 2 July 1958 (201-222786)
- (17) LIFEUD-17, OA granted 13 August 1956 (201-114086)
- (18) LIFEUD-18, OA granted 2 October 1957 (201-185370)
- (19) LIFEUD-19, OA granted 18 May 1960 (201-262485)
- (20) LIFEUD-22, (formerly LILILLY-1), amendment of OA requested 24 April 1962 (201-288248)
- (21) LIFEUD-23, (formerly LILILLY-2), amendment of OA requested 24 April 1962, (201-305604)

c. During the past project year the following personnel were dropped from Project LIFEAT:

- (1) Ralph B. RAFANELLI (201-176295), staff agent, was reassigned PCS after completing his second tour in Mexico on 8 October 1961.
- (2) Olivia N. GLADMON (201-117751), LIFEAT processor, has given notice that due to her planned return to the United States for necessary eye surgery during June 1962, her employment with LIFEAT must be terminated. Agent quit-claim and secrecy agreement have been executed.
- (3) Leona C. GANDARA (201-225710), employed by LIFEAT only for standby support during the past year and one half, now is employed for support and clerical work for MKCHARITY.
- (4) LIFEUD-20, (formerly LIMITATION-5), (201-102308), and LIFEUD-21, formerly LIMITATION-6 (201-117981) will be terminated as of the end of the present LIFEAT project year (30 June 1962). Plans for use of this couple as basehousekeepers were cancelled when LIFEUD-22 and LIFEUD-23, who are more desirable choices, became available for LIFEAT use. Termination has been discussed fully with these indigenous agents, and termination arrangements were accomplished on a friendly and mutually agreeable basis (as in all LIFEAT terminations, separation is made on the basis of Mexican custom and/or law).

10. Operational Clearances

See Section 9 above.

11. Cover

There are no changes in the cover of personnel who have been previously employed in the LIFEAT operation. With the new agents employed since the last project renewal, cover is as follows:

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- a. Wayne C. DRABAND has natural cover of a retired U. S. civil servant presently in Mexico with his wife, an employee of a U. S. government agency.
- b. LIEMBRACE-8 has natural cover of a retired U. S. businessman of many years residence in Mexico City.
- c. LIFEUD-22 has natural cover of a Cuban exile employed by a Mexican firm in Mexico City. He works regular hours at his cover employment and partakes in LIFEAT activities before and after work and during lunch hours.
- d. LIFEUD-23, the mother of LIFEUD-22, has natural cover of housekeeper for her son and performs her LIFEAT duties only in their home.

12. Contact and Communications

Daily contact is maintained between the Case Officer and the agents employed in the project. These contacts are made in a clandestine manner with varying patterns established for car pickups, foot contacts, and emergency meetings. Pre-arranged signals are employed in settling and accomplishing the meetings. When heavy or bulky material is to be passed, meetings are held at night. Entrance to the basehouses by other than the basehousekeepers is made only on the basis of strict necessity; such as need for equipment repair, installation for new line coverages, or line coverage cut off.

Telephone contact concerning the project and with the agents is kept to a minimum. Pre-arranged open code is used for phone conversations between Case Officers and agents. Alternate and emergency communications have been arranged and are reviewed frequently by the personnel using them.

These systems of contact and communication appear suitable for the project and function adequately from the security and utility standpoints. Locations and times of meetings are reviewed periodically and are changed frequently to decrease the possibility of arousing the suspicions of the residents of areas in which meetings are held.

13. Control and Motivation

Control and motivation are primarily based on two factors: ideology and financial gain. A secondary factor is the fear of reprisal from the local police should discovery occur.

14. Security

During the past project year there were no incidents which were beyond the capability of the personnel immediately involved to isolate and remedy immediately. In contrast to previous years, there was no instance of telephone work crews approaching a basehouse to check or remove the tap lines running to that basehouse. Some of the "crosses" made in the telephone centrals have been removed by the central's workmen, but these are of no danger to the operation unless a full investigation is made of one of these unusual connections. During the past project years no such investigation has been undertaken, and no suspicion of the LIFEAT linemen has been revealed to date.

As for the past few years the telephone company is continuing its efforts toward modernization of the Mexico City telephone system. This effort includes changing from overhead lines to underground cables, cleaning off of the unused overhead "dead lines" and installation of new equipment throughout the city. These innovations will continue to cause security problems for the LIFEAT complex, but it is believed that these problems are not insurmountable. To meet this challenge to LIFEAT security and to prepare for the day when access to telephone distribution lines is further reduced by their placement in underground cables, LIFEAT has recently succeeded in having one of its linemen (LIFEUD-2) selected to attend a four month special course in cable work. When he completes this course (in July 1962), LIFEUD-2 will have working access to all cableways and cable termination boards in Mexico City. This access will be invaluable from both the present security and operational standpoints as well as for the future when LIFEAT will be forced to tap directly from the underground telephone cables. As a standard procedure the LIFEAT personnel continuously work to devise new methods to increase security, as well as train in security procedures, so as to continue the high level of security enjoyed by LIFEAT in the past.

15. Training

Initial training of new personnel and continuing refresher training for the experienced personnel are handled primarily by the "outside" case officer, David M. WILSTED. Minor repair and maintenance of equipment as well as emergency security procedures are stressed and continually reviewed with the agents.

16. Equipment and Support

As noted in last year's renewal request, LIFEAT equipment is generally old and much of it is now obsolete. With funds provided in last year's renewal, LIFEAT (within the past month) has begun to acquire some new equipment, particularly audio recorders. A review of the equipment situation in the LIFEAT setup has convinced both WILSTED and the responsible Case Officer that a near-complete modernization program of the equipment used in LIFEAT must be undertaken during the coming project year. The local KURIOT technician has on a number of occasions expressed his amazement at the superior product produced by LIFEAT with the outmoded and ancient equipment (in terms of use hours) which the LIFEAT complex had to rely on. Therefore, with the funds requested in Part II of this renewal request, LIFEAT should be completely equipped with adequate gear, particularly audio and dial tape recorders, by the expiration of FY 1963. Admittedly, there is involved large, one-time expenses in complete replacement of such expensive items during a single project year. However, it is a necessary move, due entirely to great wear borne by the equipment. This wear is now causing such a rash of breakdowns that the outside principal agent must spend a disproportionate amount of his time in maintenance work.

17. Timetable

LIFEAT has been in almost constant operation since its inception in January 1951, and as a vital Station operational support asset, it is planned to continue it indefinitely.

PROJECT LIFEAT
PROJECT OUTLINE, PART II

18. Estimated Costs

The following are the estimated costs for Fiscal Year 1967. All figures are U.S. dollars per year (\$US 1.00 equals 12.50 Mexican pesos). Changes in estimated costs for particular items will be noted. These reflect not only the continued inflationary trend in the Mexican economy, but also the shift in operational emphasis from prime coverage of Soviet/Satellite activities to support of Station operations. In this latter case particular line coverage is of shorter duration, causing greater expense in installation and removal of tap lines and crosses. In the agent salary category total expense in contract agent salaries has been reduced somewhat, due primarily to dropping certain contract agents, while expenses for field agent category has risen, due to the granting during past project year of long overdue salary raises to all but three LIFEAT field agents.

a. Salaries

(1) Career and contract agents

David M. WILSTED (GS-12 equivalent)
no expenses included in Project LIFEAT
as he is supported entirely by Project
LINOG

Wayne C. DRABAND \$ 5,300

LIEMBRACE-8 (since this agent is not
used actively in LIFEAT, and is car-
ried only as standby technician while
employed under MKCHARITY he will
continue to be funded out of other ap-
propriate project.)

Carol K. ZINSMEISTER 5,400

Olga A. PARFINIK 4,500

Replacement for Olivia N. GLADMON 3,600

\$18,800

(2) Field Agents

LIFEUD-1 5,860

LIFEUD-2 2,750

LIFEUD-3 1,960

LIFEUD-4	2,115
LIFEUD-5	3,650
LIFEUD-6	3,500
LIFEUD-7	2,640
LIFEUD-8	2,785
LIFEUD-9	2,115
LIFEUD-10 (no salary)	
LIFEUD-11 (no salary)	
LIFEUD-12 (no salary)	
LIFEUD-13 (no salary)	
LIFEUD-14	3,650
LIFEUD-15	845
LIFEUD-16	1,585
LIFEUD-17 (no salary)	
LIFEUD-18 (no salary)	
LIFEUD-19	1,500
LIFEUD-22	2,400
LIFEUD-23	1,800
LIFEUD-1's assistant	160

Christmas bonus (in accordance with local custom, this amounts to one month's pay) and gifts where necessary

4,100

\$43,415

b. Basehouse Rentals

ANNEX III	2,688
ANNEX IV	2,760
ANNEX VI	2,500
ANNEX VII	1,728
ANNEX VIII	3,072
ANNEX IX	2,880
ANNEX to replace ANNEX I	2,000

c. Basehouse utilities and expenses

2,000

d. Allowance for customary rental increase when lease renewed

1,200

\$20,828

e. Purchase of new recorders and dial tape recorder for necessary replacement/modernization

12,250

f. Local purchase of replacement parts, wire, expendable supplies (as paper, paper tape, carbon paper, typewriter ribbons, wrapping paper, manila envelopes) and emergency and special equipment

800
\$13,050

g. Transportation

QP car used by DRABAND
LIFEUD-7, car rent
LIFEUD-8, car rent
LIFEUD-14, car rent
ZINSMEISTER mileage

500
500
500
300
300
\$ 2,100

h. Miscellaneous ops expenses (Included loss of rent deposits, fund for medical expenses and/or fatalities, termination payments *, bribe., expenses involved in moving and setting up basehouses, and expenses of covering targets of opportunity.)

4,000 ^{807.00} ~~800.00~~

GRAND TOTAL

\$102,193

98,793

99,000.00

NOTE: Station programed LIFEAT at \$US 105,948 for FY 1963.

All terminations of indigenous personnel will be in accordance with Mexican law and will include lump sum separation settlement, transportation and moving expense payments, and any bonus due at the time of the termination.

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Project LIFEAT expires on 30 June 1962. Please forward renewal request to arrive in Headquarters no later than 1 June.

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<p>ACTION REQUIRED: For your information only</p> <p>REFERENCE : HMM-A-17199, 12 June 1961</p> <p>1. The LIFEAT Project was renewed on 8 September 1961.</p> <p>2. LIFEAT Project was approved for \$98,973. Please note that this means a cut of \$12,700 from the Station's original request for \$111,673. The cut at Headquarters was made for several reasons: 1) to fall within the approved programmed figure of \$99,000; 2) during FY 1961 only approximately \$81,000 was obligated and since no expansion was planned, an increase of almost \$30,000 could not be justified; 3) to keep the approving authority within KUDOVE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The cuts were made in the following places:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"></th> <th style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Station request</th> <th style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Approved</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Equipment:</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Local purchase</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 2,500</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">New equipment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4,500</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Other Ops expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>3. KUTUBE and KUDESX Staffs concurred in recommending renewal. KUTUBE/D remarked that the project included coverage of highly selective KUTUBE/D interests through technical means and stated that the project provided several items of operational interest not otherwise obtainable, as well as operational loads and background data useful in target assessment. KUDESX Staff reiterated that coverage should continue to be given to carefully selected known or suspect Soviet/Satellite agents in support of the Station's intensified KUDESX type program.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">END OF DISPATCH</p>						Station request	Approved	Equipment:			Local purchase	\$ 2,500	\$1,800	New equipment	4,500	2,500	Other Ops expenses	15,000	5,000																														
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SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Project LIFEAT

1. It is requested that the LIFEAT Project be renewed for the period 1 July 1961 through 30 June 1962 for a total of \$98,974. This project has been programmed for \$99,000 and funds are available in WH Division for FY 1962. During the last fiscal year approximately \$81,000 was obligated.

2. No training programs for any LIFEAT personnel are anticipated for the renewal period.

3. Any number of emergency conditions could be listed which might affect the smooth running of this operation. Among them would be the break in diplomatic relations or hot war between Mexico and the United States or the discovery of this unilateral asset by the Mexican Government. Emergency recontact instructions have not been established for the agents of this project since it seems likely that the operation would cease in case of such conditions and the agents would be of no further value.

4. This project was the source of 128 intelligence reports during the past year, 85 of which were disseminated. The remainder were used for Headquarters background only since the information was either partially previously reported, overt, or of no interest to customer agencies. The following evaluations were received:

"Mexican Technicians Going to Work in Cuba" - State Department said this report was of moderate importance and that the information was new and useful.

"Nicaraguan Revolutionary Activities in Mexico" - State Department said that this report was of moderate importance and that the information was new and useful.

"Propaganda Activities of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico" - State Department said that this report was of moderate importance and useful as new information. USIA commented that the same report was of major importance.

"Mexican Government Purchase of Soviet Radioisotopes" - OSI reported that this dissemination was of little importance and that the information was already sufficiently known. ORR said that it was of moderate importance and more details were required.

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"Projected Arrival in Mexico of Polish Travel Officials" - State Department said that this report was of moderate importance and the information was new and useful. They expressed a continuing interest in this type of reporting.

"New Policy of the Soviet Commercial Office in Mexico" - ORR reported that this information was new but only of moderate importance.

3. WH Division recommends renewal of the LIFEAT Project based on the field request attached. WH Division has cut the field's original request for \$111,673 to \$98,974.

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1. Forwarded herewith and under separate cover for Headquarters processing is the LIFEAT Project Renewal Request covering FY 1962. This consists of a comprehensive review of Project LIFEAT for the period July 1960 through June 1961, and a Project Outline divided into Parts I and II.

2. It is noted that the total of funds requested for the coming project year exceeds that granted for the past year, but it is felt that the additional funds are necessary, and realistically reflect the needs of the operation.

3. It is requested that Project LIFEAT be renewed for the period July 1961 through June 1962 in the amount of \$111,673.

William C. Curtis
WILLIAM C. CURTIS

9 June 1961

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PROJECT REGION AND PROJECT OUTLINE (PARTS I AND II)

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PROJECT LIFEAT

PROJECT REVIEW

I. Product of the Project

A. Soviet Embassy

LIFEAT technical surveillance of the Soviet Embassy and Commercial Office telephone lines was discontinued on 22 June 1960 for security reasons. The withdrawal of LIFEAT from coverage of this target hinged on the 20 June 1960 suggestion by LIFEATOR to Chief of Station, Mexico City, that the liaison tap operation LIFEVOY undertake operations against the Soviet/Satellite targets located in Mexico City. In order not to reveal to LIFEATOR that a unilateral tap operation was already providing coverage of these targets, it was necessary for the Chief of Station to agree to LIFEVOY extending its coverage to include Soviet/Satellite operations. LIFEAT immediately severed its coverage of both Soviet and Polish phones so as not to jeopardize the continuing unilateral LIFEAT operation and the personnel involved therein. No security breach resulted from the switch from LIFEAT to LIFEVOY coverage due largely to the thoroughness and speed of the LIFEAT personnel. LIFEAT security and compartmentation was not harmed to any degree whatever. (Note: LIFEAT again resumed coverage of the Polish Legation--now Embassy--when it developed that LIFEVOY did not have the ready capacity to provide "take" from both the Czechoslovakian and Polish official installations.)

B. Polish Embassy

During the past project year, LIFEAT remained the primary source of information on this target and the only successful, continuing penetration of the target, technical or otherwise. The interested Case Officer has described the LIFEAT contribution as "unique" and "invaluable". Examples of the positive intelligence product of the LIFEAT/Polish coverage are:

HEMA-15431, 3 August 1960 (Aleksander BUKIER)
HEM-5133, 22 August 1960 (Promotion of Polish Minister in Mexico to Rank of Ambassador)
HEM-5144, 24 August 1960 (Polish Minister of Shipping to Attend Mexican Independence Celebration)
HEM-5186, 22 September 1960 (Projected Arrival in Mexico of Polish Travel Officials)
HEMA-15696, 28 September 1960 (Jan SZUSZCZ)

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HETA-15722, 30 September 1960 (Piotr WASILUK's Order for Tape Recorder)

HFM-5338, 9 December 1960 (Appointments to Polish Missions in Latin America)

HETA-16255, 11 January 1961 (Gita STEN)

HETA-16306, 20 January 1961 (BXCON/RVHAT)

HETA-16467, 15 February 1961 (Possible Polish Sponsored Audio Operation)

C. Cuban Embassy

The emphasis of the LIFEAT operation during the past year has been placed on coverage of Cuban official, intelligence and propaganda activities. Direct support of Station operations in the JMWIP area has rendered immeasurable assistance to the responsible Case Officers. On various occasions LIFEAT support has involved extended periods of live-monitoring target telephones, thereby providing excellent security for Station assets taking part in sensitive operations. LIFEAT/Cuban coverage has also enabled the Station officers to check the veracity and activities of various penetration agents in the Cuban Embassy, again providing increased operational security and increased exploitation of these agent assets. Although LIFEAT has been employed primarily as an operational support asset in the Cuban area, the following are examples of the valuable and abundant positive intelligence production furnished by LIFEAT:

HFM-5044, 9 July 1960 (Oil From Mexico For Cuba)

HETA-15499, 17 August 1960 (ANSRAD-1)

HETA-5101, 10 August 1960 (Canadian Delegates to Cuban Youth Congress)

HFM-5307, 6 October 1960 (Disension at Cuban Embassy in Mexico)

HFM-5330, 9 December 1960 (Cuban Propaganda Activities in Mexico)

HFM-5398, 4 January 1961 (Activities of Prensa Latina, Cuban News Agency)

HFM-5541, 17 March 1961 (Cuban Commercial Activities in Mexico)

HETA-5573, 7 April 1961 (Cuban Request for Mexican Co-sponsorship of UN Resolution)

HETA-5592, 19 April 1961 (Recruitment of Mexican Technicians to Work in Cuba)

HFM-5613, 28 April 1961 (Collection of Medicines for Shipment to Cuba)

HETA-5627, 3 May 1961 (Links Between Cuban Embassy and Pro-Cuba Demonstrations in Mexico City)

HETA-17001, 12 May 1961 (Travel of U.S. Citizens to Cuba)

HETA-5647, 17 May 1961 (Visit of Cuban Petroleum Technicians to Mexico)

D. American Communists in Mexico

As in the past, most of the targets in this group have been covered at the request of ODENVY, and the production has been partially processed

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by them. During the period July 1960 through May 1961, approximately 280 reels of raw "take" were passed to local QDEMY for their processing. The most valuable information gleaned from coverage of the targets in this field continues to deal with contacts, travel, and activities of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM). The following is a sample of the reporting based on the LIFEAT coverage provided in this area during the past project year:

HEPA-15467, 10 August 1960 (Travel of Noah SERONER and Family)
HEPA-15481, 12 August 1960 (Marianne de PERALTA (nee YAKPOLESKY))
HEPA-15917, 9 November 1960 (Berthe Neham SMOLDOFF)
HEPA-16051, 30 November 1960 (Paul STEVENSON, aka Pablo O'HIGGINS)
HEPA-16111, 9 December 1960 (Max SPAREN)
HEPA-16179, 21 December 1960 (Albert KALTZ)
HEPA-16214, 30 December 1960 (Samuel J. KOWICK)
HEPA-16323, 25 January 1961 (David HALPERIN)
HEPA-16342, 25 January 1961 (Enos Regnet WICHER)
HEPA-16404, 3 February 1961, (Noah, Anna, and Robert SERONER)
HEPA-16565, 1 March 1961 (Margaret Larkin KALTZ)
HEPA-16747, 29 March 1961 (Enos and Maria WICHER)
HEPA-16802, 7 April 1961 (Noah and Anna SERONER)

E. Exile and Revolutionary Activities

LIFEAT continues to provide data on the exile and revolutionary groups active in Mexico. The bulk of the LIFEAT effort in this field was directed toward the coverage of the Nicaraguan exiles, and the results were most rewarding in this area. Examples of productivity:

HEPA-5264, 2 November 1960 (Nicaraguan Exile Activities in Mexico)
HEPA-5193, 27 November 1960 (Edalberto TORRES Esquivela)
HEPA-5275, 30 December 1960 (Travel of Honorable Leonel Roberto SAVILLON to Cuba)
HEPA-5376, 30 December 1960 (Travel of Nicaraguan Communist)
HEPA-5386, 6 January 1961 (Views of Salvadoran Ambassador on Political Situation in El Salvador)
HEPA-5452, 8 February 1961 (Americans in Nicaraguan Revolutionary Movement)
HEPA-5549, 24 March 1961 (Use of Cuban Embassy as Guatemalan Communist Channel for Messages to Cuba)
HEPA-17025, 17 May 1961 (Travel of Guatemalans)

P. Counter-Intelligence Information

Mexico City Station's major responsibilities continued to lie in the field of CI/CE matters during the past year, and LIFEAT was able to provide a substantial contribution toward the attainment of the Station's objectives in this field. In particular, coverage of the following known

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Communists added much to the Station's efforts: Xavier GUERRERO Saucedo and his wife, Clara Porcet de GUERRERO; Carmen RECUAU Civit; and Juan Luis CAMPOS Villalobos. Besides the operational support in the CI/CE field, the following informational reporting was provided by LIFEAT:

HEM-5154, 31 August 1960 (Activities of Vicente LOPEZARDO Toledano, Mexican Marxist Leader)
HEM-5333, 9 December 1960 (Clara Porcet de GUERRERO)
HEM-5339, 9 December 1960 (General Lazaro CARDENAS del Rio)
HEM-5533, 10 March 1961 (Activities of the Latin American Peace Conference)
HEM-5652, 19 May 1961 (Communist Support of Student Demonstration at Puebla)
HEM-5655, 19 May 1961 (Meeting of Luis MARTINEZ Menocal with Communists in Mexico)

G. Operational Leads and Support Provided Other Station Operations

During the past project year, LIFEAT continued to support Mexico City Station through the timely production of useful leads, notably in the field of Cuban operations, and provision of continuing support to other Station operations. The following is a selective list of the use made of leads provided by LIFEAT:

LIFEAT/Cuban: In this phase of the LIFEAT operation the most important operational function has been the use of LIFEAT leads in checking the veracity and activities of the KUBARK agents in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. LIFEAT live-monitoring was employed in the case of Guillermo HERNANDEZ Vega to determine the success of this suspected Cuban penetration of the AMERON program in contacting Cuban officials or pro-Cuban Mexican officials while he was held in custody by Mexican authorities and Station assets. In another case LIFEAT provided leads which enabled Station assets to monitor a clandestine meeting between a member of the Cuban Embassy staff and one Manuel ROJAS Villa (aka James Bradford STEWART), a fugitive from ODYCKE and a potential CASTRO agent, and ultimately return ROJAS to ODYCKE jurisdiction. LIFEAT was also able to determine the whereabouts of another suspected CASTRO agent, Oscar RODRIGUEZ Moruna. LIFEAT leads and support provided increased security for Station assets involved during the defection of Jose FAHIO Llada, CASTRO "propaganda" minister, and provided leads for KUCAGE play on the reaction to the defection within the Cuban Embassy in Mexico.

LIFEAT/Polish: LIFEAT provided vital support in the RECOGN recruitment attempt which increased the security of the operation and gave a quick and secure means of evaluating the chances of success of the operation. In this effort, LIFEAT support included long periods of live-monitoring three separate telephone lines. LIFEAT leads also pointed out a local cafe which is a front for much Polish intelligence activity in the

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Mexico City area. It has been determined through LIFEAT leads that this date is headquarters for a suspected Polish technical operation directed against an official U.S. installation in Mexico City. LIFEAT also provided support for a Station mounted audio operation against the Polish Embassy in Mexico City. Through LIFEAT leads proper support for the operation was arranged.

Coverage of a CI/CE nature was exploited in covering travel of important Communists, particularly to Cuba, and the travel of U.S. citizens, especially Communists and leftists, to Cuba. Travel plans of American Communists were provided to ODENVY well in advance of the actual travel. Activities of local Communists and their participation in demonstrations and CASTRO-support projects was shown through LIFEAT information.

H. Conclusion

It is the opinion of the Mexico City Station that the support provided other Station operations, the CI/CE information, and in particular the ability of the unilateral LIFEAT operation to cover sensitive targets without revealing Station interest to liaison forces, well justify the expenditure of funds, time, personnel, and security risk. It is to be noted that even though the Station is involved in the parallel LIENVOY liaison operation, a change in the attitude of the local government or the change in local government administration could well end KUDARK participation in that liaison project. For that reason LIFEAT must be available to resume the coverage of the Soviet/Satellite targets which it previously provided. It is recognized by the Station that the LIFEAT complex, if allowed to disintegrate, could not be readily reorganized if need for its services in the Soviet/Satellite field was required at a future date. Therefore, LIFEAT's present orientation, though toward targets of a CI/CE nature rather than toward providing positive intelligence, leaves it available for insertion into the field of Soviet/Satellite operations. Of necessity, LIFEAT operations in certain areas have been curtailed to some extent and total coverage reduced during the trial period when guide lines were being formed in relation to operating with a parallel but liaison operation (i.e., LIENVOY). However, it is the Station's opinion that even with the temporarily reduced coverage provided by LIFEAT, this project still provides a substantial and essential contribution in fulfilling the several priority objectives of the Station's Related Mission Directive.

- I. There is attached a complete list of the HESs produced from LIFEAT provided material during the period July 1960 through May 1961 (see attached page).

II. Progress of the Operation

The objectives of the LIFEAT Project are of a continuing nature and are therefore not considered for fulfillment during any given period of time. For this reason percentage figures as to completion of project objectives cannot be drawn. However, an indication of the coverage provided in working

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toward fulfillment of the objectives can be noted in that 12,000 pages of raw text were produced in the period July 1960 through May 1961. LIFEAT has been in daily operation during the review period with the average number of lines covered being 12. Generally, this coverage can be broken down as follows:

Cuban Embassy and related lines	4	
Polish Embassy and related lines	3	
American Communists	2	
Targets of Opportunity	3	
	<u>12</u>	TOTAL

III. Planning for the Future

Following the suggestion provided by Headquarters in renewing Project LIFEAT for FY 1961 (FY and project year coincide), the Station is expending every effort to maintain LIFEAT as a secure, compartmented, unilateral operation, even though on the presently reduced scale, so as to have readily available for service this flexible support asset with its proven capacity for coverage of almost any target in Mexico City. Also in line with Headquarters suggestion LIFEAT will attempt to increase its coverage of those individuals suspected of maintaining clandestine contact with the RIS.

In the future, the unilateral LIFEAT operation, with the removal from its responsibility the coverage of the Soviet and Czech lines, will tend to be more flexible, with greater percentage of its capacity available for shifting to new targets as they are presented, and able to adjust readily to new situations. It is noted that this may result in a lower quantity of positive intelligence production, but will increase the CI/CH production which has always been basic to the LIFEAT project.

IV. Performance of Agents

The overall performance of all agents employed in the LIFEAT complex continued to be good during the period of the project review, with security being stressed in all phases of the operation. No security problems were encountered which were not solved by the personnel involved. Since the success of the LIFEAT operation depends largely upon the security of its personnel, Headquarters clearances and evaluation of new personnel will continue to be sought on those new additions who pass a strict field assessment.

V. Expenditures

Approval for renewal of Project LIFEAT was granted 16 August 1960 for the FY 1961 in the amount of \$98,901.00. The proposed budget for FY 1962 is broken down in the attached Field Project Outline, Part II, and totals \$98,973.00.

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VI. Status of Commitments

There are no commitments other than those noted in the project outline submitted herewith and in the individual contracts and oral agreements (memoranda of oral agreements were forwarded as necessary) of the various LIATAT personnel.

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The following is a complete list of the 118 HEMs which were based wholly or in part on LIMEAT supplied material during the period July 1960 through May 1961. This represents a 21% increase over the same period of last project year. However, with LIMEAT termination of Soviet and Czech coverage, a drop in the total HEM production can be expected during the coming project year.

HEM-5032	HEM-5232	HEM-5462
5035	5233	5463
5037	5238	5473
5065	5239	5480
5095	5242	5497
5098	5243	5503
5100	5247	5505
5101	5248	5507
5133	5254	5511
5137	5256	5532
5144	5262	5533
5154	5272	5534
5159	5275	5536
5169	5276	5541
5172	5278	5545
5173	5279	5549
5180	5280	5550
5186	5281	5552
5187	5282	5556
5194	5287	5557
5207	5288	5570
5214	5286	5573
5225	5287	5575
5235	5292	5587
5245	5293	5588
5247	5296	5590
5251	5400	5592
5265	5406	5613
5268	5407	5625
5277	5408	5627
5289	5409	5630
5297	5410	5639
5299	5413	5641
5309	5418	5642
5310	5426	5643
5319	5428	5647
5321	5437	5652
5329	5443	5655
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PROJECT LIFEAT

PROJECT OUTLINE, PART I

1. Area of Operations

This operation is run from the Mexico City Station and is concerned with targets located in Mexico City.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to provide, unilaterally, daily information on the activities of official foreign installations in Mexico and the personnel thereof, as well as coverage of the activities of selected individuals and groups in response to both Station needs and Headquarters requests. Presently, coverage of the official Cuban and Polish installations have top priority in the LIFEAT operation.

3. Background

Project LIFEAT was originally approved on 3 October 1950 as a unilateral telephone tap operation. Actual initiation of operations under this authority occurred on 18 January 1951, and the operation has run continuously from that date. The project was opened with the installation of one tap and has grown in the past ten years to continuous coverage of from 12 to 20 lines.

The LIFEAT project is a unilateral operation completely independent from any liaison arrangement. It is staffed by KUPARK staff and contract employees with the greater majority of personnel being indigenous controlled agents.

During the past ten years, Project LIFEAT has produced more than 76,000 pages of operational and intelligence information in direct support of the Mexico City Station's specific objectives, and has contributed materially to the intelligence gathering activities connected with the Soviet and Satellite Bloc and more recently with the activities of the Cuban representatives in Mexico. In addition, LIFEAT has been of considerable value in monitoring the activities of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM), as well as the activities of exile groups and local Communists.

4. References

- a. HMTA-15252, dated 29 June 1960 (LIFEAT Renewal Request for FY 1961)
- b. HMTN-2086, dated 8 September 1960 (Approval of LIFEAT Renewal for FY 1961)

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5. Objectives

- a. To identify Satellite intelligence personnel in Mexico and to provide information on the nature and extent of their clandestine intelligence and propaganda activities in Mexico.
- b. To collect information on the Satellite officials both as to their activities as well as information of biographic nature.
- c. To identify Cuban intelligence personnel in Mexico as well as determine the activities of Cuban officials which are inimical to the interests of the U.S.
- d. To collect biographic information on Cuban officials assigned to Mexico and provide daily coverage of their activities.
- e. To collect information on prominent Mexican Communists and pro-Communists and their activities.
- f. To collect information on prominent Communists, other than Mexican, active in Mexico, and to identify them and their associates and activities.
- g. To collect information on exile groups active in Mexico.
- h. To collect information on targets of opportunity in Mexico.

6. Targets

For objectives a and b:

- a. Selected Satellite officials' office and home phones.
- b. Selected private phones being used by known and suspected Satellite intelligence personnel.

For objectives c and d:

- c. Telephone conversations from the Cuban Embassy, including long distance calls from Havana, as well as selected telephone calls from residences of Cuban officials.

For objective e:

- d. Telephone conversations from the residences of senior Communists and pro-Communists.

For objective f:

- e. Telephone conversations from residences of known American Communists residing in Mexico.

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For objective g:

- f. Telephone conversations originating from residences or offices of prominent exile leaders in Mexico City.

For objective h:

- g. Telephone conversations which can be monitored from targets of opportunity.

7. Tasks

Case Officer - Edward F. SECHEW

Assistant Case Officer - Jeremy L. NIARCOS

- a. Supervise the operational and administrative activities of all LIFEAT personnel; staff, contract and indigenous.
- b. Maintain awareness of and provide direction in all operational matters pertaining to the management of the LIFEAT Project.
- c. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the operational phases of LIFEAT coverages in the field of Polish, Cuban, and American Communist operations.
- d. Coordinate information received from the LIFEAT coverage with other Station operations, and coordinate as necessary with the Station personnel responsible for the parallel LIENVOY operation.
- e. Maintain LIFEAT capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.
- f. Maintain supervision over warehouses, equipment, and training of personnel assigned to the LIFEAT operation.

8. Coordination

- a. Information produced by LIFEAT, primarily a Station operational support asset, is closely coordinated with other operations of the Mexico City Station. No operational coordination is required with any other geographical area, but they are advised of any information produced by LIFEAT which may be of interest to them.
- b. Project LIROG which supports the principal "outside" Case Officer, David M. WILSTED, is effected in coordination with Project LIFEAT.
- c. Coordination with the parallel, but liaison project, LIENVOY is closely organized within the Station in two fields: (1) the daily checking

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between Case Officers of both projects, particularly relating to the division of coverage between the two operations, to assure that the unilateral LIFEAT operation will not be endangered by the indigenous personnel of the LIENVOY operation; and, (2) the daily processing of LIENVOY/Soviet "take" by the LIFEAT processor and basehousekeeper Carol K. ZINSWEISTER. The Station believes this latter point does not "cross" operations unnecessarily since ZINSWEISTER's long and discrete service within the LIFEAT complex gives her both the sense of security and the background necessary for secure processing of the Soviet "take". (Note: The processed Soviet material is not returned to the liaison forces after receipt from ZINSWEISTER, but is returned to the Station where it is summarized by Station personnel and then passed to liaison as having come from KUPARK Headquarters.) ZINSWEISTER is equally valuable, and indeed essential, in her LIFEAT basehousekeeper assignment because of her experience in dealing with the security problems arising from conducting a technical basehouse, as well as her ideal natural cover as wife of one of Mexico's foremost medical doctors.

9. Personnel

a. Staff agents

Ralph B. RAPANELLI (201-176295), who for the past four years has functioned as the assistant to the "outside" Case Officer for the LIFEAT operation, completes his second tour in June 1961 and will return to Headquarters PCS during the fall or early winter of 1961. It is planned to replace him with a locally recruited person, ODYORE citizen if possible, who possesses natural commercial cover. Several candidates are presently being considered for this position. As soon as the Station is able to determine the best qualified individual, full PRQ I and II and clearance request will be forwarded for Headquarters processing.

b. Contract Agents/Employees

- (1) David M. WILSTED (201-009195), principal "outside" Case Officer.
- (2) Olivia M. GLADSON (201-117751), processes tapes and performs clerical duties.
- (3) Carol K. ZINSWEISTER (201-117968), LIFEAT basehousekeeper (ANNEX IV) and processes all tapes from LIENVOY/Soviet "take".
- (4) Leona C. GANDARA (201-225710), presently employed only on a standby basis for LIFEAT support.

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c. Field Agents

- (1) LIFEUD-1, OA granted 17 October 1950 (201-182704)
- (2) LIFEUD-2, OA granted 15 August 1951 (201-117970)
- (3) LIFEUD-3, OA granted 14 December 1953 (201-117971)
- (4) LIFEUD-4, OA granted 1 October 1953 (201-117743)
- (5) LIFEUD-5, OA granted 16 December 1953 (201-117744)
- (6) LIFEUD-6, OA granted 23 September 1954 (201-117978)
- (7) LIFEUD-7, OA granted 21 October 1954 (201-117980)
- (8) LIFEUD-8, OA granted 31 March 1955 (201-119521)
- (9) LIFEUD-9, OA granted 27 April 1956 (201-117984)
- (10) LIFEUD-10, OA granted 13 September 1956 (201-114085)
- (11) LIFEUD-11, OA granted 21 August 1956 (201-113595)
- (12) LIFEUD-12, OA granted 6 August 1956 (201-113569)
- (13) LIFEUD-13, OA granted 13 September 1956 (201-115833)
- (14) LIFEUD-14, OA granted 26 September 1956 (201-117972)
- (15) LIFEUD-15, OA granted 19 January 1957 (201-126315)
- (16) LIFEUD-16, OA granted 2 July 1958 (201-222786)
- (17) LIFEUD-17, OA granted 13 August 1956 (201-114086)
- (18) LIFEUD-18, OA granted 2 October 1957 (201-185370)
- (19) LIFEUD-19, OA granted 18 May 1960 (201-262483)
- (20) LIMITATION-5, OA amended for LIFEAT 20 March 1961 (201-102308)
- (21) LIMITATION-6, OA amended for LIFEAT 20 March 1961 (201-117981)

d. During the past project year the following personnel were dropped from Project LIFEAT:

- (1) Alice M. CAHILLSTREAU (201-119967) was dropped in July 1960 when she returned to PEPRIDE with her husband upon his resignation from KUBARK.

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- (2) Woodrow D. GABBY (201-14465) is now employed exclusively as an outside contact for the Station's Satellite Case Officer and should no longer be considered as a member of the LIFEAT complex.
- (3) Wallace L. KAWOHL (201-033959) was terminated as an active agent in June 1960 at his own request and with the concurrence of the Station. Agent quit-claim and secrecy agreement were obtained. No security problems are considered likely to occur since KAWOHL's parents continue to be employed as basehousekeepers for LIFEAT and are dependent upon continued LIFEAT salary for their livelihood. At the time of the termination, it was realized that he would continue to enter the basehouse which his parents controlled, and therefore his clearance was amended to reflect this situation. (Reference: HIA-15246).

10. Operational Clearances

See Section 9 above.

11. Cover

There are no changes in the cover of the personnel presently employed in Project LIFEAT from that noted in previous project renewals.

12. Contact and Communications

Daily contact is maintained between the Case Officers and the agents employed in the project. These contacts are made in a clandestine manner with varying patterns established for car pickups, foot contacts, and emergency meetings. Pre-arranged signals are employed in setting up and accomplishing the meetings. When heavy or bulky material is to be passed, meetings are held at night. All movement in and out of the basehouses by Case Officers is done in cars ostensibly owned by the agents residing in those basehouses. Entrance to the basehouses on foot by other than the basehousekeepers is made only in emergency situations.

Telephone contact concerning the project and with the agents is kept to a minimum. Pre-arranged open code is used for phone conversations between Case Officers and agents.

Alternate and emergency communications have been arranged and are reviewed frequently by the personnel using them.

These systems of contact and communication appear suitable for the project and function adequately from the security and utility standpoints. Locations and times of meetings are reviewed periodically and are changed frequently to decrease the possibility of arousing the suspicions of the residents of areas in which meetings are held.

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13. Control and Motivation

Control and motivation are primarily based on two factors: ideology and financial gain. A secondary factor is the fear of reprisal from the local police should discovery occur.

14. Security

During the past project year there were no incidents which were beyond the capability of the personnel immediately involved to isolate and remedy immediately. One basehouse was closed for "cooling off" after a telephone company work party came to the basehouse to check the lines running to it. This party was stalled long enough to cut back the "tap" lines at the roof level and the house cleared of all compromising equipment and material. Later the work party entered and checked the lines which proved to be "dead" lines. The extra lines were then removed and the work party left the premises and there^{was} no further trouble. (Note: In Mexico City there is much "dead line" running throughout the city which causes no end of difficulty for the telephone company in installation and repair work. Therefore, the phone company assigns work parties to various areas to clean up the extra unused "dead lines" in order to bring a degree of organization to the telephone system. This work is now being pursued vigorously and is approaching completion in large areas of the city.) The basehouse involved in the above incident has now been moved to a different location and is back in operation.

At the present time the telephone company is making a general effort to modernize the Mexico City telephone system. This effort includes changing from overhead lines to underground cables, cleaning off the unused overhead "dead lines", and installation of new equipment throughout the city. These innovations will cause increasing security problems for the LIFEAT complex, but it is believed that the problems are not insurmountable. Part of the solution will of necessity involve the use of a greater number of basehouses to diversify the coverage and to reduce the number of lines running to any one basehouse. This will cause an increase in expense for the project, but is considered desirable and necessary. It may eventually be necessary for LIFEAT to enter the underground cables in order to provide access to selected targets and maintain the security of the basehouses. The LIFEAT personnel are continually working to devise new methods as well as maintaining training in security so as to continue the high level of security enjoyed by LIFEAT in the past.

15. Training

Initial training of new personnel and continuing refresher training for experienced agents is handled primarily by the "outside" Case Officer, David H. WILSTED. Minor repair and maintenance of equipment as well as emergency security procedures are stressed and continually reviewed with the agents.

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16. Equipment and Support

As has been mentioned in last year's renewal request, much of the LIFEAT equipment, upon whose reliability the success of the information collection is based, will require replacement in the near future. The great percentage of the equipment has been in long and continuous service, while much of the special equipment is no longer being manufactured. When present diminishing commercial stocks of replacement parts are exhausted, new units will be required for LIFEAT with the attendant large, one-time purchase expense.

17. Timetable

LIFEAT has been in almost constant operation since its inception in January 1951, and it is planned to continue it indefinitely.

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PROJECT OUTLINE, PART II

18. Estimated Costs

The following are the estimated costs for Fiscal Year 1962. All figures are U.S. dollars per year (\$1.00 U.S. equals 12.50 Mexican pesos). Some increases in particular items will be noted. These reflect the increased cost of living and especially the continuing rise in rental costs in the Mexico City area, plus the necessity of moving basehouses for security reasons discussed in Part I of this Project Outline.

a. Salaries

(1) Staff and contract personnel

Ralph B. RAFANELLI, GS-9 (for maximum of 6 months)	
Salary	\$3,500
Quarters	1,150
Deep Cover Differential	525
Replacement for RAFANELLI	4,000
Carol K. ZINSWISER	5,500
Plus 10% raise	550
Olivia N. GLAYTON	4,200
Leona C. GANDARA	900
	<u>\$20,325</u>

(2) Field agents

LIFEUD-1	\$5,760
LIFEUD-2	2,496
LIFEUD-3	1,776
LIFEUD-4	1,920
LIFEUD-5	3,648
LIFEUD-6	3,500
LIFEUD-7	2,400
LIFEUD-8	2,400
LIFEUD-9	1,920
LIFEUD-10	(no salary)
LIFEUD-11	(no salary)
LIFEUD-12	(no salary)
LIFEUD-13	(no salary)
LIFEUD-14	3,648
LIFEUD-15	768
LIFEUD-16	1,440
LIFEUD-17	(no salary)
LIFEUD-18	(no salary)
LIFEUD-19	1,200

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LIFSUD-1's assistant
LIMITATION-5
LIMITATION-6

144
760
300

Due to the continuing rise in the cost of living, plus the fact that the majority of the above listed agents have not received the pay raise reflected in last year's project renewal, it will be mandatory to grant an across the board 10% pay raise during FY 1962.

3,400

Christmas bonus (in accordance with local customs, this amounts to one month's pay for each agent) and gifts where necessary.

3,300

\$40,680

b. Basehouse Rentals

ANNEX I (formerly LIMERICK Main Base)	\$2,200
ANNEX IV	2,700
ANNEX VI	2,200
ANNEX VII	1,700
ANNEX VIII	3,072
ANNEX IX	2,880
ANNEX X	2,688
ANNEX to be selected	2,500

c. Basehouse utilities and expenses

2,000

d. Allowance for customary (for Mexico City)
10% rental increase when lease renewed

2,000

\$24,028

e. Equipment

Local purchase of emergency and special equipment.

\$1,800

New equipment, especially recorders and reels

2,500

\$4,300

f. Miscellaneous

(1) Expendable supplies such as paper, carbon paper, paper tape, manila envelopes, wrapping paper.

\$2,000

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(2) Transportation

RAFANELLI's CP car	\$600
LIMEUD-7 car rent	675
LIMEUD-8 car rent	675
LIMEUD-14 car rent	290
ZENISTER mileage	400

- (3) Other operational expenses (covers loss of rental deposits, fatalities, medical expenses, termination payments, expenses involved in moving and setting up base-houses, expenses involved in covering targets of opportunity)

5,000

GRAND TOTAL

\$2,640
\$98,973

- Any termination of indigenous personnel will be in accordance with Mexican law and will include lump sum separation settlement, transportation and moving expense payments, and any bonus due at the time of termination.

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Chief of Station, Mexico City

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Chief, WHD

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Project LIFRAT expires on 30 June 1961. It is requested that your recommendation for renewal be pouched so that it reaches Headquarters prior to 1 June 1961.

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<p>1. The LIFEAT Project was approved on 26 August 1960 for a total of \$98,901. Headquarters reduced the original request from the field to bring the total Project budget more in line with the programmed figure of \$90,000 and the actual obligations of the previous year, which were only \$73,884. The following changes were made on the field's request:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Field Request</th> <th>Approved</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Salaries: Ralph B. RAPARELLI (to reflect legislative pay raise)</td> <td>\$ 6,505.00</td> <td>\$6,995.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous Operating Expenses</td> <td>25,000.00</td> <td>9,000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Field Request	Approved	Salaries: Ralph B. RAPARELLI (to reflect legislative pay raise)	\$ 6,505.00	\$6,995.00	Miscellaneous Operating Expenses	25,000.00	9,000.00
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<p>2. Staff comments on the Project renewal request were:</p> <p>a) KUTUBE/OPS said that the Station is to be commended on its handling of the requested Bloc coverage by LIENVOY while maintaining LIFEAT capability and limiting coverage to those lines most profitable. KUTUBE noted the increased emphasis on exploitation of operational information. In order to continue this aspect of the operation, the Station is faced with the difficult problem of selectivity in targeting and processing take from these two large projects. Every possible effort should be made to increase the efficiency of processing to maintain LIFEAT at its present high level. In KUTUBE/OPS's opinion, LIFEAT personnel and capability must be carefully maintained in face of the easier but less secure LIENVOY.</p> <p>b) KUDESK stated that this unilateral asset should be continued despite the fact that we are running a similar operation with the local government. It is hoped that the Station will soon be able to use this asset in the investigation of individuals known to be in clandestine contact with the RIS, for the purpose of determining whether or not they may be recruited.</p> <p>c) KUTUBE/D notes that the project has been of high value.</p>												
<p>3. Attached for the information of the Station is a copy of the memorandum prepared in WH to transmit the project for approval.</p>												
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CRYPTONYM: LIFPAT

OPERATING DIVISION: WFO

FIELD STATION: MEXICO CITY

TARGET AREA: MEXICO CITY

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:

Charlotte L. Fehring

ROOM NO: 2121 Barton Hall

EXTENSION: 2555 or 3152

DATE: 22 July 1960

SUBJECT: LIFPAT Project Renewal

1. It is requested that the LIFPAT Project be renewed for the period 1 July 1960 through 30 June 1961 for a total of \$98,901.00. Last fiscal year the project was approved for \$123,830 of which \$73,884 was obligated. The approved programmed figure was \$90,000 for Fiscal Year 1961. The extra \$ 9,000 required would come from the following programmed projects:

LITMOR - \$2,000

LITVRY - \$1,000

LITVRY - \$6,000

2. Subsequent to the preparation by the Station of the attached Project review and renewal request for LIFPAT, the following situation developed in Mexico which has directly affected the entire LIFPAT Project. At a meeting with the Chief of Station on 25 June 1960, LITMOR asked the Station and LIFPAT to immediately begin covering the Soviet, Polish and Czech Embassy under LITVRY. LITMOR suggested that the Mexicans translate the Spanish and that the Station forward the tapes to Washington for translation of the Russian, Polish and Czech portions. The Chief of Station had no alternative but to express great interest in the coverage of targets of such importance. In order to protect the security of the LIFPAT operations, the Station stopped the LITMOR and LITVRY (LITVRY had not been in operation for the past six months for security reasons) coverage on 22 June, prior to the LITVRY activation. It was determined that LITVRY would cover 5 Soviet and 2 Czech lines. The tape continues to be processed by LITMOR and LITVRY. The LITVRY monitors extract from the Spanish only the most important points for the daily resumés which are passed to LITMOR. LIFPAT has been told we will inform him of pertinent information obtained (ostensibly from Headquarters processing) of the Soviet and Czech text for passing to LITMOR. LIFPAT will continue its unilateral coverage of Polish and other targets of interest.

3. The Station does not anticipate any problem connected with the exploitation of leads since LIFPAT has evinced no interest in this matter. In view of the lack of language capabilities by the Mexicans and our ability to control what is passed (ostensibly from Headquarters), the Station sees no problems arising from the present arrangement.

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4. The Station does not intend to cut down on independent LIFEAT operations since there are plenty of targets to keep both LIFEAT and LIFEAT occupied.

5. The LIFEAT Project was the source of 99 positive intelligence reports, 72 of which were disseminated. Those not disseminated were considered by Headquarters to be of value for operational background or were outdated. KR made the following evaluations of LIFEAT reports:

"Mexican Interest in Procurement of Naphthalene from Czechoslovakia," of value, probably true, and of importance to receive further reports.

"Soviet Commercial Activities," of value, probably true, and of importance to receive further reports.

"Soviet Plans to Sell Newsprint to Mexican Government Agency," of little importance.

"Soviet Negotiations for Mexican Cotton," of average value, useful as new information.

The Department of State made the following evaluations of LIFEAT reports:

"Mexican Efforts to Sell Sugar to the USSR," of value, possibly true, and of importance to receive further reports.

"Purchase of Soviet Tractors by Mexican Government," of slight value.

"Soviet Negotiations for Mexican Cotton," of average value, useful in confirming other reports.

6. The Station used LIFEAT information in the preparation of memoranda directed to the Embassy and FBI representatives in Mexico in reply to local requests for information. During the period July 1959 through May 1960, 151 memoranda were furnished the Embassy and 69 memoranda were furnished the FBI based on LIFEAT information.

7. WH Division feels that the positive and CK information received from LIFEAT is invaluable. Most of the information is not available from other Station assets. Reports on travel and the identification of target personalities often serve to confirm information previously received. LIFEAT assets also have been used effectively to check on recently-terminated agents to ascertain that the termination was secure. LIFEAT also has been used to check on reports by double agents that they have contacted or been contacted by their respective Soviet or Satellite contacts.

8. Information received from LIFEAT is passed to WH/4 and any operations undertaken on the basis of such information are closely coordinated with that Branch.

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12. It is requested that the LIBERTY Project be renewed on the basis of this memorandum and the attached review and renewal request prepared by the Mexico City Station.

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<p>1. There is attached a comprehensive Review of Project LIFEAT for the period July 1959 through June 1960 and a Project Outline divided into Part I and Part II for easier processing.</p> <p>2. It is to be noted that the amount requested in the attached renewal request, \$114,411, is \$19,419 under that amount approved for Project LIFEAT for the past project year. Station Mexico feels this reduction in cost will not adversely affect the operational impact of the project.</p> <p>3. It is requested that Project LIFEAT be renewed for FY 1961 in the amount of \$114,411.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Willard C. Curtis</i> Willard C. CURTIS</p> <p>23 June 1960</p> <p>Attachments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Odd pages (five copies) - attached herewith. 2. Even pages (five copies) - under separate cover. <p>Distribution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 - WHD (with five copies of odd and even pages) 3 - Files (with complete project renewal request) 																			
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PROJECT REVIEW AND PROJECT OUTLINE

PARTS I AND II

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PROJECT REVIEW - PROJECT LIFEAT

I. Product of the Project

A. Soviet Embassy

1) Soviet Commercial Activities:

During the past project year, the LIMERICK phase of Project LIFEAT has provided detailed and continuing reports on the increased Soviet efforts to participate in Mexican commercial markets. The following is a partial but representative list of the reports submitted on this subject.

HMM-4322, 12 June 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico.
HMM-4567, 6 November 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico.

HMM-4355, 1 April 1960, Soviet Purchase of Mexican Cotton.
HMM-4857, 6 April 1960, Soviet Purchase of Mexican Pineapple.
HMM-4858, 6 April 1960, Soviet Plan to Sell Newsprint to Mexican Government Agency.

2) Soviet Diplomatic Activities:

Project LIFEAT provided coverage of many of the Soviet Diplomatic activities in Mexico. It was able to show the relationships maintained between the Soviet and Satellite missions in Mexico, as well as the increased official contact between the Cuban and Soviet governments.

MEXI-4304, 21 August 1959, Meeting of Soviet and Cuban Ambassadors to Mexico.

HMM-4618, 20 November 1959, Increased Relations of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico with the Latin American Diplomatic Missions.

HMM-4768, 8 February 1960, Preparation of Soviet Propaganda in Mexico for Shipment to Cuba.

3) Soviet Cultural Activities:

LIFEAT has provided detailed information concerning the Soviet cultural activities in Mexico. Examples of such reports are:

HMM-4415, 5 August 1959, Soviet Plans to Bring Soviet Exposition to Mexico.

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HMM-4449, 28 August 1959, Soviet Plans to Bring Pyatnitskiy Chorus to Mexico from Canada.

HMMA-14677, 16 March 1960, Soviet Cultural Activities.

4) Background Information on, and Movement of, Soviet Officials:

Through LIFEAT information, the Station has been able to maintain a current roster of the Soviet Embassy personnel assigned to Mexico. LIFEAT has been further utilized to give information on job assignments within the Soviet Embassy, and to determine in advance departures, arrivals, and replacements of Embassy personnel. Large quantities of background personality information concerning the official and private lives of members of the Soviet staff were also provided.

HMM-4323, 11 June 1959, Scheduled Travel of Soviet Officials.

HMMA-14065, 6 November 1959, Activities of Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Ivanovich BAZYKIN.

HMMA-13614, 24 August 1959, Retirement System for Soviet Diplomats.

5) Goods and Services:

Throughout the past year, LIFEAT information has been of use to Project LIMESA. Of particular note have been leads concerning various properties in which the Soviets were interested.

6) Miscellaneous Activities of the Soviet Embassy:

LIFEAT material which does not fall into any one category but which deals with the Soviets and their association and related activities has been reported as necessary.

B. Czech Legation*

Information obtained on the Czech Legation during the period under review was essentially the same as that obtained from the Soviet Embassy. Although this target was covered only from July 1959 to January 1960 (due to the security problem posed by extensive telephone company cable renovation work in the vicinity of the basehouse serving the target), valuable intelligence was gained during the period of actual coverage. Examples

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of reports from this source are:

HMMA-13295, 10 July 1959, Czech Legation Activities.
HMMA-13522, 14 August 1959, Czech Embassy Activities.
HMM-4513, 30 September 1959, Czech Interest in Importing
Mexican Copper.
HMMA-13919, 9 October 1959, Czech Diplomatic Couriers.
HMM-4576, 6 November 1959, Czech Plans to Setup Commercial
Company in the Free Zone of Curacao.

(*Czech Legation raised to Embassy status during July 1959)

C. The Polish Legation

The type of LIFEAT information gathered on the Polish Legation closely parallels that gathered from the Soviet and Czech targets. LIFEAT remains the primary source of information on this target.

HMM-4458, August 1959, Proposed Mexican Art Exhibit in Poland.
HMMA-13718, 11 September 1959, Influence of Polish Minister on
Mexican U. N. Voting.
HMM-4482, September 1959, Polish Commercial Interest in Cuba.
HMM-4544, 23 October 1959, Polish Commercial Activities.
HMMA-14843, 20 April 1960, Activities of Polish Technical
Investigators.
HMMA-15055, 27 May 1960, Activities of Alexander BEKIER.

D. American Communists in Mexico

Most of the targets in this group have been covered at the request of ODENVY, and the production has been partially processed by them. Approximately 370 reels were passed to ODENVY for their processing during the period June 1959 - April 1960. The most valuable type of information obtained on these targets deals with travel, contacts, and activities of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM). The following is a sample of the reports furnished through coverage of this target group.

HMMA-13792, 25 September 1959, Albert and Margaret MALTZ.
HMMA-14191, 4 December 1959, Albert MALTZ.
HMMA-14385, 27 April 1960, Maria WICHER.
HMMA-15135, 10 June 1960, Noah SEBORER.
HMMA-15144, 15 June 1960, Maria WICHER.

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E. Cuban Embassy

LIFEAT has provided timely information on the activities and personalities of the Cuban Embassy. Of particular interest has been the indications provided by LIFEAT of closer relations and increasing contact between the Cuban and Soviet officials in Mexico. LIFEAT was also able to provide a firm indication of the Soviet-Cuban announcement of resumption of diplomatic relations two weeks in advance of the actual event. Examples of LIFEAT Cuban coverage are:

HMM-4489, 24 September 1959, Recall of Cuban Military Attaches in Mexico.

HMM-4649, 4 December 1959, Pro-Cuba Publication in Mexico.

HMM-4907, 27 April 1960, Projected Joint Announcement by Cuban and Soviet Governments.

HMM-4919, 29 April 1960, Travel to Cuba of Soviet Ambassador in Mexico.

F. Exile and Revolutionary Activities

LIFEAT continued to provide information on the exile and revolutionary groups active in Mexico. Coverage of the Nicaraguan Communist exiles was particularly rewarding for the operational information provided.

HMM-4317, 12 June 1959, Letter from a Guatemalan Communist Concerning the Seventh World Festival of Youth.

MEXI-4271, 13 August 1959, Travel of Nicaraguan Communists.

HMM-4450, 4 September 1959, Nicaraguan Revolutionaries' Efforts to Meet a Former President of Mexico.

MEXI-4488, October 1959, Travel of Dra. Concepcion PALACIOS Herrera, Nicaraguan Communist.

HMM-4967, 25 May 1960, Activities of Rafael RAMIREZ Delgado.

G. LAURICLE Information

During the period of the project review, LIFEAT, as in the past, continued to contribute materially to several matters of LAURICLE interest.

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H. Counter-Intelligence Information

CI/CE matters continued to constitute a major portion of the Mexico City Station's priority objectives during the review period. Project LIFEAT was able to provide a substantial contribution to the attainment of these objectives. Of particular note in this respect has been coverage provided on known Communist Party members, especially valuable being that provided on Juan Luis CAMPOS Villalobos.

I. Operational Leads and Support Provided Other Station Operations

During the period covered by this project review, LIFEAT continued to support the Mexico City Station through its timely production of leads which were especially useful, and in most cases essential, in assuring the success of other Station operations. The following is a list, necessarily selective, of the use made of leads from, and support of other projects rendered by Project LIFEAT.

LIFEAT/LIMERICK: 1) Of special note is the support provided to the Station's AEIMPULSE operation. Leads and information rendered by LIFEAT enabled the responsible Case Officer to prepare adequately for this recruitment attempt of an officer of the Soviet Embassy. Following the actual attempt, LIFEAT/LIMERICK was used as a security device to protect the Station assets employed in the operation. 2) As noted in I A. (5) above, Project LIMESA was provided with continuing support by Project LIFEAT. Notable among the information and leads provided were those concerning specific properties which the Soviets were interested in renting and/or buying. 3) LIFEAT has provided a check on double-agent LITARDY-1, giving verification of his activities and contacts. A similar check has also been provided on the activities of informant LIPAGAN-1.

LIFEAT/LIVERY: 1) This phase of LIFEAT closely supported the projected LITACIT physical penetration operation aimed at the LIVERY establishment in Mexico City. LIFEAT provided essential information on the rosters of night duty officers as well as background information on the target. 2) LIFEAT/LIVERY provided support for the installation of technical surveillance against LITACH. Without the information provided by LIFEAT, this operation would have been extremely hazardous at best, and probably would have been entirely impossible.

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LIFEAT/LITMUS: 1) LIFEAT provided information which lead to the successful recruitment of agent BEYAN who was in a position to provide information on BESOOT. 2) LITMUS leads also lead to the attempted, but unsuccessful, recruitment of one Una WARREN, believed to have been a contact of Polish officials in Mexico. 3) LIFEAT leads also lead to the surveillance of a clandestine meeting of Alexander BEKIER, Polish Counselor of Legation in Mexico. Due to the advance notice of the meeting given by LIFEAT, MKCHARITY was given time to plan technical coverage of the meeting and prepare especially fabricated equipment for this coverage. 4) LIFEAT was also responsible for the discovery of the location of a Polish Intelligence basehouse. This information was operationally important to the responsible Case Officer.

LIFEAT/LIERODE: In this phase of the LIFEAT project leads have been most rewarding in terms of agents actually recruited and operations supported by LIFEAT provided information. 1) LIERODE produced leads which were directly responsible for the recruitment of agents LITANGO-1 and LITAMIL-3, while providing security check and information which have increased the value of agent LITANGO. 2) The defections of LITAINT-1 and LITAG-1 were greatly aided by LIFEAT leads and information. The internal reaction to the defections in the target establishment were also readily available through LIFEAT. 3) At present LIERODE is providing coverage, both from a security and informational standpoint, of the attempt to place a recruited agent as Mexico-based advisor to a high official of the Cuban Intelligence. This operation is largely dependent upon LIFEAT leads and support for security coverage of the agent's activities. 4) LIFEAT/LIERODE has been unusually successful in providing information which has enabled the Station to identify nearly all the Cuban agents operating in Mexico. Due to the increasing importance of the Cuban target, these revelations are of utmost importance.

Coverage of a CI/CE nature was provided by LIFEAT targeted against a recruited member of the Mexican Communist Party, and has produced leads on semi-clandestine travel of party members behind the Iron Curtain, as well as providing a check on the veracity of the agent.

Project LIFEAT has been employed also in support of the highly sensitive LIEMIT operation.

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J. Conclusion

It is the opinion of the Mexico City Station that the support provided to other Station operations, the CE information obtained, and the positive intelligence gathered by Project LIFEAT well justify the expenditure of KUBARK assets in terms of funds, personnel, time and security risk. The information produced by this operation has materially contributed to several priority objectives of the Station's Related Mission Directive.

K. There is attached herewith a complete list of HMMs produced from LIFEAT provided material during the period July 1959 through May 1960. (See attached sheet.)

II. Progress of the Operation

Since the Project LIFEAT objectives are unique in that they are of a continuing nature and not designed to be fulfilled within a given period, no statistics can be cited from which a percentage of coverage on each objective can be calculated. A general indication can be given of the coverage provided by the project when it is noted that approximately 15,000 pages of raw text were provided in the July 1959 to May 1960 period. LIFEAT has been in daily operation during the review period with the number of lines covered varying from 12 to 18. Generally, these can be broken down as follows:

Soviet Embassy	5 lines	
Polish Legation and Polish Counselor	3 lines	
Czech Legation (Embassy)	2 lines	(Coverage suspended January '60 for reason given in I. B above)
American Communists	2 lines	
Cuban Embassy	3 lines	
Targets of Opportunity	3 lines	

III. Planning for the Future

Following the suggestion and guidance provided by Headquarters when renewing Project LIFEAT for FY 1960, the Station plans to limit its coverage to no more than twenty lines at any given time, with the possible exception of targets of opportunity which could be covered for short periods

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In addition to the normal coverage. The coverage of Soviet and Satellite installations will remain basic to LIFEAT and will be exploited to the maximum degree possible. Due to the increased importance of information on Cuban activities, coverage of the Cuban Embassy and personnel staffing the Embassy will be increased during the coming project year. Targets of Opportunity will continue to be exploited as permitted by personnel, equipment, and access limitations.

IV. Performance of Agents

The general overall performance of the agents employed under LIFEAT continued to be good with security being stressed in all phases of the operation. No security problems were encountered which were not readily solved by the personnel concerned. Since a high degree of security is required for the operation of LIFEAT, it is planned that any possible agent candidates will be thoroughly screened and Headquarters clearance obtained before they are in any way approached for operational use.

V. Expenditures During the Period Under Review

Approval for the renewal of Project LIFEAT was granted on 16 July 1959, for the period 1 July 1959 through 30 June 1960, in the amount of \$123,830. ~~In its continuing attempt to provide practical economy without decreasing operational efficiency, Station Mexico submits the itemized proposed LIFEAT budget for FY 1961 (contained in the attached Field Project Outline, Part II) in the amount of \$114,411, a reduction of approximately \$19,000 from the previous year's approved budget.~~

VI. Status of Commitments

There are no commitments other than those provided for in the project outline submitted herewith and the individual contracts of several LIFEAT personnel.

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The following is a complete list of the 97 HMMs which were based wholly or in part on LIFEAT supplied material during the period July 1959 through May 1960.

HMM-4351	HMM-4576	HMM-4768
HMM-4355	HMM-4582	HMM-4771
HMM-4358	HMM-4588	HMM-4790
HMM-4364	HMM-4589	HMM-4803
HMM-4387	HMM-4591	HMM-4836
HMM-4388	HMM-4613	HMM-4843
HMM-4397	HMM-4614	HMM-4849
HMM-4399	HMM-4618	HMM-4855
HMM-4407	HMM-4631	HMM-4857
HMM-4415	HMM-4636	HMM-4858
HMM-4425	HMM-4637	HMM-4876
HMM-4447	HMM-4640	HMM-4877
HMM-4449	HMM-4649	HMM-4879
HMM-4450	HMM-4667	HMM-4891
HMM-4451	HMM-4672	HMM-4892
HMM-4452	HMM-4678	HMM-4893
HMM-4457	HMM-4691	HMM-4895
HMM-4458	HMM-4703	HMM-4904
HMM-4459	HMM-4704	HMM-4907
HMM-4460	HMM-4706	HMM-4918
HMM-4481	HMM-4707	HMM-4919
HMM-4482	HMM-4710	HMM-4921
HMM-4484	HMM-4711	HMM-4924
HMM-4485	HMM-4712	HMM-4943
HMM-4489	HMM-4718	HMM-4958
HMM-4493	HMM-4724	HMM-4963
HMM-4520	HMM-4726	HMM-4964
HMM-4534	HMM-4729	HMM-4966
HMM-4539	HMM-4737	HMM-4967
HMM-4550	HMM-4742	HMM-4971
HMM-4563	HMM-4761	HMM-4972
HMM-4575	HMM-4762	HMM-4975
HMM-4544		
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HMM-4572	HMM-4979	
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PROJECT OUTLINE

PROJECT LIFEAT

PART I

1. Area of Operations

This project is run from the Mexico City Station, and is concerned with targets located in Mexico City.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to determine Soviet and Satellite plans, activities and connections with other Communist elements through the use of technical surveillance. This purpose is in consonance with the Related Mission Directive for Mexico, dated 20 November 1959, Priority A, Objective one.

3. Background

Project LIFEAT was originally approved on 3 October 1950 as a unilateral telephone tap operation. Actual initiation of operations was on 18 January 1951, and the project has run continuously from that date. The project was begun with the installation of one telephone tap, and has been expanded to the present average coverage of 18 lines.

Project LIFEAT is a unilateral operation completely independent from any liaison arrangement. It is staffed by KUBARK staff and contract employees with a substantial number of local indigenous controlled agents.

During the past nine years, Project LIFEAT has produced more than 64,000 pages of operational and intelligence information in direct support of the Mexico City Station's objectives specifically, and has contributed materially to the intelligence gathering activities connected with the Soviet and Satellite Bloc. In addition, Project LIFEAT has been of considerable value and assistance in monitoring the activities of the American Communist community residing in Mexico City as well as activities of Cubans and exiles in Mexico.

4. References

- a. HMMA-12936, 22 May 1959, Renewal Request for FY 1960.

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b. HMMW-7955, 14 August 1959, Approval of Renewal Request
for FY 1960

5. Objectives

a. To identify Soviet and Satellite intelligence personnel and to collect information on the nature and extent of their clandestine intelligence and propaganda activities in Mexico.

b. To collect information on Soviet and Satellite commercial, diplomatic, cultural and military personnel and their activities in Mexico.

c. To collect biographic information of Soviet and Satellite officials.

d. To collect information of the movements, assignments and positions of Soviet and Satellite personnel.

e. To collect biographic information on Cuban officials assigned to Mexico and provide coverage of their activities.

f. To collect information on prominent Mexican Communists and pro-Communists and their activities.

g. To collect information on prominent Communists, other than Mexicans, active in Mexico and to identify them and their associates.

h. To collect information on exile groups active in Mexico.

i. To collect information on targets of opportunity in Mexico.

6. Targets (as related to project objectives)

For objectives "a" through "d",

a. Selected Soviet Embassy and commercial office telephone conversations.

b. Selected Satellite office and home phones.

For objective "e",

c. Telephone conversations from the Cuban Embassy and selected telephone calls from residences of Cuban officials.

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For objective "f",

d. Telephone conversations from the residences of senior Communists and prominent pro-Communists.

For objective "g",

e. Telephone conversations from the residences of known American Communists residing in Mexico City.

For objective "h",

f. Telephone conversations originating from the residences of offices of prominent exile leaders in Mexico City.

For objective "i",

g. Telephone conversations which can be monitored from targets of opportunity.

7. Tasks

Case Officer - Edward P. SECHEN

Assistant Case Officer - Jeremy L. NIARCOS

a. Supervise the operational and administrative activities of all LIFEAT staff, contract, and indigenous personnel.

b. Maintain awareness of and provide direction in all operational matters pertaining to the management of the LIFEAT Project.

c. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the operational phases LIFEAT/LIMERICK, LITMUS, LIVERY, LIERODE, and the American Communist Group in Mexico activities.

d. Coordinate information received from LIFEAT/LIMERICK with other Station Mexico operations.

e. Maintain LIFEAT capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.

f. Maintain supervision over basehouses, equipment, and training of personnel assigned to the LIFEAT operation.

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8. Coordination

a. Information produced by LIFEAT, primarily a Station support operation, is closely coordinated with other operations at the Mexico City Station. No operational coordination is required with any other area, but they are kept advised of any information produced by LIFEAT which may be of interest to them.

b. Project LINOG which supports the principle outside LIFEAT Case Officer, David M. WILSTED, is effected in coordination with Project LIFEAT.

9. Personnel

a. Staff Agents:

Ralph B. RAFANELLI - under unofficial commercial cover
(201-176295)

b. Contract Agents/Employees:

1. David M. WILSTED (201-009195) - principle outside Case Officer. *Career Agent*
2. Alice M. CAILLETEAU (201-119957) - clerical work C-47041
3. Olivia N. GLADMON (201-117751) - processes tapes and does clerical work C-46946
4. Carol K. ZINSMEISTER (201-117968) - processes major portion of LIFEAT take. C-24242
5. Wallace L. KAWOHL (201-033959) - basehouse operator C-3977
- 238-24 June 1952 - 6. Leona C. GANDARA (201-225710) - LIFEAT clipping. C-61057
7. Woodrow D. GABBOTT (201-14465) - processor for LITMUS tapes under Project DESHUTN

c. Field Agents:

1. LIFEUD-1, OA granted 17 October 1950, (201-183704) C-739
2. LIFEUD-2, OA granted 14 August 1951, (201-117970) C-1412

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3. LIFEUD-3, OA granted 14 December 1953, (201-117971) C-7152
4. LIFEUD-4, OA granted 1 October 1953, (201-117743) C-6970
5. LIFEUD-5, OA granted 16 December 1953, (201-117744) C-7446
6. LIFEUD-6, OA granted 28 September 1954, (201-117978) C-30405
7. LIFEUD-7, OA granted 21 October 1954, (201-117980) C-31929
8. LIFEUD-8, OA granted 31 March 1955, (201-119521) C-33122
9. LIFEUD-9, OA granted 27 April 1956, (201-117984) C-45672
10. LIFEUD-10, OA granted 13 September 1956, (201-114085) C-50464
11. LIFEUD-11, OA granted 21 August 1956 (201-113595) C-50455
12. LIFEUD-12, OA granted 6 August 1956 (201-113596) C-50157
13. LIFEUD-13, OA granted 13 September 1956 (201-115833) C-50750
14. LIFEUD-14, OA granted 26 September 1956 (201-117972) C-38015
15. LIFEUD-15, OA granted 19 January 1957 (201-126315) C-54096
16. LIFEUD-16, OA granted 2 July 1958 (201-222786) C-70322
17. LIFEUD-17, OA granted 13 August 1956 (201-114036) C-6309
18. LIFEUD-18, OA granted 2 October 1957 (201-185370) C-50457
19. LIFEUD-19, OA granted 18 May 1960 (HMMA-14933) (201-262433)
mother of Raymond H. GEREDE (LIEUTENANT) with LIVERY basehouse. C-79348

wife of LIFEUD-14 →
wife of KAWOHL →

d. No personnel were dropped from the project during the past project year.

10. Operational Clearances:

See section 9 above.

11. Cover

The cover of personnel employed in Project LIFEAT remains the same as noted in the last project renewal.

12. Contact and Communications

a. Daily contact is maintained between the Case Officers and the agents in this project. These contacts are made in a clandestine manner with varying patterns established for car pickups, foot contacts, and emergency meetings. Pre-arranged signals are employed in setting and accomplishing the meetings. When heavy or bulky material is to be passed, meetings are held at night. All movement in and out of the basehouses by the Case Officers and Principle Agents is done in cars ostensibly owned by agents, except in the case of LIVERY basehouse where the agents are too old to drive. One of the indigenous agents is used to contact LIVERY base. Entrance to basehouses on foot by other than the residents of the house is

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made only in great emergencies.

b. Telephone contact concerning the project and with the agents is kept to a minimum. Pre-arranged open code is used for phone conversations between Case Officers and agents.

c. Alternate and emergency signals have been arranged and are reviewed frequently by the personnel using them.

d. These systems of contact and communication appear suitable for the project and function adequately from a security viewpoint. Locations and times of meetings are reviewed periodically and are changed frequently to decrease the possibility of discovery.

13. Control and Motivation

Control and motivation are primarily based on two factors: ideology and financial gain. A secondary factor is the fear of reprisal from the local police should discovery occur.

14. Training

Initial training of new personnel and refresher training for experienced agents is handled primarily by the outside case officer, David M. WILSTED. Minor repair and maintenance of equipment as well as emergency security procedures are stressed and continually reviewed with the agents.

15. Equipment and Support

It is believed that much of the technical equipment upon which the continued successful collection of LIFEAT material depends will require replacement in the near future. The largest percentage of this equipment has been in nearly continuous operation from the initiation of the project in January 1951 and much of this equipment is no longer being manufactured. When present limited commercial stocks of replacement parts are exhausted, new units will be required for LIFEAT.

16. Timetable

LIFEAT has been in almost constant operation since its inception in January 1951 and it is planned to continue it indefinitely.

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PROJECT OUTLINE

PART II

PROJECT: LIFEAT

17. Estimated Costs

The following are the estimated costs for FY 1961. All figures are U.S. dollars per year. (\$1.00 dollar U.S. equals 12.50 Mexican pesos) Due to the continued rise in the cost of living, and especially to the expected increase in rental costs that is a chronic feature of the Mexico City scene, a moderate increase in some LIFEAT costs will be noted, even though the overall total requested is \$16,419 under that approved for FY 1960.

a. Salaries:

1. Staff and contract Personnel

Ralph B. RAFANELLI GS-10	
Salary	\$ 6,505.00
Quarters	2,304.00
Carol K. ZINSMEISTER (salary)	5,500.00
Alice N. CAILIETEAU (salary)	2,000.00
Olivia N. GLADMON (piecework)	4,200.00
Wallace L. KAWOHL (salary)	1,728.00
Leona C. GANDARA (salary)	900.00

\$ 23,137.00
490.00
\$ 23,627.00

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2. Field Agents

LIFEUD-1	5,760.00
LIFEUD-2	2,496.00
LIFEUD-3	1,776.00
LIFEUD-1's helper	144.00
LIFEUD-4	1,920.00
LIFEUD-5	3,643.00
LIFEUD-6	3,500.00
LIFEUD-7	2,400.00
LIFEUD-8	2,400.00
LIFEUD-9	1,920.00
LIFEUD-10 No Salary	
LIFEUD-11 No Salary	
LIFEUD-12 No Salary	
LIFEUD-13 No Salary	
LIFEUD-14	3,643.00
LIFEUD-15	763.00
LIFEUD-16	1,440.00
LIFEUD-17 No Salary	
LIFEUD-18 No Salary	
LIFEUD-19	960.00

Due to the continued rise in the cost of living, plus the fact that the majority of the above listed field agents have not received a pay raise in recent years even though the work load increased and the quality of work performed has improved, it is anticipated that the 10% over-all pay raise provided for, but not given, in FY 1960 will be necessary in FY 1961:

3,200.00

Christmas bonus (In accordance with local custom, this amounts to one month's pay for each agent) and gifts where necessary:

3,000.00

\$ 33,930.00

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b. Basehouse rentals, utilities, and expenses:

LIMERICK Main Base	\$ 1,920.00
LIVERY Relay Base	504.00
ANNEX IV	2,760.00
ANNEX VI	1,920.00
ANNEX VII	1,723.00
ANNEX VIII	3,072.00
ANNEX IX	2,880.00
Proposed Relay Base	480.00
Plus 10% customary increase in rent when lease contract renewed	1,600.00

\$ 16,864.00

c. Equipment:

Local purchase of emergency and special equipment	\$ 2,500.00
New equipment such as reels and recorders	3,000.00

5,500.00

d. Miscellaneous:

1. Expendable supplies such as paper, paper tape, etc.	2,000.00
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2. Transportation

RAFANELLI QP Car	600.00
ZINSMEISTER mileage	400.00
LIFEUD-5 car rent	290.00
LIFEUD-7 car rent	675.00
LIFEUD-8 car rent	675.00
LIFEUD-14 car rent	290.00

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3. Other operational expenses (covering loss of deposits, fatalities, termination payments*, medical payments, emergency moving bills, renovation of basehouses, expenses in covering targets of opportunity)

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25,000.00

~~\$ 29,930.00~~
13,930.00

GRAND TOTAL ^{98,951.00}
~~\$ 114,411.00~~

*Any termination of indigenous personnel will be in accordance with Mexican law and will include lump sum separation settlement, transportation and moving expense payments, and any bonus due at the time of termination.

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20 June 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH

SUBJECT : Renewal of WH Division FI/CI Projects over
\$100,000

1. There is set forth below a list of WH Division FI/CI Projects, with an authorization of over \$100,000, which expire as of 30 June 1960:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
LIFEAT	\$123,830

2. Possibly renewal actions are already in course of preparation for the above projects. If not, however, it is strongly urged that appropriate project action be submitted as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 15 July, so that these renewals can be submitted to DDCI for approval in timely fashion.

3. The same request applies to any other WH Division FI/CI projects, currently authorized for amounts under \$100,000, if renewal will request authorization in excess of that figure.

S. M. Hines
S. M. HINES
Chief, DDP/PG

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TO INFO	: Chief of Station, Mexico City		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO 50-6-32/1
FROM	: Chief, WHD		DATE 14 JUL 1959
SUBJECT	: LIFEAT Project Renewal		RE "43-3" (CHECK "X" ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
ACTION REQUIRED	: Exploitation of LIFEAT leads		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY
REFERENCES)			
<p>1. The LIFEAT Project renewal submitted in HMA-12936 was approved on 16 July 1959 for the period 1 July 1959 through 30 June 1960 for a total of \$123,830 for fiscal year 1960. The Station will note that monies requested for the support of Woodrow D. GABOTT (ps) were subtracted from the request made by the Station for project funds. GABOTT is supported by the BESHOOOTH Project, an EE support project.</p> <p>2. The following staff comments were made when the Project was submitted for approval:</p> <p>a. "RQM has continued its rating of "C" on the disseminated positive information from the Project, noting a slight increase in the disseminations, and commenting that it provides interesting information to customers on the nature and extent of Bloc commercial activities in Mexico, data useful in economic analyses, and reports on exile activities in Mexico.</p> <p>b. "KUTUBE/D recommended renewal of LIFEAT observing that the leads produced by the operation have been of operational value to LAURICLE activities conducted in Mexico City in the past year. KUTUBE/D comments also that the Project has afforded and can be expected to continue to afford CS protection from time to time for activities of particular LAURICLE interest.</p> <p>c. "KUTUBE/OPS has observed that Project LIFEAT has been a most useful operational asset in the Mexico City Station for the past nine years, continuously providing KUBARK with a window into important targets. KUTUBE/OPS requests that the next project renewal point out what agent recruitments by the Station have resulted from or been supported by the operational information secured by the project.</p> <p>d. "KUDSK commented that it well known that Mexico is being used by the RIS as a base for third country operations directed against the United States. Over a period of years LIFEAT has supplied valuable leads which have resulted in the identification of a large number of persons in clandestine contact with RIS officers; further investigation in several cases produced information which strongly indicated that the persons involved were actively assisting the RIS. While such information is, of itself, of interest and importance, our responsibility in the CI field imposes the obligation to determine what these persons are doing for the RIS and this can be done only by recruiting and doubling them. It is therefore suggested that LIFEAT leads and reports of investigations based on them be reviewed for the purpose of selecting a limited number of the more promising targets. Thereafter, Station assets including LIFEAT should be used to obtain the operational data necessary to determine that a target is recruitable, and then a pitch should be made. Much time and effort will be required for such a program, but the potential rewards fully justify it, and the value of LIFEAT, as a CI asset, will be materially increased.</p> <p>3. Chief, KUTUBE, in recommending the Project for renewal to Deputy Director, KUBARK, requested that at the time of the next Project renewal, the Division should review the relationship and coordination of Project LIFEAT operations with those active and proposed under Project LIENVOY.</p>			

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4. In addition to the formal comments cited above, during the process of obtaining approval for LIFEAT, the Project was subject to various and sundry criticisms in its present form. Therefore, Headquarters suggests that the Station bear this in mind and during the coming year make every effort to increase the operational value of this Project. If the LIFEAT Project is a success operationally and the leads are followed up and developed, WH Division anticipates that it will encounter difficulty in obtaining approval of a similar Project as large and as expensive as LIFEAT unless it is demonstrated to the complete satisfaction of Headquarters that the expense involved in the LIFEAT Project is justified and that the results of the exploitation of project developed leads prove useful in attaining the Station CS objectives. Among the comments received are:

a. Although the purpose and objectives of the project as stated in the FPO call for the collection of information, the operational intent is to make use of this information for an eventual recruitment of Sino-Soviet and Satellite diplomats and/or their contacts. It is realized that diplomats who are susceptible to defection or recruitment in place are few and far between and that the Station is always alert for such targets and is conscientious in their development. However, the Case Officer should keep in mind the more easily accessible and more vulnerable (though secondary) targets, i.e. the many contacts, friends, employees, etc. whose development could well lead to the primary targets. Headquarters feels it is this secondary category where more emphasis can be made. The recruitment in place of such individuals could be extremely valuable for the entire CI/CS program of the Station.

b. The lack of development and exploitation of leads from LIFEAT operations has been raised many times. In view of the limited reporting to Headquarters on the exploitation of operational leads, it has been difficult to state whether the leads are being followed up, who the targets are, and whether consideration is being given to recruitment approaches. Headquarters requests that in each monthly summary the Station supply more info under the section labeled "Exploitation of Leads". The statement "leads resulting from LIFEAT information are followed up by other Station assets" is meaningless without some explanation of the lead follow ups. Headquarters would like to know the names and some operational information concerning the persons who seem to be of most interest and who have been under investigation during the period covered by the monthly summary.

5. On page 6 of your covering memorandum on the FPO (HQA-12936), you indicate that during the coming year the Station expects to expand its coverage to approximately 24 lines. Headquarters would like to suggest that consideration be given to limiting coverage to a number of lines which can be effectively exploited.

6. It is requested that Headquarters be informed in more detail in all cases where information obtained through LIFEAT has been used to support other important Station operations.

OLIVER G. GILBOND

6 August 1959

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TO INFO	Chief, WHD		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 50-6-32/1
FROM	Chief of Station, Mexico		15 th June 1959
SUBJECT	LIFEAT/LIFEAT Agent Status		RE "433" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
ACTION REQUIRED	Note new cryptonyms		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY
REFERENCE(S)	<p>HQMW-7761, 10 June 1959</p> <p>1. Agent Service Records are being submitted on LIPSTICK-17, LIPSTICK-22 and LIMESTONE-10. LIPSTICK-17 and LIPSTICK-22 were unable to remain in Station's jurisdiction due to the health of a minor child and have returned to the north of this country.</p> <p>2. Through oversight LIQUATION-4(201-185370, OA of 2 Oct. 1957) who is now carried as LIFEUD-17 and LIMITATION-7(201-114086, OA No. C-50457 dated 13 August 1956) and who is now carried as LIFEUD-18 were omitted from the Project Renewal Request. It is requested that their names be added to the list of Project personnel. They are not paid a salary but due to the occupation of their spouses are witting of the LIFEAT activity.</p> <p><u>not readable</u></p> <p><i>Willard C. Curtis</i> Willard C. CURTIS</p>		
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:

SUBJECT: Project LIFEAT Renewal

Name: J. E. Brady

Room: 2114, Carter Hall

Ext.: 2545 or 6162

Date: 15 June 1959

1. It is requested that the LIFEAT Project be renewed for the period 1 July 1959 through 30 June 1960 for a total of \$135,000.00.

2. Attached is the Field's Project Review, together with a revised Project Outline, which clearly set forth the present status of the Project. It is believed that the activity described herein continues to justify the time and expense involved, and hence merits renewal for the forthcoming year.

3. In March 1959 we asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their evaluation of the usefulness of information on American Communists which originated from LIFEAT and whether they wished to continue receiving such information. On 2 April 1959, the Federal Bureau of Investigation replied that the information has been of value to them from intelligence and investigative viewpoints and they wish to continue receiving such information.

4. LIFEAT was the source of information concerning the plans of Albert KALIN and his wife for their trip to Europe and behind the Iron Curtain in May, June and July 1958. Through LIFEAT we learned that they were planning to try to contact Alfred Kaufman STARK and his wife Martha Dodd STARK and Maurice and Edith HALPERIN, American Communists who fled behind the Iron Curtain during the past two years. Based on information made available through LIFEAT, Headquarters has made arrangements for the KALINs to receive baggage searches and discreet surveillances at various points on their trip.

5. The Czech and Polish Desks in SR Division and the appropriate Desk in FR Division were asked to comment on the value of LIFEAT to them. All desks agreed that LIFEAT was a very valuable source of general background information on the Soviet, Czech and Polish diplomats and often provided information which could be obtained through no other source. The Czech Desk commented that LIFEAT was of most value as a support asset to the Station, providing leads which might be developed into operational assets by the Station personnel. In May 1959 the Polish Desk sent

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Woodrow L. GABRIEL (re-see LIFEAT personnel section) to Mexico PCB to process the take from the LIFEAT phase of LIFEAT. They feel that with this Contract Agent processing LIFEAT, this phase will greatly increase in value during the coming year. GABRIEL will be in a position to call operational leads to the attention of the Station Case Officer immediately for exploitation. He noted that LIFEAT has been an invaluable support asset for ROBINSON and has been at times the only source of information for the important SR operation.

6. The State Department evaluated LIFEAT reports on the following subjects to be of value and probably true. They wish to continue receiving reports on these subjects.

"Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico"

"Soviet Attempt to Barter Equipment for Mexican Coffee"

"Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico"

OSR evaluated a report on "Soviet Attempt to Barter Equipment for Mexican Coffee" and a report on "Polish Embassy Interest in Mexican Cooper Concentrates" to be of value.

Attachments:

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Form 6-0 (in quad)
Envelope with true names

W. H. Anderson, C/PCB

W. H. Anderson, C/PCB

J. C. King, C/and

Date

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TO : Chief of Station, Mexico City	HEADQUARTERS FILE NO 50-6-32/1		DATE 10 JUN 1959
FROM : Chief, WHD	SUBJECT : LIFEAT/LIFEAT Agent Status		RE: 433 - (CHECK X ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY
ACTION REQUIRED: See Below			
REFERENCES: HFM-12736, 22 May 1959 (KAPOK)			

1. According to Headquarters records, LIPSTICK-17, LIPSTICK-22, LIQUATION-4, and LIMITATION-7 have been cleared for use in the LIFEAT Project. Since the above mentioned agents are not included in the LIFEAT Field Project Outline, you are requested to notify Headquarters whether or not you wish their clearances to be kept active for future use in the Project. Please forward Agent Service Records on those who have been terminated.

2. You are also requested to submit an Agent Service Record for LIMESTONE-10 who, according to the referenced dispatch, was terminated last year for security reasons.

OLIVER G. GALWOND

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CI/DA

SUBJECT : Change of Cryptonyms for LIFEAT Indigenous Personnel

The following agents under the LIFEAT Project have been assigned new cryptonyms as follows:

LIMEWATER	OC 739	LIFEAT-1
LIMEWATER-1	C-50449	LIFEAT-2
LIMEWATER-2	C-4357	LIFEAT-3
LIMEWATER-3	OC 6970	LIFEAT-4
LIQUATION	OC 7496	LIFEAT-5
LIAGE	C-30405	LIFEAT-6
LIME TONE-4	C-31019	LIFEAT-7
LIPSTICK-18	C-33162	LIFEAT-8
LIMESTONE-8	C-45672	LIFEAT-9
LIMESTONE-9	C-50464	LIFEAT-10
LIQUATION-2	C-50455	LIFEAT-11
LIPSTICK-35	C-50157	LIFEAT-12
LIPSTICK-37	C-50750	LIFEAT-13
LIQUATION-1	C-38015	LIFEAT-14
LIQUATION-3	C-54056	LIFEAT-15
LIMEWATER-5	C-70322	LIFEAT-16

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FROM Chief of Station, Mexico

per GSN 43-43

DATE
22 May 1959

SUBJECT LIFEAT Project Renewal Request

RE "43" - (CHECK "X" ONE)

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ACTION REQUIRED
Renewal of Project LIFEAT for FY 1960INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED
BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLYREFERENCE(S)
REF: HDM-W-6820, 24 Sept. 1958

1. There is attached a Review of Project LIFEAT for the period 1 July 1958 to 30 June 1959.

2. Part I of the Outline has been revised this year. Station Mexico felt that with the number of revisions which have been made since a complete project renewal request was submitted for FY 1958, this was warranted. It should be noted that for purposes of uniformity all indigenous personnel in the LIFEAT complex have now been given on cryptonym and at present this breakdown goes from /1 to /16. Any future personnel changes will be added to this numbering series.

3. Part II is submitted in its entirety.

4. It is requested that Project LIFEAT be renewed for FY 1960 for the amount indicated herein.

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Willard C. CURTIS

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PROJECT REVIEW - LIFEAT

1. Product of the Project

The Soviet Embassy

a. Soviet Commercial Activities;

During the past year reports submitted from screening the LIFEAT/LIMERICK tapes of the two established Soviet commercial offices have provided a great amount of detail concerning Soviet efforts to sell in the Latin American market. Following is a list of a few of the reports submitted as a result of the intelligence gained from this source;

HQM-~~3552~~, 27 Aug. 1958 - Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico

HQM-~~3552~~, 21 Jan. 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico

MEXI-~~5255~~, 2 Feb. 1959, Identity of Soviet Technician

HQM-~~4232~~, 18 Feb. 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico

HQM-~~4232~~, 18 Mar. 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico

HQM-~~4232~~, 10 Apr. 1959, Commercial Contact of USSR and Poland in Mexico

HQM-~~4232~~, 17 Apr. 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico.

b. Soviet Diplomatic Activities;

This project has provided coverage and details of some of the diplomatic activities of the Soviets in Mexico. It has served to show the relationships maintained, culturally, socially and diplomatically between the Soviets and the members of the Satellite establishments in Mexico.

HQM-~~421723~~, 17 Dec. 1958, Soviet Embassy Reception on 7 Nov. 1958

HQM-~~421794~~, 24 Dec. 1958, Soviet Delegates to Inauguration of President Adolfo LOPEZ MATEOS

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c. Soviet Cultural Activities;

Information produced by LIFEAT has given details of Soviet activities in connection with cultural activities. Examples of such reports are;

HMM-A-11594, 26 Nov. 1958, Soviet Representative at World Film Festival held in Mexico City, 10-28 Oct. 1958 - Ivan A. PYRIEV

HMM-A-12225, 25 Feb. 1959, Soviet participants in Pablo CASALS International Competition held in Jalapa 18 Jan. - 1 Feb. 1959

HMM-3923, 31 Dec. 1958, Pablo CASALS participants

HMM-4004, 2 Feb. 1959, Pablo CASALS Competition participants

MEXI-3634, 2 Apr. 1959, Contact with Chinese Ballet Troupe

d. Movement of Soviet Officials;

Through LIFEAT coverage a roster of Soviet personnel currently in Mexico has been maintained by Station Mexico. This has been the primary source of such information. LIFEAT has enabled the Station to determine in advance when departures can be expected and has also been a factor in determining job assignments and replacements for departing personnel.

e. Soviet Embassy Contacts;

Contact reports of the Soviets are compiled and provided for Headquarters as necessary. These reports are of considerable operational value in identifying regular and/or occasional local and foreign contacts of the Soviets. Following are examples of this type of coverage;

HMM-A-12295, 4 Mar. 1959, Soviet Contacts in Mexico - Haile ATSEHA, Ethiopian

HMM-A-11838, 7 Jan. 1959 - Orville M. MULLIKIN

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f. Personality Reports on Soviet Officials;

LIFEAT has provided the Station with the most productive source of information concerning the private and official lives of the Soviets assigned to Mexico. These reports have been submitted on individuals, e.g., HMM-A-11163, 5 Nov. 1958, Activities of Yevgeniy M. POPOV, Third Secretary, Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, June 1957 - October 1958; HMM-A-11569, 10 Dec. 1958, Boris G. PUTILIN, Employee, Military Attache Office, Mexico City; HMM-A-12755, 30 April 1959, Boris M. STRELTSOV, and HMM-A-12000, 28 Jan. 1959, Aleksandr M. BROVKIN.

g. Goods and Services;

Information on Goods and Services obtained from LIFEAT was used in Project LIMESA.

h. Miscellaneous Activities of the Soviet Embassy;

LIFEAT material which does not fall into any one category but which deals with the Soviets and their associates and related activities has been reported as necessary.

The Czech Legation

The information obtained on the Czech Legation during the period under review is essentially the same as that from the Soviet Embassy. Representative of the reports submitted from this information are the following personnel reports;

HMM-A-12069, 4 Feb. 1959, Alois LICEK

HMM-A-12067, 4 Feb. 1959, Jaroslav KREJZA

HMM-A-12091, 4 Feb. 1959, Bedrich PISTORA and

HMM-A-12128, 11 Feb. 1959, Oldrich SPORCR.

The Polish Legation

Information on this installation parallels that on the Czech and Soviet installations. The largest amount of information concerning

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the polish legation has been procured from LIFEAT. Following are examples of reports from this source;

HMM-A-12420, 18 Mar. 1959, Contacts of Aleksandr BEKIER, Polish Counselor

HMM-A-10883, 20 Aug. 1958, Mieczyslaw WLODAREK, Polish Minister

HMM-A-12376, 11 Mar. 1959, Antonio O. MARCEYNSKY

HMM-A-12393, 11 Mar. 1959, polish legation publication.

Mexican Communist party and Communist fronts

*What about
supplementing CP info?*

A significant amount of information concerning the Communist party in Mexico and the Communist front organizations in Mexico was obtained from LIFEAT. Information from LIFEAT has been invaluable in supplementing agent coverage of the front-organizations which exist here. Examples of this type reporting include;

HMM-A-11411, The Narciso BASSOLS Family and Polish legation

HMM-A-11412, 5 Nov. 1958, Travel of Narciso BASSOLS.

American Communists in Mexico

Most of these targets have been covered at the request of ODEWY and the production has been partially processed by them. A total of 572 reels was provided them for processing during a 10-month period ending 30 April 1959. Samples of the reporting done from this source include;

HMM-A-12719, 24 April 1959, Noah and Anna SEBORER

HMM-A-12013, 28 Jan. 1959, Anna and Noah SEBORER

HMM-A-12460, 20 Mar. 1959, Albert MALTZ

HMM-A-11851, 7 Jan. 1959, Albert MALTZ.

Foreign dissident groups in Mexico

LIFEAT provided partial coverage of Cuban exile groups and gave current information on the status of the "26 July Movement" prior to its overthrow of the BATISTA government in Cuba and has continued to

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provides information on the current status of the Cubans in Mexico.

LAURICIE Information

LIFEAT has contributed materially to several matters having LAURICIE interest.

Counter-Intelligence Information

CI/CE matters constitute a major portion of the Mexico City Station's priority objectives. Project LIFEAT has contributed to the attainment of these objectives. The two BGMORNING installations have provided valuable information for the responsible Case Officer on the matters involved therein.

Conclusion

The Mexico City Station believes that the product of the LIFEAT Project measured against the expenditure of KUBARK assets in terms of personnel, time, security risks and funds well justifies its renewal. The information produced by this operation has materially contributed to several priority objectives of the Station's Related Mission Directive.

2. Progress of the Operation

Definite progress has been made in reporting on the objectives of the LIFEAT Project. However, since LIFEAT objectives are of a continuing nature and are not designed to be achieved, no statistics can be cited as to the percentage of coverage on each objective. A general indication of the coverage can be derived when it is realized that some 10,000 pages of raw text in 10 months are the direct result of the operation from which the statistics cited above were derived. Except for a period in July and August 1958, following the termination of members of the James O. AYCALL family, LIFEAT has been in daily operation with some 12-16 lines being covered. These may be broken down as follows:

Soviet Embassy	5 lines
Czech Legation	2 lines (moved during this period and only in operation for approximately 2 months)
Polish Legation	3 lines (third installed in April 1959)
American Communists	3 lines
Remainder	5 lines.

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3. Planning for the Future

During the coming year Station capabilities will be expanded to permit monitoring of approximately 24 lines. Basic coverage of Soviet, Czech and Polish activities will be continued to the maximum extent possible and assets and capabilities will be maintained for exploiting important targets of opportunity. At the present time and with the new system effected for LIFEAT lines, Station believes that 24 will be the maximum number of lines which can be properly handled and handled securely by the personnel currently available for LIFEAT.

4. Performance of Agents

In general the performance of the LIFEAT agents has been good and secure during the past year. The personnel from the AYCALL group were terminated during this period and compartmentation has been employed in the re-assignment of tasks among LIFEAT chain. In view of the high degree of security necessary for the personnel involved in this operation, it is planned to screen very carefully any possible candidates before they are approached for use in this operation after prior approval has been procured from Headquarters for an approach.

5. Expenditures during period under review

Approval was granted for the period under review, 1 July 1958 - 30 June 1959 to spend \$159,500.00. The proposed LIFEAT budget for FY 1960 is contained in the attached Field Project Outline Part II.

6. Status of Commitments

There are no commitments other than those provided for in the outline and the individual contracts of several LIFEAT personnel.

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PROJECT OUTLINE

PROJECT: LIFEAT

PART I

1. Area of Operations

This project is run from the Mexico City Station. It is concerned with targets located in Mexico City.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to determine Sino-Soviet and Satellite plans, activities and connections with other Communist elements through the use of technical surveillance. This purpose is in consonance with the Related Mission Directive for Mexico, Priority A, Objective One.

3. Background

Project LIFEAT was initially approved on 3 October 1950. Actual operations began 18 January 1951 and have run continuously since that time. The LIFEAT Project was begun with the installation of one telephone tap and has been expanded since that time to where the present coverage averages 18 lines.

Project LIFEAT is a unilateral operation. It is completely independent from any liaison arrangement and is staffed by KUBARK staff and contract employees with a substantial number of local indigenous controlled agents.

During the past eight years Project LIFEAT has produced more than 55,000 pages of operational and intelligence information in direct support of the Mexico City Station's objectives specifically and has contributed materially to the intelligence-gathering activities connected with the Sino-Soviet and Satellite Bloc. In addition, Project LIFEAT has been of considerable value and assistance in monitoring the activities of Americans residing in Mexico City in which ODEENVY has major interest.

4. References

- a. HMM-A-10198, 31 May 1958, Renewal Request for FY 1959
- b. HMM-W-6820, 24 Sept. 1958, Approval of Renewal Request for FY 1959.

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5. Objectives

- a. To identify Soviet and Satellite intelligence personnel and to collect information on the nature and extent of their clandestine intelligence and propaganda activities in Mexico.
- b. To collect information on Soviet and Satellite commercial, diplomatic, cultural and military personnel and their activities in Mexico.
- c. To collect biographic information on Soviet and Satellite officials.
- d. To collect information on the movements, assignments and positions of Soviet and Satellite personnel.
- e. To collect information on prominent Mexico Communists and pro-Communists and their activities.
- f. To collect information on prominent Communists, other than Mexicans, active in Mexico and to identify them and their associates.
- g. To collect information on exile groups active in Mexico.
- h. To collect information on targets of opportunity in Mexico.

6. Targets

For objectives "a" through "d" -

- a. Selected Soviet Embassy and commercial office telephone conversations.
- b. Selected Satellite office and home phones.

For objective "e" -

- c. Telephone conversations from the residences of senior Communists or pro-Communists.

For objective "f" -

- d. Telephone conversations from the residences of known American Communists.

For objective "g" -

- e. Telephone conversations emanating from the residences and/or offices of selected targets, i.e., LIERODE, in Mexico.

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For objective "h" -

f. telephone conversations which can be monitored of targets of opportunity, e.g., BOMORNING.

7. Tasks

Case Officer - Edward P. SECHEN

Asst. Case Officer - Gene F. BRADDOCK

a. Supervise the operational and administrative activities of all LIFEAT staff, contract and indigenous personnel.

b. Maintain awareness and provide direction in all operational matters pertaining to the management of the LIFEAT Project.

c. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the operational phases: LIFEAT/LIMERICK, LITMUS, LIVERY, LIERODE, BOMORNING and American Communist Group in Mexico activities.

d. Coordinate information received from LIMERICK with other Station operations.

e. Maintain LIFEAT capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.

f. Maintain supervision over basehouses and training of the personnel therein.

8. Coordination

a. Information produced by LIFEAT is closely coordinated with other operations at the Mexico City Station. No operational coordination is required with any other area but they are kept informed of any information produced by LIFEAT which may be of interest to them.

b. Project LINOG, which supports David M. WILSTED, who is the principal outside LIFEAT Case Officer, is effected in coordination with Project LIFEAT.

c. Project BESNICO74 which supports William D. BRADDOCK, is coordinated with Project LIFEAT. *Not*
Personnel *who access the info from the LIVERY phase is effected in CO.*

a. Staff Agents;

Ralph B. RAFANELLI - under unofficial commercial cover(201-176295)

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b. Contract Agents/Employees;

1. David M. *WILSTED(201-009195) - principal outside case officer
MEEL HECUT WILSTED UNDER PROJECT LING
2. Alice M. *CAILLETEAU(201-119967) - clerical work C-47041
3. Olivia N. *GLADSON(201-117751) - processes tapes and does
clerical work C-46546
4. Carol K. *ZINSMEISTER(201-117968) - processes major portion
of LIFEAT take. C-44872
5. Wallace L. *KAWOHL(201-033959) - basehouse operator CC-3877
(aka LIMITATION)
6. Isona C. *MOANDARA(201-) - LIFEAT clipping C-6657
(201-117968)
7. ~~Woodrow B. *GABROT(201-11465) - processor for LIFEAT take~~

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c. Field Agents;

- *LIFEUD-1 formerly LIMWATER(201-183704) OA 17 Oct. 1950 CC-739
- *LIFEUD-2 formerly LIMWATER-1(201-117970) OA 14 Aug. 1951 CC-1412
- *LIFEUD-3 formerly LIMWATER-2(201-117971) OA 14 Dec. 1953 CC-7452
- *LIFEUD-4 formerly LIMITATION-3(201-117743) OA 1 Oct. 1953 CC-6970
- *LIFEUD-5 formerly LIQUATION(201-117744) OA 15 Dec. 1953 CC-7476
- *LIFEUD-6 formerly ILLACE(201-117978) OA 28 Sept. 1954 C-3445
- *LIFEUD-7 formerly LIMESTONE-4(201-117980) OA 21 Oct. 1954 C-31457
- *LIFEUD-8 formerly LIPSTICK-13(201-119521) OA 31 Mar. 1955 C-33182
- *LIFEUD-9 formerly LIMESTONE-8(201-117984) OA 27 Apr. 1956 C-45672
- *LIFEUD-10 formerly LIMESTONE-9(201-114085) OA 13 Sept. 1956 C-50464
- *LIFEUD-11 formerly LIQUATION-2(201-113595) OA 21 Aug. 1956 C-50455

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- *LIFEUD-12 formerly LIPSTICK-35(201-113596) OA 6 Aug. 1956 C-50157
- *LIFEUD-13 formerly LIPSTICK-37(201-115833) OA 13 Sept. 1956 C-50150
- *LIFEUD-14 formerly LIQUATION-1(201-117972) OA 26 Sept. 1956 C-38015
- *LIFEUD-15 formerly LIQUATION-3(201-126315) OA 19 Jan. 1957 C-54096
- *LIFEUD-16 formerly LIMESTONE-6(201-222786) OA 2 July 1958. C-70322

d. personnel dropped from the project;

Following indigenous personnel were terminated for security reasons during FY 1959;

LIMESTONE-1
LIMESTONE-2
LIMESTONE-3
LIMESTONE-5
LIMESTONE-7
LIMESTONE-10.

Frances M. MENZIE resigned during FY 1959.

that N. DELACOUR is not now active but her clearance is being kept open.
Daniel K. BROMUND returned PCS to Headquarters during this period.

10. Operational Clearances *Louise J. MCKINNO was transferred to LIBERTY Project in February 1959.*

please see 9.

11. Cover

~~Woodrow D. GABOT enjoys fictional cover as Researcher for a POPPINE Research Council.~~

Other cover remains the same as that submitted in HQM-A-7063 except for David M. WILSTED who is engaged in insurance business since he has procured his "Emigrado" status.

12. Contact and Communications

a. Daily contact and communications between the Case Officer and the agents and undercover personnel in this Project is maintained in a clandestine manner. Various patterns have been established by which the agents and case officers follow pre-arranged signals for meetings. When heavy or bulky material is to be passed, pre-arranged

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meetings are held at night. All movement in and out of bases by the Case Officers and Principal Agents is done in cars ostensibly owned by agents except in the case of LIVERY where agents are too old to drive. One of the indigenous agents is used to contact LIVERY base. Entrance to bases on foot is made only in great emergencies.

b. Telephonic contact concerning the Project and with agents is kept to a minimum and code is used for phone conversations between Case officers and agents.

c. Alternate and emergency signals have been arranged.

d. In general these systems of contact and communication appear to be suitable for the Project and function adequately from a security viewpoint. Locations and times of meetings are changed frequently to prevent discovery.

13. Control and Motivation

Control and motivation seem to be based on two factors primarily: ideological and monetary. A third controlling factor would be fear of reprisal from local police should discovery occur.

14. Equipment and Support

It is believed probable that a great deal of replacement equipment will be required by the Project during FY 1960 since much of the current equipment installed and working has been in use for the length of the project and since this equipment is no longer being manufactured, replacement parts will be unobtainable soon and new units will be required.

15. Timetable

LI-FAR has been in almost constant operation since its inception in January 1951 and it is planned to continue it indefinitely.

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PROJECT OUTLINE

PART II

PROJECT: LIFEAT17. Estimated Costs

The following costs are estimated for FY 1960. All figures are in U.S. dollars per year. It will be noted that owing to the rise in the cost of living and especially to much higher rents and to intended expansion, LIFEAT costs will be higher than in the past.

a. Salaries:

1. Staff and Contract Personnel

Ralph B. RAFANELLI, GS-9	
Salary	\$5985.00
Quarters	2304.00

Woodrow D. GABBOT	
Salary	9890.00**

**(Since this subject's contract has not been received, this figure is based on statement he is GS-13 and minimum figure taken)

Quarters	1728.00
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Translator(LIMERICK) GS-12 not yet named(This is established in hopes that the Project will be able to live-monitor portion of LIMERICK traffic)

Salary	8330.00
Quarters	2400.00
Transportation	1000.00
HME move	1500.00

Carol K. ZIMMERMASTER - salary	5400.00
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Alice N. CAULLETEAU - salary	2000.00
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Olivia N. GADMON - piecework	4200.00
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Wallace L. KAWOHL - salary	1728.00
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Leona C. GANDARA - salary	900.00
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TOTAL	\$47,365.00
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	11,618
	\$35,747.00

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2.	<u>Field Agents</u>	<u>Presently</u>	<u>Possible Raise</u>
	LIFEUD-1	\$5764.61	
	LIFEUD-2	2498.00	
	LIFEUD-3	1633.00	
	LIFEUD-1's helper	144.12	
	LIFEUD-4	1921.54	
	LIFEUD-5	3650.92	
	LIFEUD-6	3000.00	
	LIFEUD-7	2113.69	
	LIFEUD-8	1921.54	
	LIFEUD-9	1633.31	
	LIFEUD-10 no salary		
	LIFEUD-11 no salary		
	LIFEUD-12 no salary		
	LIFEUD-13 no salary		
	LIFEUD-14	3650.92	
	LIFEUD-15	768.51	
	LIFEUD-16	960.77	

(Due to continued increases in cost of living, it is expected that an over-all raise of 10% will be made during FY 1960 to the agents above listed. Adjustments will be made in peso amounts should devaluation of the peso occur during FY 1960) \$3300.00

Christmas bonus (In accordance with local custom this amounts to one-month's pay for each agent) and gifts where necessary \$3,000.00

TOTAL \$35,961.03

b. Basehouse rentals, utilities and expenses

LIMERICK Main Base	\$1969.55	
LIVERY Relay Base	585.00	
ANNEX IV	3000.00	
ANNEX VI	2260.00	
ANNEX VII	2000.00	
ANNEX VIII	3375.00	
Proposed basehouse	3500.00	
TOTAL		\$16,689.55

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