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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Reference: HMMA 26006, 30 April 1965

- 1. During the second quarter of 1965 (the period covered by this report) the LIONION operation experienced some technical difficulties which have not been solved to date. Normal coverage of the target was obtained throughout the month of April with the exposure of some 600 feet of film by the pulse camera and 28 rolls of 36-exposure Tri-X by the Pentax/Balscope installation. Normal coverage continued until 27 May at which time the pulse camera became inoperative owing to a burned-out drive motor. The camera was removed and forwarded to Headquarters for necessary repairs and a Pentax with a 180 mm telephoto lens was rigged as a temporary substitute for coverage of the Consulate entrance. On 16 June a reconditioned pulse camera was received and immediately placed in service. Unfortunately, this unit failed on 27 June and was removed. A faulty shutter motor was to blame. This camera was also forwarded to Headquarters for repair and the Pentax/180 mm rig was again set up. This rig is being operated by LIONION-2.
- 2. Morale of both agents continues high, expecially in view of the excellent service Headquarters performed in "issuing" new PBRUMEN passports for these agents. Both were astounded to see their own signatures expertly forged in the new documents. Headquarters help in this documentation problem is greatly appreciated.
- It will be recalled that in the last progress report the Station requested Headquarters and Station JMWAVE views on forwarding LIONION photos to JMWAVE. This request was promptly answered by HMMW 13645 and photos have

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accordingly been sent to JMWAYE which, by having AMMUG-1 screen them, has already made one important DGI identification.

- 4. During the period under review a dispatch covering details of the LIONION pulse camera operation (HMMA 26414, 22 June) was forwarded to KURIOT.
- 5. With reinforcements for the Station's PBRUMEN Section due to arrive shortly, it is expected that more operational exploitation of the excellent LIONION production will result in short order.

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