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SUBJECT  
PBRUMEN LIFEAT/LIERODE, Confusion in Use of Cryptonyms

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

1. The Station's use of certain cryptonyms identifying technical operations against PBRUMEN TPELIDE in Mexico has caused confusion in Headquarters elements responsible for sourcing and dissemination of information produced, and for supporting the entire complex of operations itself. The cryptonyms in question are (a) LIFEAT (b) LIERODE (c) MKTRAP (d) LICOOOL/11 and (e) PBIMPULSE. The original meaning of these cryptonyms is being forwarded under separate cover.

2. The purpose of this dispatch is to submit for Station comment a review of the technical operational effort against PBRUMEN TPELIDE since its inception. The objectives are (1) to complete Headquarters records which lack considerable detail concerning the intricacies of the operation, (2) to urge a more precise use of cryptonyms in reporting this activity which would benefit Headquarters personnel responsible for monitoring and supporting these operations and (3) to suggest a few administrative adjustments which would dispel the present confusion mentioned in this dispatch.

3. The initial effort against the target was PBIMPULSE. It was introduced into the target using LIFEAT assets and was actuated from the LIFEAT VI basehouse. This is mentioned only to complete the record and does not pertain to the intent of this discussion. Properly speaking the initial effort begins with the activation of LIFEAT/LIERODE in February 1959, as indicated in HMMA 12358. Subsequently eight (8) LICOOOL attempts were made during 1960-1961 against the same target. The LICOOOLs were monitored from a mobile LP (not LIFIRE), Basehouse ABLE and Basehouse BAKER, and the latter came to be referred to as the LIERODE base. The most productive operation of this sort seems to have been LICOOOL/11, activated on 9 May 1959, according to MEXI 3884, dated 15 May 1959. According to our records the last LICOOOL ceased functioning during late 1961. Please confirm.

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4. At that time a different technique was planned. The following briefly outlines the development of the operations which the Station habitually refers to as "MKTRAP":

- 5 February 1962: Request for operation received at MKCHARITY by Harvey C. MULFORD.
- 8 Feb.-Mar. 1962: Design and construction of MKTRAP.
- 9 March 1962 : MKTRAP delivered to LIFEAT CO for placement in target area.
- 10 March 1962 : MKTRAP installed by LIFEAT assets and initial LP tests performed from LIFEAT VI basehouse with negative results.
- 14 March 1962 : LP tests conducted with revised series line connections with positive results.
- 6-13 April 1962: Design and construction of LP equipment.
- 16 April 1962 : Installation of LP equipment in LIFEAT VI basehouse.

MKTRAP, although moved from room to room, remained in place within the target area, though inactive most of the time. During November 1963 MKTRAP was re-actuated from a second LIFEAT basehouse known as Basehouse CHARLIE.

5. The photo surveillance of PBRUMEN TPELIDE was put into effect, using basehouse BAKER (LIERODE Base) at the same time that MKTRAP was actuated. This photo coverage, the basehouse, PBRUMEN TPELIDE and the activity for which the cryptonym was first authorized have all been identified as LIERODE which has created considerable confusion here at Headquarters.

6. According to scanty Headquarter's records the following operations have utilized these bases against the target:

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| a. PBIMPULSE      | LIFEAT VI                                     |
| b. LICOLS         | Basehouses ABLE and BAKER                     |
| c. LIFEAT/LIERODE | LIFEAT VI                                     |
| d. "MKTRAP"       | LIFEAT VI, Basehouse BAKER, Basehouse CHARLIE |
| e. PHOTO          | Basehouse BAKER                               |

Headquarters has the impression that the principal factors that contributed to the suspension of MKTRAP activity from LIFEAT VI, were the physical deterioration of the house itself and the divorce of the basehouse keepers. The current LIFEAT Project Outline indicates that LIFEUD 14 and LIFEUD 17 were obtaining a divorce and were terminated as of 30 September 1962. Headquarters assumes they were the occupants of LIFEAT VI, yet the project outline does not show that the base was closed. LIFEAT VI was listed on page 20 of the outline as an active unit. On the other hand, page 15 of the outline states that LIFEUD 22 and LIFEUD 23 are occupying the "LIERODE photo basehouse", but that they have never been involved in LIFEAT work. This indicates that LIFEAT/LIERODE and the photo work against the PBRUMEN target are now being conducted from two different basehouses. The project outline also indicates that while it had been planned to have this base serve

"LIFEAT/MKTRAP", technical difficulties made this impossible, therefore these two agents were not being included under LIFEAT Project. When MKTRAP was re-actuated in November 1963 and as stated above, the Station utilized another LIFEAT basehouse, also called basehouse CHARLIE, situated approximately six miles from target. Please confirm the accuracy of the foregoing and supplement it by informing Headquarters the basehouses and keepers involved and the operations they are currently monitoring.

7. Headquarters requests Station's comments on the following suggestions:

a. Photographic coverage. That a separate project be prepared to include LIFEUD 22 and 23. The project should cover their salaries, basehouse rent, and equipment expenses, an arrangement similar to LITABBY and LIDOGTROT. This activity, identified with a new cryptonym would eliminate further confusion when discussing photographic coverage of PBRUMEN TPELIDE.

b. LICOOL. Headquarters is not aware of any LICOOLS presently operative. If any are contemplated, CSI-52-6, 27 February 1958, requires special Headquarters approval prior to any action taken. If successful, a decision can be made at that time whether a new project is necessary or whether it can adequately be covered under LIFEAT, depending on the assets being utilized in the operation.

c. LIERODE. The original intent of this cryptonym is discussed in the separate cover attachment and the activity has been assigned file number 50-6-32/6. If the operation utilizes LIFEAT assets, it is suggested that it remain under LIFEAT Project and be identified as LIFEAT/LIERODE in all correspondence. Please inform Headquarters of the assets presently used for LIFEAT/LIERODE coverage.

d. MKTRAP. KURIOT would prefer the Station not use this cryptonym in reporting this particular type of coverage. It is suggested that a new cryptonym, in the LI series, be utilized to reference this activity. The present cryptonym refers to a technique which has progressed from the developmental into the operational stage and should more appropriately be identified with a regular Station cryptonym. If this operation is being worked by LIFEAT assets, then it might be identified with a dual cryptonym LIFEAT/LI. A separate file number, within the LIFEAT series, can be assigned to cover "MKTRAP" if the Station requests it, but it does not seem necessary since other LIFEAT targets do not have separate file numbers either.

e. Consolidated Project. If the Station prefers, all technical operations - LIERODE, MKTRAP, LICOOL, PHOTO - directed against PBRUMEN TPELIDE can be funded and administered under one project.

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- CRYPTONYM A - Used to identify Station's unilateral telephone taps.
- CRYPTONYM B - Assigned on 21 February 1959, to identify the Station's unilateral telephone tap of the PBRUMEN TPELIDE in Mexico City. (See MEXI 3382, February 21, 1959)
- CRYPTONYM C - Identifies the technical nomenclature of a hot mike telephone A/S installation. Details of the system are contained in HMMA 20307.
- CRYPTONYM D - Concealed microphones.
- CRYPTONYM E - Hot mike telephone.

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