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REVIEW OF PROJECT LIEMPTY
(For the Purpose of Project Renewal)

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The attached project action is presented for approval for the period
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FROM: Chief of Station, Mexico City

SUBJECT: LIEMPTY Project Renewal

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES
Action: Renewal of Project

Attached for Headquarters' action is Station's review of Project LIEMPTY for purposes of renewing the project for the period 1 December 1962 through 30 November 1963. The attached review should also fulfill the requirement of a progress report for the period since the last project renewal. Hereafter, progress reports for this project will be submitted quarterly.

Willard C. Curtis
Willard C. CURTIS

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I. CURRENT OBJECTIVES AND PRODUCTION

A. Oliver G. SCANTLING Segment (discussed in relation to project objectives):

1. "To collect operational information pertaining to LIMERICK personnel and physical facilities." SCANTLING has continued (see previous Project Reviews forwarded as attachments to HMMA-17999, 31 October 1961, HMMA-14093, 13 November 1959, and HMMA-15979, 18 November 1960) to provide worthwhile information pertaining to this objective. During the past year SCANTLING has continued to be used extensively to follow up leads produced by LIFEAT and LIENVOY. An excellent example of this blending of various Station support assets was the investigation and casing performed by SCANTLING after leads from both LIENVOY and LIFEAT indicated the possibility of launching a successful technical operation against the residence of a high ranking LIMERICK intelligence officer assigned to Mexico under diplomatic cover. With the aid of the thorough casing report and neighborhood investigation completed by SCANTLING, Station KURIOT personnel, supported by other Station support assets, were successful in installing a technical device in the target.

SCANTLING continues to be the Station's primary means of keeping current records on the residences of the many Soviet personnel in Mexico City. This is primarily accomplished through SCANTLING's follow up of all LIENVOY leads which indicate interest by Soviets in specific quarters. (See previous project renewal requests for additional details.)

2. "To collect operational information pertaining to other targets of opportunity, foreign official installations and personnel of intelligence interest operating in Mexico". SCANTLING is very useful for collecting information on other Station targets:

a. On the basis of a lead from the ODACID installation in Veracruz, the Station (with Headquarters support) mounted an operation to unobtrusively sabotage a large unit of agricultural machinery (of U. S. origin) which was in transit to Cuba. To mount this operation, a precise and detailed casing of the implement was essential. This SCANTLING was able to accomplish in one trip to Veracruz with results that contributed substantially to the operation.

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b. SCANTLING provided the Station a detailed investigation of Harotun ("Harry") KOPOIAN, employee of American Communists Albert and Margaret MALTZ, which determined the residence of KOPOIAN as well as his family status and connections.

c. In the Satellite area, SCANTLING completed a casing of an official Yugoslav installation in conjunction with a projected Station technical operation.

3. "To exploit operational leads through recruitments, debriefings, and surveillances." SCANTLING has contributed to this objective both directly and indirectly as noted in the following examples:

a. SCANTLING completed a detailed and secure interview of the fiancée of BESMOOTH to determine her connection with the principals in the MCMAYFOWL case, particularly any connection with procurement of documents used in the flight behind the Iron Curtain. This assignment was extremely sensitive (SCANTLING was not told true reason for interview) and SCANTLING did an admirable job while maintaining his cover for having the interview.

b. SCANTLING was called on for extensive initial spade work in the BEKNAVE/BECHICK operation. SCANTLING gave his usual competent performance despite the fact that the role assigned him was unique to his experience.

c. SCANTLING performed one man surveillance of a sensitive Station Soviet double agent which contributed significantly to that operation.

d. SCANTLING was used extensively during the visit of GPIDEAL as part of the Station's effort in providing maximum protection for the GPIDEAL party.

e. In addition, SCANTLING performed numerous pretext and neighborhood investigations, some of which were highly sensitive. SCANTLING also does most of the local investigations requested by ODACID and other ODYOKE components.

4. In addition to his contributions to the above objectives, SCANTLING is used for miscellaneous support requirements from the Station. For example, SCANTLING handled LIEMBROIL-2 until the return of LIMOTOR-14 in July 1962. SCANTLING is also used to spot and rent safe houses and apartments for other Station operations.

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5. As stated in the preceding Requests for Project Renewal, although SCANTLING's LIEMPTY Project objectives can never be completely fulfilled, it is the Station's opinion that SCANTLING has made important and valuable contributions to LIEMPTY Project objectives specifically and to other Station activities in general. SCANTLING's production, measured against monetary expenditures, case officer time and other intangible factors, unquestionably justifies his continuation as an integral part of Project LIEMPTY.

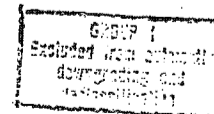
B. Raymond H. GERENDE Segment (discussed in relation to project objectives):

1. "To collect operational information pertaining to LIMERICK personnel and physical facilities through use of photographic base houses." Three photographic bases, LIMITED, LILYRIC and LICALLA, contribute to this objective. To avoid repetition, the Station is omitting the usual description of the functions of these three bases and how they contribute to the above objective. This was described in detail in the 1960 Request for Project Renewal. (HMMA-15979)

2. "To collect operational information and identify operational leads pertaining to Station targets of opportunity." The LIENTRAP operation, handled by GERENDE, is still the major contributor to this objective. Among LIENTRAP's regular and extensive photographic assignments, was the photo stakeout of prominent Mexican Communists (some of whom have never been photographed previously by KUBARK) and Communist Party Headquarters. During this assignment, LIENTRAP was able to cover the recent move of PCM Headquarters (the first information Station had of the move) and to continue photo surveillance at the new site.

3. "To provide operational support to Station operations, i. e., rent hotel rooms and apartments, and conduct counter-surveillances." GERENDE is used frequently to rent hotel rooms and apartments for other Station operations and activities. GERENDE's comprehensive area knowledge and personal operational capabilities combine to make him an extremely valuable Station asset for such support activities. GERENDE also procures and services post office box letter drops for the many Station operations requiring them.

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4. The quality and quantity of operational information produced by the photographic bases and other activities under GERENDE s control and supervision is considered worthwhile and in some cases unique. The Station concludes, therefore, that this segment of the LIEMPTY Project should be continued.

C. Relationship to Related Mission Directive Objectives:

As stated in previous project renewals, it can readily be noted that Project LIEMPTY has provided support to many Station operations and in this manner has been a contributing factor to the furtherance of the Related Mission Directive. The project has not produced any positive intelligence nor has it been intended that it should do so. The project's sole purpose is to provide a mechanism for the development of operational information in support of other Station operations.

II. CHANGES

There have been no changes in the LIEMPTY Project during the past project year affecting either objectives or personnel.

III. EFFECTIVENESS

There has been no change in Project LIEMPTY which would alter the validity of the remarks made in Section III of 1960 project renewal request (HMMA 15979)

IV. PROBLEMS

The security problem in connection with the LICALLA operation, which was described in 1960 renewal request, is still present but has caused no known difficulty. At Headquarters suggestion in HMMW-9736, the LICALLA base was reactivated on 29 May 1961. The base operator continues to be alert for any unusual incidents which might indicate that the base has been compromised.

V. PLANS

The Station considers that the project is operating at its optimum size and does not plan to expand it during the coming year. Efforts will be continued to refine and better utilize the existing project organizational arrangements. As in the past, the Station will continue its efforts to improve the compartmentation and security of the project.

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VI. COSTS

A. Past Project Year - Station finance records indicate that Project LIEMPTY expended approximately \$26,250 during Fiscal Year 1962 (1 December 1961 - 30 June 1962) and has thus far during Fiscal Year 1963 (through 30 September 1962) expended about \$7,000.00. It is anticipated that about \$8,000.00 will be expended during the last two months (October and November 1962) of the project year. This will make a total expenditure during the project year of about \$43,250, or \$6,250.00 under the budget estimate of \$49,500.00.

B. Next Project Year - Of the total \$49,900.00 budget, itemized below, approximately \$30,400.00 should be expended during the remainder of Fiscal Year 1963 and the balance, \$19,500.00 should be expended during Fiscal Year 1964. Normal accounting procedures will be used for all expenditures.

<u>AGENT SALARIES</u> (Includes Christmas bonus 1962)	\$US Per Annum	FY 1963	FY 1964
Raymond H. GERENDE	\$ 6,000.00		
Oliver G. SCANTLING	5,500.00		
Louise J. MACRINO (at \$US 2.02 per hour)	500.00		
LIEMPTY-4	2,400.00		
LIEMPTY-5 (at \$US 1.75 per hour)	1,000.00		
LIEMPTY-6	3,500.00		
LIEMPTY-7 (no salary)	----		
LIEMPTY-8	2,200.00		
LIEMPTY-9	3,200.00		
LIEMPTY-10	4,200.00		
LIEMPTY-11	2,900.00		
LIEMPTY-12	2,200.00		
LIEMPTY-13	2,200.00		
LIEMPTY-14	2,200.00		
LIEMPTY-19	1,000.00		
LIEMPTY-24 (no salary)	----		
SUB TOTAL	\$39,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$15,000.00

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<u>OPERATIONAL EXPENSES</u>	\$US per annum	FY 1963	FY 1964
Transportation: Maintenance of MV 2279, MV 2284, and 2236	2,000.00		
Real Estate: Rent, utilities, and maintenance safehouses			
*LIMITED	3,300.00		
*LICALLA	1,700.00		
LILYRIC	1,200.00		
Procurement of safehouses, post office boxes, and renting of automobiles	1,000.00		
Purchase of information, iden- tification documents, and bribes	500.00		
SUB TOTAL	\$9,700.00	\$5,700.00	\$4,000.00
<u>OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT</u>			
Repair, maintenance and pur- chase of replacement photographic equipment and purchase film	1,200.00		
SUB TOTAL	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$49,900.00 (per project year)	\$30,400.00 (FY 1963)	\$19,500.00 (FY 1964)

* NOTE: LIMITED and LICALLA rents are returned to Station by LIMOUSINE and credited to miscellaneous receipts.)

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VII. EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

Emergency recontact arrangements for Oliver G. SCANTLING and Raymond H. GERENDE are on file in Headquarters (See HMMA 15982 of 23 November 1960 and HMMA 15981 of 23 November 1960.) For further information see project renewal request of 1960 forwarded by HMMA 15979.

VIII. TRAINING

No training, other than that within the competency of SCANTLING or GERENDE to give, is anticipated for the coming project year.

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