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1. The following report is submitted in accordance with CSFHB-F 52-6-1, Section V, paragraph 2 (d) (1).

A. EXPLOITATION OF LEADS

1) LIFEAT/Soviet LIFEAT continued to provide daily coverage of the home phone of Soviet Intelligence officer, Aleksandr G. SIDOROV in order to both provide information on the contacts of SIDOROV and to support the MKCHARITY-20 operation by providing information on the daily routine of the SIDOROV family and maid. Coverage of a second Soviet Intelligence officer, Svyatoslav F. KUZNETSOV, was reinstated in March in order to support the Station officer conducting the LISTED operation.

In addition, LIFEAT undertook coverage of a suspected one time Soviet support agent. LIFEAT product is valuable in developing basic information on this target which would otherwise be difficult if not impossible to obtain.

2) LIFEAT/Polish As in the past LIFEAT continued to provide information on the daily activities and contacts of the Polish Embassy personnel in Mexico City.

3) LIFEAT/Yugoslav In addition to reporting on the daily activities and contacts of the Yugoslav official installation LIFEAT provided information on the planned attendance at JMSAIL conference of two Yugoslav diplomats who are suspected intelligence officers. LIFEAT also provided information predicting the promotion of Yugoslav-Mexican trade as a result of the Mexican President's visit to Belgrade.

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4) LIFEAT/Czechoslovakian LIFEAT is covering the home of two Czechoslovakian intelligence officers in hopes of gaining operational leads for the interested Station officer.

5) LIFEAT/Cuba: LIFEAT coverage of three lines in support of the AMSTRUT operation continues to give an "essential" check on this operation as well as providing by product information on conditions in PBRUMEN. Copies of the processed take from these lines are forwarded twice a week to WAVE. LIFEAT provides coverage of AMSTET-1, of great interest to the Station's JMGLN officer, and prior to AMSTET-1's return to Mexico provided coverage of the home of a Cuban official formerly stationed in Mexico City.

6) LIFEAT/Exile In this area the coverage of ESLARD-1 plus three related lines was the single major effort by LIFEAT during the reporting period. This coverage included a week of "live monitoring" of these lines prior to ESLARD-1's departure from Mexico. The Station officers interested in this case described LIFEAT coverage as "excellent and sustained with many operational leads".

LIFEAT coverage of a Costa Rican Communist living in Mexico, [redacted] contains an unusual number of leads for use by the interested Station Case Officer.

7) LIFEAT/American Communists Coverage of targets in this area is of primary interest to ODENVY. According to local ODENVY, travel and contacts of the ACGM provided from the LIFEAT coverage is of particular and continuing interest to them.

8) LIFEAT/Miscellaneous LIFEAT is covering a former SMOTH agent who is of interest to KUBARK for possibly compromising both SMOTH and KUBARK operations. The lead to this individual and request for LIFEAT coverage originated from Headquarters. Also LIFEAT, in connection with LIEMBRACE, provided lengthy coverage of Francisco WALTZ Olivera as a result of a lead from the Station's LIJENNET operation. This lead raised the possibility that WALTZ could have been a source of U.S. air navigational materials for the Soviets. Coverage of WALTZ, however, tends to confirm his non-involvement with the Soviets, at least during the period of LIEMBRACE-LIFEAT coverage.

B. PROCESSING OF TAKE

Karen C. UTTLICKY was added on an availability basis to the processor translator staff of LIFEAT. However, her primary duties continue to be that of part time translator of general Station materials. No other changes have taken place.

C. LIAISON

No change from that reported in reference.

D. SECURITY

During the reporting period, it has become increasingly difficult for LIFEAT to operate in a number of areas in Mexico City for two reasons: 1) the increasing efficiency of the telephone company (Telefonos de Mexico) in both modernizing their telephone cable system and keeping track of their daily personnel assignments [redacted] LIFEAT [redacted] and 2) the assignment by the Secretaria de Comunicaciones y Obras Publicas (SCOP) of special crews to check all

telephone company distribution boxes for "spare pairs" which could be used to provide service to Mexico City residents now without telephones. It is these "spare pairs" which LIFEAT utilizes for the routing of its tap lines to the basehouses. LIFEAT personnel have succeeded in developing variations on their regular tap procedures which it is believed will help negate the effects of the dangers noted above. Further refinements of LIFEAT operating methods are presently being considered, and will be implemented as necessary.

E. TECHNICAL

No change from that reported in reference.

The combined coverage for the two months of this report totaled 24 separate lines (16 in February and 23 in March). Coverage by target was as follows:

1. Aleksandr G. SIDOROV
2. Svyatoslav F. KUZNETSOV
3. Suspected Soviet support agent
4. and 5. Polish Embassy
- 6., 7. and 8. Yugoslav Embassy
- 9., 10. and 11. AMSTRUT Operation
12. AMSTET-1
13. [REDACTED]
14. Albert/Margaret MALTZ
15. Charles/Bertha SMALL aka SMOLIKOFF
16. Noah/Anna SEBORER
- 17., 18., 19. and 20. ESLARD-1 and related lines
21. Francisco WALTZ Olivera
22. Former SMOOTH agent of interest to Headquarters
23. and 24. Homes of two Czech intelligence officers

2. During the reporting period a number of memoranda were prepared by the Station for passing to local ODACID and ODENVY based in whole or in part on LIFEAT provided material. The following HMMs were provided as a by product of the LIFEAT operation.

HMM 7106
HMM 7145
HMM 7160

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