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DISPATCH

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TO: COS, Mexico City

INFO:

FROM:

Chief, WH Division

SUBJECT:

PREMIER LIFEAT/LIEMOX. Confusion in Use of Cryptonyms

ACTION REQUIRED: DIFFERENCES

1. The Station's use of certain cryptonyms identifying technical operations against PREMIER 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) LIEMOX (c) MEXTRAP (d) LICCOL/11 and (e) PRIMPULSE. 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 PREMIER 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 PRIMPULSE. 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/LIEMOX in February 1959, as indicated in HESIA 12353. Subsequently eight (8) LICCOL attempts were made during 1960-1961 against the same target. The LICCOLs were monitored from a mobile LP (not LIFEAT), Basehouse ABLE and Basehouse BAKER, and the latter case to be referred to as the LIEMOX base. The most productive operation of this sort seems to have been LICCOL/11, activated on 9 May 1959, according to HXII 3684, dated 15 May 1959. According to our records the last LICCOL ceased functioning during late 1961. Please confirm.

Attachment - w/s/c

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It was the... The following
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habitation...

- 5 February 1962: Request for operation received at
SECURITY by Harvey C. WILFORD.
- 8 Feb.-Mar. 1962: Design and construction of MTRAP.
- 9 March 1962: MTRAP delivered to LIFEAT 03 for
placement in target area.
- 13 March 1962: MTRAP 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.
- 8-13 April 1962: Design and construction of LP equipment.
- 16 April 1962: Installation of LP equipment in
LIFEAT VI basehouse.

MTRAP, although moved from room to room, remained in place within
the target area, though inactive most of the time. During November
1962 MTRAP was reactivated from a second LIFEAT basehouse known as
Basehouse CHARLIE.

4. The photo surveillance of PERUKEN TPKLIDE was put into effect,
using basehouse RAYE (LIERONS base) at the same time that MTRAP was
activated. This photo coverage, the basehouse, PERUKEN TPKLIDE and the
activity for which the cryptonyms was first authorized have all been
identified as LIERON which has created considerable confusion here at
Headquarters.

5. According to security Headquarter's records the following
operations have utilized those bases against the target:

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| A. PSINGLE | LIFEAT VI |
| B. LICOLA | Basehouses ABLE and SPER |
| C. LIFEAT/LINROCK | LIFEAT VI |
| D. "MTRAP" | LIFEAT VI, Basehouse
BANK, Basehouse CHARLIE |
| E. PHOTO | Basehouse BAKER |

Headquarters has the impression that the principal factors that
contributed to the cessation of MTRAP activity from LIFEAT VI, were
the physical deterioration of the house itself and the closure of the
basehouse LIERON. The current LIFEAT Project Outline indicated that
LIFEAT 14 and LIFEAT 17 were obtaining a divorce and were terminated
as of 15 September 1962. Further, it was noted that the activity
of LIFEAT VI, per the project outline does not show that the house
closed. LIFEAT VI was listed on page 10 of the outline as an active
unit. On the other hand, page 13 of the outline states that LIFEAT 14
and LIFEAT 17 are occupying the "LIERON" photo basehouse, but that
they have never been identified in the New York. This indicates that
LIFEAT 14 and the photo basehouse are not the same unit and are
being operated from two different basehouses. The project outline
also indicates that while it had been planned to have this base...

"LIFZAT/ERTZAP", technical difficulties made this impossible, therefore items in assets were not being included under LIFZAT Project. When ERTZAP was re-activated in November 1963 and as stated above, the Station utilized another LIFZAT 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 LIFZAT 22 and 23. The project should cover their salaries, basehouse rent, and equipment expenses, an arrangement similar to LITABRY and LIDOGTROT. This activity, identified with a new cryptonym could eliminate further confusion when discussing photographic coverage of PEREZON TPELLINE.

b. **LICOGL.** Headquarters is not aware of any LICOGL presently operative. If any are contemplated, CSI-13-6, 27 February 1963, 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 LIFZAT, depending on the assets being utilized in the operation.

c. **LIFROVE.** The original intent of this cryptonym is discussed in the separate cover attachment and the activity has been assigned file number 60-8-33/6. If the operation utilizes LIFZAT assets, it is suggested that it remain under LIFZAT Project and be identified as LIFZAT/LIFROVE in all correspondence. Please inform Headquarters of the assets presently used for LIFZAT/LIFROVE coverage.

d. **ERTZAP.** ERTZAP 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 LIFZAT assets, then it might be identified with a dual cryptonym LIFZAT/LI. A separate file number, within the LIFZAT series, can be assigned to cover "ERTZAP" if the Station requests it, but it does not seem necessary since other LIFZAT targets do not have separate file numbers either.

e. **Consolidated Project.** If the Station approves, all technical operations - LIFROVE, ERTZAP, LICOGL, PERZG - directed against PEREZON TPELLINE can be funded and administered under one project.

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ATTACHMENT TO
HMMA 12454

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 PERUWEN TPELIDE in Mexico City. (See MEXI 3582, 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.