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<p>1. LIFIRE reported Subject's arrival in Mexico City on 26 April 1966 via Varig flight 819. LICHORACE reported that Subject left Mexico City on 29 April 1966 via Canadian Pacific flight 581 for Toronto and Montreal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- continued -</p>			
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2. LIEMBRACE surveillance was put on the Hotel San Francisco in Mexico City at 1715 hours on 28 April 1966, after it was learned where Subject was staying. Following is the LIEMBRACE coverage until Subject's departure :

- 1812 hours : Russian Aleksandrovich TUCHNIN (201-205304) drove up in his car (plates 50-DC) and Subject got out, went into bar of Hotel San Francisco to have a coke. TUCHNIN drove off.
- 1820 Subject came out of bar and went up in elevator; he wore sports clothes and carried a camera around his neck.
- 2101 TUCHNIN arrived in same car; he got out and walked to corner of Luis Moya and Independencia, then came back to car.
- 2106 TUCHNIN went into hotel, leaving car in front.
- 2129 Subject and TUCHNIN came out of hotel and drove off.
- 2136 They arrived at Garibaldi Square on San Juan de Letran and parked; they got out of car then and went into "Yenampa" night club at Plaza Garibaldi no. 12.
- 2209 They came out. (They were alone while in there).
- 2211 They went into night club "Guadalajara de Noche," Honduras 17.
- 2320 They came out. (They were alone while in there).
- 2322 They arrived at car and drove off.
- 2330 They arrived at hotel San Francisco and Subject went inside.
- 2342 They came out with a bellboy carrying two suitcases, a straw bag and a package wrapped in paper. They put all this in trunk of car and TUCHNIN and Subject drove off.
- 0017 (29 April) After taking the long way to airport, they arrived there and parked in international area; they then took baggage out of car and went to Canadian Pacific Airlines counter; Subject checked in for flight 582 going to Toronto and Montreal.
- 0026 They walked off after Subject checked in.
- 0027 They went through gate 5 but came out and went to Banco Nacional de Mexico office.
- 0037 They left bank and went back through gate 5 and out to plane; Subject was dropped here.
- 0045 Off duty

3. According to LIFEAT, when Subject called TUCHNIN (suspect GRU) on 4 April 1966, he asked if LEONOV was in Mexico. (Nikolay Sergeyevich LEONOV, 201-132139, is Press Attache in Mexico and known KGB officer.) On 5 April 1966 Subject called and spoke to LEONOV's wife. Subject said he would like to visit a large farm in Mexico. LEONOVA said to give their regards to Tamara POPOVA (presumably the wife of Aleksey Yakovlevich POPOV, 201-139104, Soviet Counselor in Ottawa). LIFEAT indicates that LEONOV met Subject's plane and was with Subject until 0130 on 27 April 1966. LIEROV also reports that Subject tried to contact LEONOV on 28 April 1966.

4. According to LIFEAT, Subject tried to contact TUCHNIN the morning after his arrival to let him know he had arrived. TUCHNIN was out and expected home at 1400 hours. Subject called back that afternoon, said he had been sightseeing around Mexico City until 1400 hours. TUCHNIN's wife said that TUCHNIN would probably be tied up all afternoon at the Embassy. Subject said TUCHNIN and LEONOV were the only people he wanted to see in Mexico.

5. Subject told TUCHNINA that he had had a gay time in Chile. He and (Vitaliy Ivanovich) KUBYSH (201-755305) and (fnu) POLYAROV had stayed in the same hotel. He did not know whether KUBYSH would stay in Chile or not.

6. Subject also told TUCHNINA that he had two names and addresses of people in Mexico who spoke English, since he spoke no Spanish, but he seemed reluctant to look them up without having someone along who could at least speak Spanish to the taxi driver. One of the men was (fnu) FLORES, whom Subject believed to be a university professor. (COMMENT: Possibly Isacio FLORES de la Pena, leftist Director of the School of Economics at UNAM).

7. Apparently TUCHNIN was unable to see Subject until the afternoon of 28 April 1966. TUCHNIN said he had been sure LEONOV would take care of Subject, but Subject seemed somewhat put out over TUCHNIN's neglect. Subject wanted to borrow TUCHNIN's camera to take some pictures "of the historical sights," and TUCHNIN agreed to meet him that afternoon. (Source: LIFEAT).

8. LIFEAT also reported that on 27 April 1966 Andres Gunther FRANK (American Communist in Mexico, former professor at the School of Economics at UNAM) told Enrique SEMO Colev (201-754927, alternate member of the Central Committee of the PCM) that a friend of his (Subject) was in town and that one of the things he would like to do was meet with the director of the Central Campesino Independiente (CCI - Mexican Communist peasant organization, the head of the PCM faction of which is Arturo ORONA Gomez, who is also a member of the Central Committee of the PCM). SEMO agreed to make the appointment for 28 April 1966, saying he would describe Subject as correspondent for a Soviet agricultural newspaper. FRANK added that Subject was also very interested in information on the salt in Mexicali, and SEMO said he would try to arrange an appointment with an engineer who had written on the subject in the magazine Politica. Subject then spoke to SEMO and repeated the fact that his two main interests were in learning what the CCI was doing and finding out about the salt. (COMMENT: Since LEONOV is a close contact of SEMO's, and Subject was in contact with LEONOV, it appears strange that Subject went through FRANK to reach SEMO. An explanation lies possibly in the report

from LIFEAT that FRANK has an offer which he appears to be seriously considering to teach at a small university in Montreal, apparently starting in September 1966. He is also negotiating with a "new university" in Toronto. FRANK may thus have been one of the two names of people given Subject to look up in Mexico (cf. para 6 above) in connection with his future job in Canada.)

9. The Station would be interested in knowing whether Subject is an identified GRU officer, particularly in view of his contacts with the PCM on his visit here.

10. Subject to Headquarters' concurrence, the Station suggests that the ~~SHABOVY~~ be told of Subject's contacts with TUCHNIN and LEONOV and with FRANK. The Station would appreciate any information available to the ~~SHABOVY~~ confirming FRANK's plans to move to Canada.

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