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FROM Chief of Station, Mexico City

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SUBJECT AQUATIC/Operational  
Monthly Operational Report for the Period 1-31 May 1964

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Action Required: None; for your information.

Presented below is a report of the operational and support activities of Hugh T. FRANCOTTE during the above mentioned period.

1. General Summary of Activities.

Highlights for the month of May consisted of the following major activities: a FJSTEAL meeting was successfully photographed from a second floor window of a downtown hotel; photographs were taken of both the FJSTEAL and PBRUMEN Embassies; the Pulse Camera at the LIERODE basehouse was removed for reconditioning and a new Pulse Camera installed; a large flaps and seals operation was successfully completed; and Hugh T. FRANCOTTE and Gerald N. ASKREN completed an inventory of all KURIOT items presently stocked at the Mexico City Station.

2. TDY. None.

TDY Visitors.

Gerald N. ASKREN departed for Headquarters on 8 May, after having completed a one month TDY, substituting for FRANCOTTE during his convalescence. The Mexico City Station once again extends its sincere appreciation for the splendid support rendered by ASKREN during his TDY.

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Enclosures:

- a. Statistical Report for Photo Ops
- b. Statistical Report for SWB

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3. Training. None.4. Photographic Operations.

a. At the request of Gerald F. GESTETNER, ASKREN was involved as one of the participants in the planning stage of a surreptitious entry into the apartment of a priority Station target. ASKREN was to assist Walter C. GULLIVAN, once access had been gained to the target installation. However, through no fault of the KURIOT technicians, the entry could not be accomplished and the operation was then cancelled.

b. On the morning of 3 May, ASKREN was requested by GESTETNER to photograph a meeting that was scheduled between a Soviet intelligence officer and LIOYSTER/1. ASKREN registered under an alias name at a hotel in downtown Mexico City. From a second story bedroom window, overlooking a park, the meeting was successfully photographed with the aid of a Balscope and Exacta camera.

c. The FJSTEAL and PBRUMEN Embassies were both photographed on 4 May at the request of the Chief of Station. Prints were then forwarded to the Warren Commission. This coverage supplied the Station with current photographs of both Embassies, which is always of considerable value.

d. FRANCOTTE<sup>RS</sup> replaced the Pulse Camera at the LIERODE basehouse during the evening of 26 May. The new camera, received from KURIOT Headquarters, was installed and is operating perfectly. The older model camera has been pouched to Headquarters for reconditioning, as requested in HMMW-12500.

e. The current lease on the LITABBY basehouse will expire on 26 June and is not going to be renewed by the Station. LIMOPE and his family have been moved to the STPESO basehouse where they will be involved in a continuous audio operation. For the immediate future, there is no photographic coverage planned for the BEDOX Embassy. However, FRANCOTTE has discussed with Phineas F. SLINKARD the possibility of opening a new basehouse in that same immediate area. There is an apartment building nearby, which is in a "direct line of sight" with the front gate of the target Embassy, and the possibilities of obtaining an apartment in that building are being explored. KURIOT Headquarters will be kept informed on all developments in this case as they occur.

5. Station Support.

a. The Deputy Chief of Station presented FRANCOTTE with a colored map which he requested<sup>BE</sup> copied for projection. Ektachrome-X was employed, combined with the Mark-IV copying set-up, and the results were most satisfactory. The new Ektachrome-X proves far superior to the regular type Ektachrome for copying purposes.

b. One hundred twenty five feet of Microfilm was exposed on 7 May to fulfill a monthly request originated by the Chief of Station.

c. The Station KURIOT equipment has been completely inventoried due to the concentrated effort of Gerald N. ASKREN, during his recent TDY. ASKREN had<sup>A</sup> large percentage of the equipment inventoried when FRANCOTTE returned to work, and<sup>THE</sup> remaining items were completed by FRANCOTTE and ASKREN prior the latter's departure. FRANCOTTE sincerely appreciates the assistance rendered by ASKREN on this project, as ASKREN's familiarity in logistical matters was quite beneficial to FRANCOTTE.

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| <p>d. On 20 May, FRANCOTTE purchased eight hundred Mexican postage stamps in support of a standing monthly requirement of the KURIOT/PI section. These stamps, for the June mailing, were forwarded via HMMA-23496, 26 May 1964.</p>   |   |  |
| <p>e. The new KURIOT laboratory is now fairly well organized and operating smoothly. The custom-made cabinets will be a welcome addition when they are delivered sometime during the month of June. The laboratory area, although small in size, is very adequate for a "one man lab" and FRANCOTTE finds it a most convenient area in which to work.</p>  |   |  |
| <p>f. A total of 59 job orders were completed during the month of May, with a Station print production grand total of 894.</p>   |   |  |
| <p>6. <u>Secret Writing Activity.</u></p>  |   |  |
| <p>During this reporting period, one SW message from DEGRIP was developed for Lawrence F. BARKER. System 37, spray can, was used and the message developed very well. <del>The</del> ZRKNICK letters that were opened during the month of May were examined for the possible presence of SW, all with negative results. Non-destructive methods were employed in each case.</p>  |   |  |
| <p>7. <u>Flaps and Seals Operations.</u></p>   |   |  |
| <p>a. Lee R. MYLECHRAINE informed FRANCOTTE that he would require his assistance for a flaps and seals operation planned for the night of 19 May. That evening, twelve letters were passed to MYLECHRAINE from SWLUCK/1 who was acting as a FJSTEAL courier between Mexico City and Guatemala. Ten of the twelve letters were selected as being of importance, and one of the ten was of definite interest to the Station. This particular envelope had been folded by the originator and sealed with scotch tape. FRANCOTTE was successful in opening and resealing all ten of the letters in the time allowed. MYLECHRAINE did not receive the package until 2330 hours and the letters were required to be returned to SWLUCK/1 no later than 0100.</p> |   |  |
| <p>b. During the month of May, three ZRKNICK letters were opened and resealed for Glenna H. EELLEN.</p>  |   |  |
| <p>8. <u>Operational Disguise Activities.</u></p>  |   |  |
| <p>During this reporting period, Lola M. CAPOZZI provided disguise support once again to Gerald L. GARDYNE, Chief of Base, Monterrey. Two sessions were held, with a total of six hours spent in preparing GARDYNE for his meeting with LIOXIDE/1. There were no supplies issued, and no training was given for self-application of materials.</p>   |   |  |
| <p>9. <u>Miscellaneous Statistics.</u></p>   |   |  |
| <p>a. Number of Operational target surveys completed during the month: 0.</p>  |   |  |
| <p>b. Number of TDY trips completed during the month: 0.</p>   |   |  |
| <p>c. Photographic equipment issued for operational use: 0.</p>  |   |  |
| <p>d. Photographic equipment repaired: 0.</p>  |   |  |
| <p>e. Number of people trained in photographic techniques/equipment: 0.</p>  |   |  |
| <p>10. <u>Production Figures on Jobs Processed.</u></p>  |   |  |
| <p>a. Black and white: 58 jobs.</p>  |   |  |
| <p>FORM<br/>10-57 53a<br/>(40)</p>   | <p>USE PREVIOUS EDITION.<br/>REPLACES FORMS<br/>51-28, 51-28A AND 51-29<br/>WHICH ARE OBSOLETE.</p> <p>CLASSIFICATION<br/><del>SECRET</del></p> | <p>PAGE NO.<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED<br/>3.</p> |

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- (1) Total prints: 894.
- (2) 35mm microfilm: 350 feet.
- (3) 35mm cassettes: 35.
- (4) 120 size roll film: 0.
- (5) Sheet film (all types): 0.
- (6) Miscellaneous: 0.

## b. Color: 1 job.

- (1) Total transp: 6.
- (2) 35mm cassettes: 0.
- (3) 120 size roll film: 0.
- (4) Sheet film (all types): 0.
- (5) Miscellaneous: 0.

## c. KURIOT Station Support.

- (1) Secret waiting: 1 msg.
- (2) Flaps and seals: 13 ltr.
- (3) Chemical harassment: 8 "who me's".

*Hugh T. Franotte*  
for Willard C. CURTIS

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