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LIFEAT

Project LIFEAT began in 1951 as a unilateral teltap operation, starting with a single tap against the Soviet Legation and, as of mid 1962, covered as many as 30 lines in a given month. During the period August thru October 1963, 24 lines were covered.

Project LIFEAT ceased to provide coverage of the entire Soviet official installation in June 1960 when the jointly run project LIENVOY assumed that responsibility. This left LIFEAT free to concentrate on suspected individuals and targets of interest solely to the U.S.G., i.e. Soviet, Satellite and Cuban agents/intelligence operatives resident in Mexico City whose activities were of operational or counterintelligence interest; the project was not designed to provide positive intelligence information. Although coverage of the official Soviet and Satellite and Cuban installations became a joint operation with the Mexican government, via LIENVOY, the LIFEAT project remained available to resume coverage of those installations if necessary.

During the summer of 1962, a review of the project indicated a growing need for increased CI/CE coverage of selected targets.

In addition to the operational targets described above, ^{agents} Cuban

other LIFEAT continued to provide information on ~~the~~ exile and revolutionary groups active in Mexico, the travel of important

Communists particularly to Cuba and Iron Curtain countries, and the travel of U.S. citizens, especially Communists and Leftists, to Cuba. Through coverage of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM), LIFEAT provided the FBI with ever increasing amounts of information on the leftist activities of relatives and friends of the ACGM to resided in the U.S.

LIFEAT (KDMANGO), Unilateral Teltaps

provided coverage of targets of special interest to the Station (see list attached to correspondence).

the joint teltaps under LIENVOY covered the Soviet and Cuban official installations, leaving LIFEAT free and available to concentrate on targets of CI/CE (ops etc) interest.

In considering whether or not CIA "did its job" the Project provided the FBI with information on the leftist activities of U.S. citizens in Mexico, and remained available to service other targets if an when requested to do so.