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SUMMARY OF FILE REVIEW CONDUCTED AT CIA HEADQUARTERS ON 31 OCTOBER 1978.

Response dated 20 August 1978.

"SUBJECT: Response to HSCA Request of 25 July 1978.

- 1. A thorough review of Agency files containing production from the LILYRIC photographic surveillance operation in Mexico City reveals the existence of no LILYRIC logs or production earlier than 3 April 1967. It appears that earlier photographs may have been destroyed in a purge of Mexico City Station files and that the folders for the destroyed material were re-used to forward more recent photographic material to Headquarters for retention.
- 2. According to a blind memorandum dated 2 May 1977, subject: Review of Mexico City Station Files at the Warrenton Records Center, the LILYRIC folder which would have contained photographs and logs for the period 23 July through 30 November 1963 had been re-used to store LICALLA photographs and logs for the period 2 May through 30 June 1967. (Cf. Blind memorandum dated 5 May 1977, subject: Photograph Records of the "unidentified Man" who Was in Mexico City during October 1963.)
- 3. The above information is contained in a soft file entitled: Photograph of Unidentified Individual in Mexico City. This folder has been reviewed by the following HSCA staff members:
  - 13 March 1978 Dan Hardway
  - 10 April 1978 Michael Goldsmith Rober Genzman
  - 4 May 1978 Edwin Lopez.

DIR 28778 to which MEXI 9440 is referrenced is itself referenced to DIR 22051 with the slug "TYPIC AMMUG" says:

"Re ref negatives please advise date and pouch number first batch forwarded  $\mbox{HQS}$ .

SA Comment HQS wishes to print photos and requeste d MEXI forward negatives to HQS.

Review of Soviet Logs: from Log Film 143.

The coverage for 27 September is given as 900 to 1900 but the last sequence of photographs was taken at 1146. This does not appear to be too unusaual. on 9/25 the coverage is the same and the last photos taken at 1137. See following chart.

## SOVIET PHOTO COVERAGE FROM LIMITED BASE.

exact times for rest of month not available on logs.

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Barbara gave me a copy of a file entitled "Response to HSCA -28.07.78 Item 5 (Delimitations Agreement)" as a response to request of 7/20/78 for FBI-CIA agreements regarding Mexico. 10:30 AM

from KDFACTOR/KDLITERAL file

see attatched chart.

Reply to 7/20 request regarding CIA-FBI coordination:

31 July 1978 Memo for Breckinridge from Shepanek

- 1. The answer to paragraph 2 of reference is that there are not now, nor were there any, agreements between the CIA and FBI or other U.S. government agencies concerning CIA responsibility to report on contacts fo U.S. citizens with Communist Embassies or officials. Such reporting would be expressly forbidden by current legislation.
- 2. The CIA under operative legislation has a counterintelligence responsibility for counterintelligence cases but this is not a matter of agreement with other agencies nor does it concern simpl contacts of Americans abroad with Communist Embassies or officials.

Hours of photographic basehouse operations.

Rroject renewal requests are not specific re: functioning of basehouses/

sequence.

## HMMAXX@XK%XX@X%

HMMA12095, 2/4/59, LIEMPTY PROGRESS report for 7-12/58.

para., 10A says that LIMITED base functioned smoothly, securely and efficiently. probided approximately 800 photographs.

Para 10B says LILYRIC base agent devotes approximately six hours 800-1400 each day to photography . remaining time spent preparing reports. produced approximately 2,000 photos.

Review of Project LIEMPTY, attatchment to HMMA 15979/-seeks renewal of project for period 1 December 1960 to 30 November 1961.--describes functions: "LIMITED- This base compiles daily logs indicating all arrivals, departures and where possible, identities of every person visiting or working at the LIMERICK target...LIMITED's photographic coverage is still concentrated on visitors, as opposed to employees, to the LIMERICK installation.... LILYRIC photographs also are concentrated on visitors to the target, as opposed to employees. It should be noted that LILYRIC operates for photographic coverage during the hours from daylight to 1400 hours each day of the week except Sunday. The LIMITED base maintains photographic coverage from 1400 hours to darkness each day except Sunday."

No date on this document. Teh cover Memo from HQCO Charlotte L. Zehrung, is dated 13 December 1960.

Review of Project LIEMPTY, attatchment to HMMA 17999, 10/31/61 says: "1. 'To collect operational information pertaining to LIMERICK personnel and physical facilities through use of photographic base houses.' Three photographic bases, LIMITED, LILYRIC and LICALLA, contribute to this objective. To avoid repetition, the Station is omitting the usual description of the functions of these three bases and how they contribute to the above objective. There has been no change in the coverage as described in the 1960 Request for Project Renewal."

Same on 1962, HMMA-20052, 10/18/62

and 1963HMMA 22387, 10/25/63.

A Memo to Chief of Ops, DD/P dated 1/8/60 said:
"FI/OPS recommends strongly that the photo coverage be reviewed from the standpoint of value and usefulness with a view to determinging whether the LILYRIC activity could not be safely eliminated and the additional photographic coverage conducted on a more selective basis, without materially affecting overall usefulness."

Memo 2/3/61, to Chief of Ops/DDP from Chief DDP/PG says:

"LIMITED, which compiles daily logs on arrivals and departures from the LIMERICK employees, and handles the radio dispatch of the LIEMBRACE surveillance team on LIMERICK personnel and targets of opportunity. This basehouse also provides photographic coverage, concentrated on visitors. (b) LILYRIC which provides clandestine photographs particularly of visitors to, as well as employees of, the LIMERICK installation, prepares weekly reports on license numbers of all cars visiting the installation."

HMMA 14793, 4/8/60 says in para 3:
"While HMMA 14093 (not located) correctly referred to LIMITED, LILYRIC and LICALLA as 'photographi basehouses,' the Station would like to emphasize that photographic coverage is only one of their functions (please see HMMA 12095, 4 February 1959) LIMITED is used as a radio dispatch base for automobile surveillance teams in addition to physical surveillance of persons entering the front gate. Their photography is negligible compared to their other duties. The LILYRIC base performs the best photography of persons visiting the front gate, perhaps because the vantage point for taking the pictures is from the second floor and above the street traffic which partially blocks LIMITED photographs. LILYRIC also does individual reports on LIMERICK personnel entering and leaving the main gate. .."

Ref: HMMW 8515--not located.

HMMA-23343, 4/30/64, says, in para. 2:

REF BWA-14793

"The Station feels that it would be helpful to summarize at this time information previously reported to Headquarters (see paragraph 3, reference B) concerning the photo basehouses under this project and thereby give Headquarters an updated frame of reference in which to view the roles of the various basehouses.

Thi LIMITED and LILYRIC BASEHOUSES provide coverage of front of the LIMERICK installlation. Although on the surface it may appear that these two basehouses provide duplicate take, this is not the case. It has been the Station's experience in running the unilateral LIEMPTY operation that a 0900 to evening workday, which would be required of a single basehouse in order to cover the LIMERICK target effectively, is just too long for any pair of agents to remain effective. This is especially true when it is considered that these basehouse operators are essentially unsupervised during their It would also be impossible for a single base-house to provide the kind of coverage the station needs on the target installation, especially during the peak hours of activity, namely late morning and early afternoon. For these reasons, the LILYRIC basehouse generally operates from 0900 to 1400 or 1500 weekdays. LIMITED operates from 1200 to 1800 or dark (as the daily situation dictates) on weekdays, and 0900 to 1400 on Saturdays. (These hours are subject to change to fit Station needs.) Special coverage for Sunday is arranged on a need basis; however, past experience has shown regular coverage of Saturday afternoons and Sundays is not rewarding. This schedule provides for both basehouses to be in action during the peak activity hours of the LIMERICKtarget. Although even this arrangement is not completely airtight, anything less than this would present unacceptable gaps in the coverage. It must also be considered that without two basehouses covering the front of the target installation, any illness, personal problem or vacation for operators of one basehouse would terminate Station coverage....It is the Station's opinion that as long as the LIMERICK Installation is a prime target of the Station, it will be necessary to maintain the present three basehouses. To eliminate any one of the trhee would create a gap in the Station's coverage that would not be

compatible with the emphasis placed on this target. NW 66000 Docld:32271948 Page 7