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SUBJECT	AQUATIC/Operational Monthly Operational Report for the Period 1 - 30 November 1964		

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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.

The major activities for the month of November were focused upon two photographic operations, a major F & S requirement was fulfilled, partial reactivation of the LIONION photographic basehouse, and Station support.

2. TDY. -- None.

TDY Visitors. -- None.

3. Training. -- None.

4. Photographic Operations.

A. In support of an FJSTEAL operation, Gerald F. GESTETNER requested photographic coverage of a double agent meeting (LLOYSTER-1) on Sunday, 1 November. The contact was to be made in front of a restaurant, located in a

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ATTACHMENTS: herewith

- A. Monthly Statistical Rpt for Photo Ops.
- B. Statistical Report for SWB
- C. TDY Report for KURIOT/Disguise

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busy downtown section of Mexico City. Prior to this operation, the area was cased by FRANCOITTE who selected a room in a nearby hotel overlooking and approximately one-half block from the target area, as being the most advantageous point from which to photograph the meeting. A KUBARK staffer, under alias, then rented this particular room, retaining occupancy until after the operation. From the hotel room window, FRANCOITTE successfully photographed the meeting, with the aid of a Balscope and Pentax camera. I.D. photographs of FJSTEAL officers, acting as counter-surveillance in this operation, were also obtained.

B. At the request of Lee R. MYLECHRAINE, the LIFIRE photographic truck was activated for a motion picture operation on 24 November. MYLECHRAINE requested 16mm black and white motion picture coverage of a possible "agent recruitment" which was to take place at a prearranged location. Although the recruitment was unsuccessful, FRANCOITTE exposed approximately forty feet of Tri-X film, obtaining motion pictures of Oliver Q. WIMPHEN engaged in conversation with the target individual.

C. The LIONION photographic basehouse was partially reactivated on 25 November, at which time FRANCOITTE supplied LIFEUD-22 with a Pentax camera and Balscope. The Station is now receiving daily coverage of all activity centered around the gate of the PBRUMEN Embassy. FRANCOITTE is meeting LIFEUD-22 twice weekly to receive the undeveloped film which is then being processed and printed in the Station KURIOT Lab. It is anticipated that the LIONION basehouse darkroom equipment and pulse camera will be reinstalled in the near future.

D. The passport camera is operating satisfactorily, although it was necessary for FRANCOITTE to remove this particular piece of equipment for necessary repairs. A second camera was installed during this short period of time. The inoperative camera was taken to MKCHARITY where the repairs were effected, with the helpful assistance of Joseph M. RESCIGNO.

E. Photographic coverage of the DIZTAG Embassy, supplied by LIHABIT, was normal during this reporting period. Seventeen agent meetings were held by FRANCOITTE during the month of November.

5. Station Support.

a. The microfilming project for the RI/Registry Section is continuing satisfactorily. A total of 1200 feet of microfilm was processed by FRANCOITTE during this reporting period.

b. Seventy-five feet of microfilm was exposed on 12 November to fulfill a monthly requirement for the Chief of Station and Staff D.

c. In support of a standing monthly requirement of the KURIOT Postal Intelligence Section, FRANCOITTE purchased 1000 Mexican postage stamps on 18 November. These stamps, for the December mailing, were forwarded to KURIOT Headquarters via HMMA-24795, dated 20 November.

d. The Nikon Repro Kit, camera, and Micro-Nikkor lens, requested several months ago by FRANCOITTE, was received during this reporting period and immediately placed into operation. With the exceptionally high volume of requirements for "photos of photos", this equipment is a most welcome addition to the KURIOT Lab.

e. A total of 37 job orders were completed during this reporting period, with a print production grand total of 533. There is no back-log at this time.

6. Secret Writing Activity.

a. On 10 November, at the request of the Deputy Chief of Station, Robert L. EASBY, FRANCOITTE opened and completely tested a letter, suspected of connection with the ZRKNICK activity, for the possible presence of secret writing. The bath sheet process, in which FRANCOITTE was trained at KURIOT Headquarters, was applied on both the letter and envelope. The results were negative. The envelope was then reassembled, the letter inserted, the envelope resealed and placed back into the local mail system.

b. On 3 November, two SW messages were received from DEGRIP, written in the 37 Carbon System. Both messages developed exceptionally well and were 100% recoverable.

7. Flaps and Seals Operations.

a. At the request of Michael C. CHOADEN, FRANCOITTE successfully opened and resealed an unofficial "Prensa Latina" pouch, forwarded from PBRUMEN and addressed to the PBRUMEN Embassy in Mexico City. The outer wrapping, a large brown envelope was securely sealed with paper tape. The contents consisted of five medium-size envelopes, addressed to numerous Latin American countries. Each of these envelopes contained smaller envelopes addressed to individuals within these countries. Since FRANCOITTE was only afforded seventy-five minutes to complete the operation, CHOADEN first selected the envelopes thought to be of most importance, and these were opened, photographed and resealed. The remaining time was devoted to opening and resealing the lesser important correspondence. During the time allowed, fourteen envelopes were opened, their contents photographed, and the envelopes resealed. FRANCOITTE was able to reuse the original paper tape in reassembling the outer envelope of the pouch.

b. In addition to the operation described in the above paragraph, FRANCOITTE opened six other letters during November. Each letter was checked by non-destructive methods for the presence of secret writing, photographed and resealed.

8. Documentation.

On 3 November, FRANCOITTE documented Floyd N. AIMONET with various U.S. alias documents. These documents were to be used by AIMONET while on a TDY within Mexico. Numerous credit and "flash" cards were issued by FRANCOITTE, including a State of operator's license.

9. Operational Disguise Activity.

During the month of November, Lola M. CAPOZZI was requested via DIR-62810 to TDY to the Panama Station for two days, beginning 16 November 1964. The purpose of the trip was a briefing for CAPOZZI on new disguise cases being programmed there by Gary T. BERNARD, who was on TDY from KURIOT/Disguise in Headquarters. These persons will be trained by CAPOZZI in application of the materials. CAPOZZI will again TDY to the Panama Station when the supplies are received there. She will also provide maintenance support of the disguise materials as the need arises. There was no disguise support to report at the Mexico Station for the month of November. A separate TDY report is attached for KURIOT/Disguise.

10. Miscellaneous Statistics.

- a. Number of Operational Target Surveys completed during the month: 0.
- b. Number of TDY trips completed during the month: 0.
- c. Photographic equipment issued for operational use: Balscope/Pentax Camera.
- d. Photographic equipment repaired: Passport Camera.
- e. Number of people trained in photographic techniques/equipment: 0.

11. Production Figures on Jobs Processed.

- a. Black and white: 35 jobs.
 - (1) Total prints: 533.
 - (2) 35mm microfilm: 1400 feet.
 - (3) 35mm cassettes: 34.
 - (4) 120 size roll film: 6.

b. Color: 2 jobs.

- (1) Total prints: 0.
- (2) 35mm cassettes: 8.
- (3) 120 size roll film: 4.
- (4) Sheet film (all types): 0.

c. KURIOT Station Support.

- (1) Secret Writing: 2.
- (2) Flaps and Seals: 20 envelopes.
- (3) Chemical harassment: 0.

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