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SUBJECT	02 (KDAFGHAN/Progress Report for Period 1 April Through 31 July 1952)		

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES.

Action: Terminate the (KDAFGHAN) Project

- References:
- A. HMMA-41906, 2 May 1952
 - B. MEXICO CITY-20107
 - C. DIRECTOR-280180

1. Operational Activities: This Project continued as before for the major portion of this period with (KDAFGHAN) providing photo coverage for eight hours per day, five days per week, of the AMFINK installation. In April the principal agent, (KDAFGHAN-1), was provided with new photographic equipment to improve the quality of the take. This later proved unuseable as sunlight playing on the mirror of the lens was plainly visible from the target area in the afternoons. The Agent returned to the use of his old equipment. It being the current Case Officer's practice to hold nearly all meetings with this Agent in the Case Officer's auto about once every two weeks we decided to terminate the (KDAFGHAN) safehouse as unnecessary. (KDAFGHAN-1) was notified of this in early June and nearly collapsed. The safehouse had been his refuge from the OP and his mother, (KDAFGHAN-2). We intended to put him on vacation when it was decided (References B and C) to terminate him and his Project. The last portion of this period was then spent in closing down the operation, removing equipment from the OP, restoring the OP to its original condition and then assisting the Agents in their preparations for resettling to Madrid. All of this was finally accomplished by 31 July and the Agents were formally terminated on 1 August.

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2. Security: There were no security incidents during this period.

3. Agent Personnel: The termination of these two Agents came as a severe shock to both; they were not prepared for it. They have adapted fairly well and now are looking forward to their new life in Spain. They intend to depart Mexico for Madrid on 1 September.

4. Production: Production for this period was normal until 20 June when it ceased permanently.

5. Administrative/Finance: There was a large amount of administrative detail involving Headquarters and the Station in the resettlement of these two Agents. This has been discussed in separate cable traffic. Costs exceeded the programmed amount because of the large severance pay paid both agents who had over ten years service each. (KDAFGHAN-1 was paid U.S. \$8,170.00 and (KDAFGHAN-2 was paid U.S. \$2,228.48.

6. Plans: We have no plans to replace (KDAFGHAN with another strictly photo-surveillance project. The production does not justify the cost. However, we do have plans to obtain a multi-purpose basehouse in the area that can serve as a site for taking photos when necessary, serve as a LP for future audio operations against AMFINK, and as a base from which to dispatch a future surveillance team. The PBRUMEN section has already started the search for agent assets who, in turn, can look for an appropriate site. The acquisition of the latter will be the most difficult as rental property is at a premium in the AMFINK area. Headquarters will be kept informed of our progress.

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