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LI FEAT / LIERODE

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@ 2/21/59 - 12/16/64

QT HMMA-22433, 11/7/63

ULS-2

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To Chief, Miami

From Chief / Station

H.M.M.A. - 22493

Nov. 7, 1963

1. The VLS-2 Trigger Device, installed at the SIERADE basehouse to cover the Consulate entrance, is performing well with little false triggering. The 500mm lens on the VLS-2 had to be replaced by the 6 inch lens for wider target coverage.

During the first two weeks of operation, the VLS-2 would trigger traffic entering + leaving the target entrance. Concerned with the consumption of film and the necessity of reloading the camera twice daily, S-22 devised a system whereby the VLS-2 would only photograph people leaving but not entering the building. S-22's system works about 90% of the time, cutting film consumption considerably. S-22 had been focusing the VLS-2 on the white framed glass door so that when targets entered or departed this area the targets would cross this field + trigger the device. [See Enclosure A for VLS-2 area coverage.] Since one side of the door was not closed + targets could walk into this office, the VLS-2 was focused on the shade area of this entrance instead of the door. It was found that Puerto Ricans generally wear dark colored clothing + have black hair, they can pass into the office + not triggering the VLS-2. When a person leaves by this entrance, the man's shirt or face will trigger the device photographing a front or side view depending on how the subject leaves the entrance. This system does not work when a person enters the building in light clothing.

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C. pulled

- 1) All available negatives under camera image Column
Consulate does follow under T.M. Number 252572
- 2) Five phys film marked E not at all with report not
developed.
- 3) Report delay occasioned by consolidation + delay

LI FEAT - used to identify Station's [redacted] telephone taps

LI R.O.D.E. - assigned Feb. 21, 1959, to identify the station's [redacted] telephone taps of Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. [See MEN 3382, 2/21/1959] * get it

See below
MK TRAP - technical nomenclature of a [redacted] telephone A/S installation. Details of the system are contained in [HMMMA 20307] * get it

LI COOL/11

[redacted]

most probable began in May 1959
according to MEN 3834
functioning late 1961. ⁹ C-1000

P.B. EMPULSE

[redacted]

telephone

activation of LI FEAT / LI R.O.D.E. HMMMA 12358 [x get it]

MK TRAP though moved from room to room, remained in place within the target area, though inactive most of the time. During November 1963 MK TRAP was reactivated from a second defect because known as Baseline Charlie.

- Designed to take place of LI COOL-11. MK TRAP designed + constructed 2-3 / 62. installed + tested 3-4 / 62.

installed 4/16/62

11. Became known as LI FEAT / LI OMBW

LIFEAT / LIOMEN

SO-6-32 / 7 (Entire File)

[redacted] taps

April 62 → Dec-3, 1963 [missing]

From Muelford reports on Tech Activity thru Mar 1964.

The initial effort circa 1958 against the Cubans + their Embassy was a [redacted] telephone (PBIMPULSE) it was introduced into the Embassy using LIFEAT assets and was actuated from the Lifeat VI basehouse.

From 1960-1961, eight [redacted] installations were made in the same target. These were called installations. One or two were placed in the senior officer's office at various times during this period. These installations were monitored from a truck, an apartment - BASEHOUSE AB/G - and later a second, closer apartment - BASEHOUSE BAKER BASEHOUSE BAKER was always referred to as the L/ERODE base.

The last [redacted] installation ceased functioning during late 1961 and at that time work started on a new installation called L/ERODE/MKTRAP because the MKTRAP technique ([redacted] phones) was used.

The L/ERODE/MKTRAP installation was made using LIFEAT assets and was actuated from the LIFEAT-VI Base during March 1962.

What occurred in between

At some time during the period 1962-1963 photo operations were put into effect using Basehouse Baker.

During November 1963, the L/ERODE/MKTRAP installation was actuated from a second LIFEAT Basehouse.

Thus as of 1958

- 1. PBIMPULSE ([redacted] telephone) LIFEAT-VI
- 2. [redacted] installations Basehouse A+B L/ERODE
- 3. MKTRAP ([redacted] telephone) - 1st weeks + 7-0 LIFEAT-VI + Basehouse B [LIFEAT-?]
- 4. Photo operations Basehouse B [L/ERODE]