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Action: None; for your information.

Presented below is a reporting of the operational and support activities Gregory D. PARSONS for the above mentioned period.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Two photographic operational assignments were requested of PARSONS during the month of October. Station support consisted of the following support activities: The servicing of three KURIOT requests for information and materials. MECHARY was supported on two audio operations at hotels in Mexico City. PARSONS was requested by the Military Attache Office and the Chief of Station to train Army personnel in photography. Station print production finished with 3,102 prints a good part of which was done by PARSONS's trainee Louis P. KASNIKA. Outside support activity was high. Photographic basehouses covering Soviet and Satall embassies produced normal coverage with the exception of the LIERODE basehouse which has the VLS-2 trigger device to cover the additional entrance at the Cuban Embassy.

2. IDX

None. Two trips are pending for November or December, one to Monterrey and the other to Veracruz.

3. TRAINING

A. On 10 October 1963, at the request of the Embassy Military Attache Office, PARSONS conferred with Colonel Hubey and the Chief of Station regarding the improvement of the army photographic laboratory. Colonel Hubey mentioned several serious problems concerning this facility, i.e., the general rundown

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Attachments: As stated in para 3 A & 3 B.

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condition of their photographic laboratory, problems of untrained personnel maintaining this facility. The colonel gave as an illustration the following: Their laboratory was given eight rolls of 35mm film taken by Hubay who used the Air Attache plane to photograph airports, bridges and roads in Mexico for a report to be sent to his Headquarters. The processor, confusing his development procedure immersed the eight rolls of film first in the fixing bath then in film developer which destroyed the entire batch of film. The colonel posed the possibility of having his film developed and printed by the Station. The Chief of Station stated that the Station could not render photographic support to the Military Attache Office on a regular basis but would agree to have PARSONS train one of his staff in photographic procedures. PARSONS began this training on 28 October 1963. Forwarded as attachment A is the training report on Sgt. P. Dall, U.S. Army.

3. Louis P. KASICKA completed thirty-seven hours of photographic training. Forwarded as attachment B is the training report.

4. OPERATIONS

A. On 11 October 1963, the Deputy Chief of Station instructed PARSONS to meet with the local U.S. Customs agent who was requesting photographic support. PARSONS, with the agent present, photographed documents at a hotel in Mexico City. The documents were to be used as evidence against narcotics couriers who were apprehended at Laredo, Texas by customs agents. The couriers had in their possession two one-kilo bags of uncut heroin.

B. On 24 October 1963, Julian Y. FLORES requested PARSONS to photograph a meeting between LITBAR/1 and two REDOX agents who were to meet in the downtown area of Mexico City. The box camera concealment device was used on this operation. Although the targets did not appear, one roll of 35mm film was expended on this operation as a practice exercise.

5. STATION SUPPORT

A. On 3, 4 and 5 October 1963, PARSONS was requested to assist Harvey C. MILFORD in monitoring a receiver at an LP located at a hotel in Mexico City. The purpose of this operation was to record conversations of Tito or his official party who might be staying at the target suite. This suite was not occupied by Tito or his staff during their stay in Mexico.

B. On 8 October 1963, PARSONS was requested by the Station to arrange a meeting with LAYD/22 and an LCHAVIERA operator. The meeting took place at the LERODE safehouse on the evening of 8 October. The operator reported that there were no indications of deception on the part of L-22.

C. On 8, 10, 11 and 12 October 1963, PARSONS was requested to assist James F. REICHERD in monitoring a receiver at an LP located in a hotel in Mexico City. The purpose of this operation was to monitor conversations between a visiting LCHAVIERA case officer and his agent and possibly to record conversations between this agent and a CalCom target if this target agreed to meet the agent at his hotel room. The agent was unwitting of this audio operation.

D. On 17 October 1963, PARSONS presented a one hour operational photographic briefing to the Station case officers. The briefing consisted of the following subjects: General photographic laboratory support done at the Station; clandestine photography using body concealment devices; photographic tricks; basement photography covering Soviet and Satellite entrances; airport coverage using both the passport camera and the LIFEK team; copying devices which could be used by case officers to photograph material when it would be impractical to pass this material to the Station for processing; mounting of photographs which is done both at the Station and at KINOTOP for Station support operations. In addition, SN activity was discussed briefly including an explanation of the use of carbons and developers. The briefing was concluded with a demonstration on the development of a 37 message using the spray method of application. Each subject discussed during the briefing, was supported by a display of photographic equipment and prints taken under operational conditions.

E. On 21 October 1963, PARRISH photographed 504 frames, using the Recordak to fulfill a monthly Staff D requirement for the Chief of Station, Mexico City.

6. 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: 0.
- D. Photographic equipment repaired: 0.
- E. Number of people trained in photographic techniques/equipment: 2.

7. PRODUCTION FIGURES ON JOBS PROCESSED

- A. Black and White: 112 jobs.
 - 1. Total prints: 3,102.
 - 2. 35mm microfilm: 400 feet.
 - 3. 35mm cassettes: 60.
 - 4. 120 size roll film: 2.
 - 5. Short film (all types): 0.
 - 6. Miscellaneous: 0.
- B. Colors: 0 jobs.
- C. KINICOT Station Support
 - 1. Secret writing: 3 messages incoding using 37 developer
 - 2. Plays and seals: 2 letters opened and revealed.
 - 3. Chemical development: 0.

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