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DDP/PG/FI Projects
27 March 1963

PROJECT BRIEFING

PROJECT: LIENVOY WH - Mexico

ACTION : ADDP approval of renewal 1 Feb 63 - 31 Jan 6

PURPOSE: Project provides for a joint CIA/Mexican Government telephone tap center and for a nonofficial liaison relationship which provides access to the highest levels of the Mexican Government. All Soviet and Czechoslovak installations and major anti-U.S. elements are covered by the operation.

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RESS : Project has provided Station with a channel to the President of Mexico which is effective, rapid and cover and was particularly worthwhile in making arrangements for President Kennedy's visit to Mexico in June 1962. The Mexican President was also briefed on the Cuban situation through this channel. The joint tap center provides coverage of 30 lines yielding positive and CI information of value. Division reports 236 positive disseminations on a variety of topics with concentration on Communist and anti-U.S. activity. A large amount of information not disseminated is used by other U.S. agencies in Mexico. The Station feels that this operation contributes greatly to the present friendly attitude of Mexican Government leaders toward U.S. policies.

FUNDS : \$47,068 \$18,210 in FY 63 \$28,858 in FY 6

Compensation (11 persons)	\$33,068
Operational expenses	2,000
Supplies and equipment	2,500
QP vehicle upkeep	1,200
Safehouse rental	2,500
Entertainment	3,000
Purchase of information - LIENVOY/2	2,800

PREVIOUS APPROVALS:

1 Feb 62 - 31 Jan 63	\$ 43,240
1 Feb 61 - 31 Jan 62	59,690
1 Feb 60 - 31 Jan 61	53,840
1 Feb 59 - 31 Jan 60	163,537

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STAFF

COMMENTS: FI and CI Staffs concur in renewal.

FI STAFF: FI/INT points out that the project is the most productive, in terms of volume, reporting on Mexico. It is also the most productive telephone tap operation, in terms of volume, of all our tap efforts. Cuban reporting and that connected with President Kennedy's trip to Mexico were of especial value.

CI STAFF: Concurs with Station's plan to move the intercept center for the reasons stated. The project activity is bound to become of interest to various opposition elements and the Station is well advised to make necessary changes to provide for and improve on the security of the operation.

Please forward to wife coordinating thru this office. Add as for distribution, too please. W/H/ FI / R [Signature]