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(Gregory D. Parneth)

R. Z. 6/3/78 11:45 am.

1st Assigned to Mexico City (in '59)

Technician - Et. Dept Cover

Inside Embassy

General Tech. - All ops. -

- Photo Lab. Technician

Terminated '64 or '65

Same All throughout period

Soviet/Cuba -

Direct re Cuba

Soviet only indirect.

Set up camera's - Cuban -

Soviet - only once - took angles of

front gate from ~~top~~ ^{post} ~~post~~

either JACK LNU, or Tom Hastlet ^{were case} and officers

for Cuban op. - memory vague.

Only picked up photos for short time

in the beginning. (log sheets)

Coverage:

Tried to get full daylight

coverage - but very difficult

MAN & his mother ran it

PENTAX, EXACTA or Leica camera - NOT SURE?

w/ BARSCOPE

Tripod - MANUAL in beginning: gate only. Embassy

maybe
no. later.

- later more sophisticated
impulse
equip. to cover Consulate,

- tried to cover two gates

- MANUAL coverage of Embassy
gate.

**DO NOT REPRODUCE
RETURN TO CIA**

- both cameras in same apt. -
probably separate rooms
for each camera.

- Automatic camera registered
the time also

(Up until '59), coverage was weak
everywhere except Soviet.

Shipping manifest would show
ARRIVAL dates of equip.

He filed monthly reports - his
activities, maybe problems.

Time printed on the negative
of AUTO CAMERA.

Much false triggering - camera
was finicky -

Triggering device from spotting scope.

Operator serviced own camera, developed
film, & made contact prints.

He made blowups.

Objective: I.D ALL visitors.

Efficiency: Impulse usually good, some
minor interruptions
for weak batteries, etc.
MANUAL, good, but human error.

Hand for manual op. to keep
constant attention.

Impulse camera - worked daylight
hours.

Never involved in any other
surveillance ops on Cuban
or Russian (e.g. wiretaps) to
his knowledge, but did do
delivery work, & some
deliveries to Russian
translator. (only couple of
months.)

Doesn't recall "Rudi" or "Randolph
Candi"

Win Scott was satisfied - never
complained - he was
meticulous - had big interest
in technical ops.

Anne reviewed surveillance photos. -
appeared to be Win Scott's
"right hand man," in some
respects, but not necessarily
overall

(Tom Keenan) (erased) tapes. —
never worked w/ him.

the name LHO never came to his
attention prior to 11/22/63.

Very often, he was requested to
deliver message to (B. TARASOFF)
to give priority to particular
tapes.

(George Mesko), Russ. tr. (inside).

No knowledge of means of
communication w/ photo post.

Monthly rep's were dispatched
to Hdqtrs.

Doesn't know if photo of LHO
was ever taken. No one
ever discussed it w/ him.
Did make some blowups
right after the ASS. —
but just routine — often
had 30-40/wk.

Assuming 10 ^{daylight} chances to photo
LHO at Sov & Cuban Embassies,
would be unusual to miss ALL unless →

it WAS ON SAT OR SUN, OR CASE
OFFICER GAVE THE OP'S TIME
OFF.

Not possible if CAMERA WAS
WORKING.

CAMERAS AT RUSS. WERE ALL MANUAL
(if he recalls correctly.)

ANNE - NOT CASE OFF. FOR CUBAN
Phillips - ? (PROPAGANDA)
(SHAW) - ? (COULD BE CASE OFF.)
(SWEIDER) - ?

WAS IN AFGHAN - '63-'65

Why resigned - told he'd be sent
to PAKISTAN - came
back to Mexico -

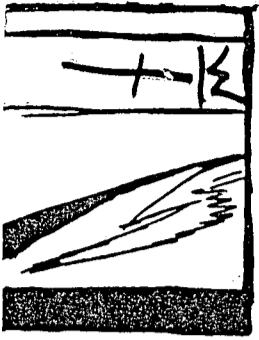
Airport coverage - (all entries &
exists out of Cuba) -
(PASSPORT) COVERAGE -
(PASSENGER MANIFESTS)
Doesn't rem. time of coverage
for sure.

Embassy coverage from
10 to 2 wouldn't conflict
w/ his memory coz he
wasn't involved.

Anne Goodpasture was
2 CD.

may have been (Shaw)

(Gregory D PARNOTH)



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Ed ~ present

shown letter

(1959.)

technician inside
subject to all ops.

general technician
photo-lab technician
1964 or 65 retired

JACK ^{LNU.} OR [Tom Haslett]

SCOPE

tried to get full daylight
coverage. hard to find
agents who were
persistent enough.

impulse camera was triggered
by change of light - sighted
on light notch in door (white)
someone going in would
trigger it.

EFFICIENCY

goal ID everyone.
impulse worked good but there
were blukes.