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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Action Required: Paragraph 16 (WOACRE)

1. SUMMARY: During the reporting period this Project continued with no change. The KDAFGHANS continued to provide the Station with photographic coverage of visitors to the Cuban Embassy. A new case officer took over the Project at the beginning of the period and has spent the major part of his meetings with KDAFGHAN-1 and 2 on discussing and planning ways to improve the percentage of identifications made by them. What follows is a description of the operation as it now stands and the Station's plans to improve it.

2. PRESENT KDAFGHAN ROUTINE: Visual coverage of the entrance to the Cuban Embassy compound is provided from 0900 to 1800 (the approximate hour at which lighting conditions prevent further photography with the present equipment.) Embassy hours are 0800-2100, approximately. KDAFGHAN-1 provides the majority of the manpower, with KDAFGHAN-2 filling in for rest breaks, lunch and while KDAFGHAN-1 processes the previous day's take. The general practice is to observe the entrance without optical assistance until a person or vehicle is seen to be entering or leaving the gate area. The restricted size of the aperture possible in the OP for this viewing (a rectangular opening approximately four by five inches) prevents simultaneous viewing of any other area of the compound. When a target is seen, the observer shifts his head a few inches to the reflex finder of the camera and is given a 20 X magnification of the target. This is more than adequate for identification of any target. If the target is unknown and/or a previous photograph has not been taken, the observer takes one. At the same time he records the time of arrival/departure, whether the target is known or unknown, and records any obvious identifying data such as license plate, apparent nationality, apparent occupation, etc. In addition

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Attachments:

- A - as stated h/w
- B - as stated u/s/c - 5/c ATTN by EP/AN 7 Oct 71

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to the above general visual surveillance, the agents are occasionally provided with photographs of targets the Station believes might visit the compound and on whom we wish a specific alert - such as visiting agent personnel and third country subversives known or believed to be in the area. Each day, KDAFGHAN-1 processes his notes and the photographs taken and submits them to the Station in the following form (one day's production is illustrated in Attachment A):

- a. A timetable of arrivals and departures (the number in the left margin indicates that a photograph was taken).
- b. The original negative. The daily average seems to be about eighteen photographs.
- c. A contact print of the above negatives (the inked numbers on the photographs correspond to the marginal numbers on the report).
- d. Enlargements of selected subjects (not included).

✓ 3. THE AGENT PERSONNEL: GARDALPHE spent one day, from 0645 to 1900, inside the OP, observing the agents and their routine. Both seem to have adapted to a very boring routine quite well. Their eyesight, which has been the subject of quite a few off-the-record comments at both Headquarters and at the Station (viz, that they are blind), was checked out thoroughly, but innocuously, by asking them who such and such a person was at the gate or in photos and by asking them to read some very small print film-processing instructions. While KDAFGHAN-2's eyesight is definitely poorer than that of KDAFGHAN-1, she easily identified the subjects and was able to read the test literature with no problem. She was observed carefully while manning the OP and she missed no one in that one and one-half hour period. Previous cases of missing known targets scheduled to visit the Embassy are more probably the result of boredom and a resultant lack of attention. Their job requires them to be hermits. They have very few friends and even fewer visitors. To break them out of this rut, the Station will soon start altering their work hours to provide more extended coverage of the target, and give them more interesting work to do.

4. PRESENT KDAFGHAN FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT: The present OP is located on the roof of a three-story apartment house located about eighty yards from the compound entrance (see Attachment B). Concealment is excellent. Windows on other floors allow visual observation of most of the compound facing the OP and of the entrance to the Consulate. However, they do not permit photography, except on a selected basis, because of the concealment problem. The OP proper is a small bathroom about five by six feet in what used to be the maid's quarters. A captain's chair, the tripod, camera, lens and a small worktable have been fitted in between the various plumbing fixtures. Adjacent to this is another room of approximately twice the size which contains a desk, cot, the printer and a wardrobe for storing photographic materials. This room has a large picture window overlooking the entrance to the Consulate.

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5. The photographic equipment used by the KDAFGHANS at present consists of a Bausch and Lomb spotting scope with 20-X eyepiece, and a Pentax H-3 camera. This equipment is not satisfactory (see below). Except for the printer, all darkroom equipment is located in a darkroom on the first floor. The darkroom is well equipped and adequate. KDAFGHAN-1 makes no attempt to conceal the darkroom. His cover for the darkroom is that it is his hobby.

6. STATION PROCESSING OF THE KDAFGHAN PRODUCTION: Time-  
tables are filed and not processed - at present. If the Station is looking for confirmation of an agent report or a surveillance report, they are sometimes consulted. About every year they are shipped to Headquarters for retention in the Archives. The negatives and contact prints are handled in the same way.

7. The enlarged photographs are processed in the following way:

- a. Certain photographs of unidentified persons are sterilized and forwarded to the local office of LNERGO. The Station receives no feedback or identification of these individuals from LNERGO.
- b. Photographs of PCS or known TDY Embassy personnel are kept and used for identification purposes at the Station and some are forwarded to Headquarters for the same reason.
- c. Photographs of other identified persons are placed in Station personality files.
- d. All other photographs (the major portion) are simply destroyed.

8. LNERGO was recently queried on the value of this operation to them. They replied, "(these photographs) are compared with the photographs of known leaders of extremist groups in WOCORK as well as with photographs of persons who are subjects of Identification Orders prepared on badly wanted fugitives in WOCORK. It is requested, therefore, that you continue this service if it does not cause problems or unusual costs to your office." While this project may be of some value to LNERGO, it is of little value, as presently constituted, to the Station. There are other, and cheaper, means of obtaining photographs of PCS and TDY personnel. No identification or operational use is made of the photographs of the unidentified subjects - at least by JKLANCE - and no operational use is made of the timetable. For instance, license plate numbers are not now traced as either a possible means of identification, or leads to CI or recruitment targets. A previous effort at analyzing the timetable for possible patterns of activity was unproductive and has not been repeated. Only in selected instances do we try to correlate the information received from KDBADGER coverage of the Embassy and that provided by the KDAFGHANS. But generally this has not been successful, since most often people with previous appointments are going to the Consulate (which we do not cover with KDAFGHAN), or too many unidentified people arrive around the same time at the gate, precluding a positive identification. While the above evaluation

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