Action Required: Renew the Project

Reference: HMPA-11879

1. On 28 June 1963 we pouched to Headquarters the renewal for Project LIMOTOR under HMPA-21650. We had every reason to believe that after a pliable period of time that the Project was undergoing usual Headquarters processing for renewal. We were therefore astonished and disappointed to the least to learn in Reference (which we received on 19 September, and the separate cover to which we received on 17 September) that on 1 August a Project Extension was requested and not a Project Renewal. In future instances we request that you notify the Station immediately when the usual steps for renewal have not been taken, particularly where Projects are only extended and where you expect the Station to reply three days after the receipt of a dispatch in order to allow for timely Headquarters submissions about which the Station was belatedly notified. Other priorities have precluded earlier response to Reference.

2. In the interest of time and efficiency we propose to answer below the questions posed in paragraph 5 of attachment

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to reference, and have Headquarters resubmit this information as an addendum to, or have it incorporated in the Renewal Request forwarded with HFRM-21650.

3. The following sub-paragraphs are keyed to Paragraph 5 of attachment to Reference:

a. During the past Project year, 1 August 1962 through 31 July 1963, the LIMOTOR complex produced 103 individual personality reports; 43 from Seymour D. TRUMNICH, 2 from LIEKROH-2, 2 from LIMOTOR-14, 43 from LIMOTOR-19, and 13 from LIMOTOR-22. These personality reports can be categorized as follows: personalities known or suspected to belong to or be identified with pro-communist political groupings or philosophies, including Americans; Soviet personalities (LITALON-3); potential operational leads; particularly as it concerns the LIMOTOR effort against the Cuban counterpart of CODACID (see VI. PLANS of the LIMOTOR Project Renewal already forwarded). These personality reports do not include the LIMOTOR coverage of UNAN lecture series given by known anti-American speakers (most of which originated with LIMOTOR-22) nor the regular 11th of UNAN School for Foreigners obtained by LIMOTOR-19). The LIMOTOR personality reports have not received dissemination, but are aids in terms of CT information and requests from local customers; specific reports are passed to area officers and have been found to be most useful.

b. During the project year 1 August 1962 – 31 July 1963, the LIMOTOR complex produced 11 reports on elections in the various faculties of UNAN (two from Seymour D. TRUMNICH, 2 from LIEKROH-2, 1 from LIMOTOR-19, and 4 from LIMOTOR-22). These reports are considered excellent corroborative information to the efforts of LICOAX according to the Station KUSWOLF element. Directly related to the election reports are the reports on individual student party activities about which LIMOTOR produced eleven reports which the Station’s KUSWOLF element is still most interested in receiving on a priority basis. During the period of the student riots and other activities connected with the death of Eli de Cortázar Relámpago, LIMOTOR produced three reports confirming Station efforts. Reports have also been produced on the LILUF-C, LIIUFP Student group, and LICOAX, although not in the quantity desired. This emphasis has been reflected in the present project year. LIMOTOR-22 has also reported on LICOAX harassment activities at UNAN and in one instance was a victim of same.

c. Through joint conversations between the KUSWOLF element and the LIMOTOR staffers, more defined areas of interest and activity have been found to which LIMOTOR assets are now being directed. At the same time LIMOTOR agents are being further trained to prepare their material in a more readily disseminable form on subjects of
sufficient interest to customers. Through these efforts we hope to be able to produce more positive intelligence dissemnations from the LINATOR Project.

d. The following are examples of LINATOR information which was of value to Station case officers:

(1) For the KUGOLF officers see sub-paragraph above.

(2) A check with Headquarters REDOX elements will clearly reveal the contribution made by LINATOR-19 to the BECHICK/BEKNAVY case. This was clearly pointed out in the Project Removal submission (please see II ASSETS, C. LINATOR-19). During the past project year LINATOR-19 submitted 12 written reports on her contacts with BECHICK. In addition several special meetings were held with her, TWINICH and Phineas P. SLINKARD for the purpose of briefing and debriefing her on the BECHICK/BEKNAVY case. Her most effective role in providing the Station with parallel developments in this important case has drawn the constant praises of SLINKARD.

(3) Gerald F. GESTETNER levied a requirement on the LINATOR project to produce a lead of a person who could be used as access to a local Soviet known to be ORU and considered a REDCAP possibility. Several reports on this lead were submitted by Seymour D. TWINICH, however, this has not further developed to date. LINATOR-19 also submitted several reports on a Station lead who was a REDOX candidate. This also did not materialize but represented a special LINATOR effort for a Station case officer.

(4) During the summer of 1963, the Station DIZTAG element in the person of Phineas P. SLINKARD requested the LINATOR complex to produce a lead into the local DIZTAG cultural society and thus to the local DIZTAG diplomatic installation. Although Seymour D. TWINICH did produce several reports on such a candidate the lead never materialized but was an example of its value to a Station officer.

e. The following are the current outstanding LINATOR targets:

(1) Communist, pro-communist, and communist front organizations, individuals, and student groupings at the UNH; the activities of these targets.

(2) Soviet or Soviet bloc personalities known to attend, visit, or otherwise appear at the UNH.

(3) Activities of non-communist groups (as a check on our KUGOLF activities)
(4) Students now attending a special school in Mexico City (separate and distinct from the UNAM) for the purpose of assessment and ultimate recruitment of personalities in the Mexican equivalent of OASID. Please see Project Renewal submission VI.

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f. During the Project year 1 August 1962 - 31 July 1963 there were no security, cover or control problems.

g. We have not coordinated the LINDOR Project with any local OASID, Mexican government, or non-Mexican government groups. HOPPINC provided the Station with the lead and access to LINDOR-22 which lead to his recruitment.

h. The LINDOR Staff Agent spends about 2 1/2 hours weekly on each LINDOR field agent under normal circumstances, or about 7 to 8 hours weekly. In addition the LINDOR Staff Agent is almost constantly on the job living his cover, making contacts, and writing-up these contacts. While he spends a good portion of his daily life on the job, it is almost impossible to cite a figure which could accurately state the number of hours he spends on KRAZK/LINDOR activities. The inside Case Officer expends an average of four hours weekly on LINDOR matters under normal circumstances. Special activities such as project removals and this dispatch would be exceptions to the norm.

4. Concerning paragraph 4 of Reference, it should be quite clear to Headquarters by this writing that LIPRODIL-1 has been incorporated into the LINDOR Project. Please see HPSM-2075, dated 19 February 1963, HPAH-11488, dated 12 April 1963, HPAM-21146, dated 25 April 1963; HPAM-11560, dated 17 May 1963; HPAM-21049, dated 28 June 1963; and the LINDOR Project Renewal submitted under HPSM-21604, dated 27 June 1963. At an appropriate time we will consider changing the LIPRODIL-1 cryptonyms but do not consider it a priority at this time.

5. We hope soon to prepare a Progress Report on the LINDOR Project, probably covering the period January-July 1963. Beginning with August 1963 we plan to have Natalie S. RICHNER prepare LINDOR Progress Reports for regular three month periods.

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