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MEMORANDUM FOR: Staff Personnel

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1. Nigerian Situation: The African Bureau was one hour ahead of Western press agencies in reporting the outbreak of civil war in Nigeria. As the Federal forces invaded the rebel Eastern Region, the African Bureau maintained a close watch on area radios and filed extensively, particularly from the "Biafran" Radio Enugu. The bureau also initiated a selective press scrutiny program of the New Nigerian, published in Kaduna, and the Daily Times, of Lagos. Bureau editors supplied the U.S. Consulate in Kaduna with a greater number of items by messenger in view of the tense situation. Generally, bureau communications held up well, although at times tapes had to be carried between the bureau and the Kaduna carrier room. The situation in Kaduna itself was calm although there were some fears of anti-Americanism in Nigeria if the FMG military effort should fail. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Cyprus Situation: The Greek Government began strong attacks on leading Cypriot political figures in June, charging that certain Cypriot officials were working to block enosis in cooperation with the communists and calling upon them to resign. Rumors also continued of a possible Army coup in Cyprus against the Makarios Government. (SECRET)

Rumors of a possible sabotage attempt against U.S. radio stations on Cyprus resulted in tightened security measures at the Mediterranean Bureau, including reinstallation of a roof-mounted searchlight for night surveillance of the bureau area, and more frequent motorized patrols of the roads adjacent to the bureau by Kyrenia District police. (SECRET)

Two Mediterranean Bureau foreign national employees were caught in the Arab-Israeli war zone, one in Beirut and one in Haifa, but were able to return without difficulty. The wife and two small children of Arabic monitor [redacted] were unable to return to Cyprus from Jerusalem despite efforts of U.S. consulate officials, but finally made their way to Amman. Young children of two other Arabic monitors who had been in Lebanon in school arrived in Cyprus as deck passengers on an evacuee ship. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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3. Vietnam Situation: With the approach of elections in South Vietnam the Saigon Bureau was able to supply to the U.S. Mission with information from Radio Saigon which was either not available from other sources or was more timely. Several bureaus provided Saigon consumers with information on the question of communist recognition of Cambodia's borders, with a series of joint Mission reports drawing extensively on FBIS-originated materials. Hanoi and Liberation Radio comment on plans for repatriation of sick and wounded prisoners to North Vietnam, and on reprisals against U.S. prisoners, was frequently cited in State Department cables. Special tape recordings of Hanoi and Liberation broadcasts were supplied the Joint U.S. Public Affairs Office in connection with a project. The bureau reported that terrorism in the Saigon area continued to be relatively light. (SECRET)

SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

4. FBIS Bulletin: The FBIS Bulletin was discontinued 1 July after a survey of consumers indicated that less than 10 percent found it of significant value. A major factor in the decision was the survey finding that the Bulletin was primarily utilized by most Agency components as a secondary reference guide. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Special Services: The Okinawa, Tokyo, West Coast, London, and Austrian Bureaus, at the request of the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, filed comment to Seoul from Pyongyang, Peking, and Moscow broadcasts on Vice President Humphrey's 28 June-3 July visit to South Korea. The anti-Chinese rioting in Burma occasioned a request from the U.S. Embassy in Rangoon to the Bangkok, West Coast, and Okinawa Bureaus for Peking reaction to events in Burma for Rangoon radio reportage. (CONFIDENTIAL)

An article in a Yugoslav newspaper on reported differences between "socialist bloc" and Arab leaders over the question of Israel's existence was filed to the U.S. delegation to the United Nations by the FBIS Wire Service at the request of Ambassador Pederson, Deputy U.S. Representative to the Security Council. A copy of the 1961 announcement of the Viet Cong's 10-point program was provided to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at its request. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The Middle East Task Force headed by Mr. McGeorge Bundy requested on an urgent basis the text of a February speech by UAR President Nasir. Other services rendered in connection with the Middle East crisis included supplying members of Congress with the fullest available Moscow version of Premier Kosygin's interview following

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his talks with President Johnson at Glassboro, and with Israeli radio accounts of the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty. (SECRET)

The Okinawa and London Bureaus were asked to supply the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi through 30 July with Pakistani radio items referring to unrest in Eastern India, particularly the Naxalbari area. The East Coast Bureau filled requests for Spanish versions of Havana commentaries for State Department and Organization personnel. An inquiry from the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi for information on Moscow's Peace and Progress broadcasts was serviced by the Monitoring Operations Section and apparently resulted in a decision of the Indian Government to monitor these broadcasts. Several articles in the Indian press during June were based on information furnished by the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi from FBIS reports. (SECRET)

The USSR Division provided translation of an article from Izvestiya on the activities of a Soviet border radar-scanning station in tracking a U.S. "spy" aircraft, in response to requests from Organization components and the State Department. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Several employees of the East Coast Bureau worked overnight on 22 June reproducing tapes of Castro's 13 March speech in response to a crash Organization project. The chief of the division making the request expressed written appreciation for the effort to the Director, FBIS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Lateral Services: Field bureaus on 11 July began filing material on Haiti from all sources to the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince. The service was requested by the State Department. At the request of the U.S. Ambassador in Morocco, the London Bureau on 19 July began filing to the Embassy in Rabat for a two-week trial period Algerian-source reportage and comment on Moroccan domestic affairs. (SECRET)

7. Press and Document Exploitation: The USSR Division processed new data from Pravda on the TV antenna at Kemerovo, a unit of the Soviet satellite communications ground terminal net. The information indicated for the first time in the press that a total of 20 ground terminals are to be used in the system. (SECRET)

Asia Division published a 54-page report on the scope of the Red Guard press in Communist China. Listed were the titles and related publication data of 192 newspapers that were established after the "cultural revolution" began in mid-1966. The report was published in response to an OCI request. (SECRET)

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With the rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and many Arab states, Asia Division requested OCR to develop new channels for receiving the press from these states. Newspapers and periodicals are now being received from all Arab areas except Iraq. (SECRET)

Activities of the Europe, Africa, Latin America Division included the supplying of the first report on the launching of a French scientific research rocket from the Paris daily Le Figaro in response to an Organization requirement for information on extraordinary French rocket activity. The East Germany/Poland Branch provided information from Handelsblatt, of Duesseldorf, to OSI on a West German nuclear reactor component and on West German-Spanish cooperation in nuclear power plant production. (SECRET)

The contractual publication, "Organization, Activities, and Personnel of the East European Academies of Sciences," which was launched on an experimental basis in late FY-67 and which has been enthusiastically received by consumers, will be continued in FY-68. The Latin America Branch published through the contractual facility a new "Glossary of Abbreviations Used in the Latin American Press" on 26 June, 95 pages in length. Copies have been sent to appropriate FBIS field bureaus. (CONFIDENTIAL)

During June the Foreign Language Service Center received 219 requests, of which 115 were translated by FLASC. The average length of the translations was 5.9 pages. Of the requests processed by FLASC, 59 were handled within 24 hours, including 18 which received "same day service." (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. Propaganda Analysis Services: Two Special Memorandums tabulating Hanoi propaganda claims regarding allied battle losses in South Vietnam, covering provinces in the First and Second Corps areas, were distributed by the Propaganda Analysis Division to consumers in the Agency, the White House, State Department, DIA, and the Military Assistance Command Vietnam. The project was in response to interest expressed by DIA and MACV. In a continuing service, PAD also issued the fifth in its monthly Special Memorandums for the State Department on Hanoi claims of North Vietnamese civilian casualties. Additional data on Hanoi propaganda charges of U.S. strikes at civilian targets were supplied to ORR, which also receives copies of the memorandums on civilian casualty claims. Other special reporting on Vietnam included a review of an unusually detailed article on air defense strategy by the North Vietnamese army chief

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of staff in the DRV Army magazine Quan Doi Nhan Dan, with background on his prior press articles, issued as Special Report CD.279. An analysis item carried on the Wire Service responded to State Department inquiries regarding Hanoi, Moscow, and Peking treatment of the death of Nguyen Chi Thanh. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Special Report CD.278, on the status of the "cultural revolution" in the western and minority areas of Communist China, provided one-page summaries of the situation in nine provinces as reflected in official propaganda. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Routine research support services included assembling Soviet propaganda references to the Pacific Trust Territories over the past six months for the Office of Basic Intelligence, and providing OER with PAD analyses of Soviet slogans since May Day 1965. (CONFIDENTIAL)

9. POW Statements: In response to a Department of Defense request, field bureaus were asked to add announcer-read statements attributed to U.S. prisoners of war to the permanent belt-retention list and to supply the L&R Officer with a tape of each such statement for distribution within the Government community. The requirement is in addition to the standing requirement for similar handling of own-voice statements by POW's. The DOD request is related to plans for expanded dossiers on POW's for any eventual exchange of prisoners with Hanoi. (SECRET)

PUBLICATIONS

10. Field Scrutiny: The first of the Mediterranean Bureau's scrutiny of the Cairo press appeared in the 2 July Middle East, Africa, and West Europe Daily Report as a 200-word item from Al-Akhbar on the budget and Soviet aid for the Aswan Dam project. The Daily Report will continue to publish current items and pass less perishable items to Asia Division for use in the Near East Foreign Press Digest, published semiweekly. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

11. World Reaction Reports: A World Reaction Report was published on 30 June on reaction to the Glassboro Summit meetings. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

12. Supplements: Four Daily Report Supplements were issued: Asia and Pacific on 26 June, entitled "Truong Son Article on 1966-67 Victories"; USSR/East Europe on 28 June, "CPSU Central Committee Theses on the 50th Anniversary of the October Revolution"; USSR/East Europe on 15 July, "Materials from Sixth Polish Union Congress";

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and USSR/East Europe on 17 July, "Materials on 5th Congress of the Union of Working Youth, Albania." Typing for three of the supplements was done by contractors who prepared some of the 15 July supplement, which also consisted of some mats prepared in the Austrian Bureau along with some typed at Headquarters. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

13. Microelite Typewriters: Twenty new microelite typewriters were received recently and all regular Headquarters publications will eventually appear in this standardized type face. (UNCLASSIFIED)

14. Book of Broadcasting Stations: The Government Printing Office is expected to disseminate the 21st edition of the "Broadcasting Stations of the World," published by the Field Operations Staff, by 31 August. The four volumes will total 1,675 pages, a 10 percent increase in size over last year's edition. USSR Radio Day materials, submitted by field bureaus from broadcasts 5-9 May, are being published in a special MOS report for selected consumers. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

15. Consolidated Translation Survey: The Publications Division estimates that the Consolidated Translation Survey section saved the Agency some \$15,000 and the rest of the government some \$40,000 during the month of June by avoiding duplicate translations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

FIELD OPERATIONS

16. China Coverage: Chinese regional broadcasting patterns have been relatively stable recently but signs of the struggle associated with the cultural revolution persist and coverage continues at a high level. Two Chinese monitors recently recruited for Okinawa Bureau advanced from trainee to routine operational status and two additional monitors are expected to report for duty by August to bring the Chinese unit at the bureau to 16. (CONFIDENTIAL)

17. Burma Coverage: The Okinawa Bureau's Burmese monitor was transferred to the Bangkok Bureau in time to cover the outbreak of anti-CPR disturbances in Burma. With the excellent reception of Rangoon at Bangkok, FBIS was able to produce a substantial file of material from the Burmese radio for the first time. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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18. Press Teletype Tape Relay: For the past several months an experiment has been conducted at the West Coast Bureau using a prototype device constructed by the Engineering Staff to convert automatically reperfored tape from NCNA radioteletype transmissions to a DCS-compatible tape for direct transmission to FBIS Headquarters and lateral consumers without extensive repunching by bureau tele-typists. Tests were brought to a successful conclusion at the end of June and showed significant savings in operator effort. The system is being continued at WCB as standard operating procedure. A solid state model of the relay device is planned by the Engineering Staff for use at WCB and the Okinawa Bureau. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

19. Broadcasting Developments: Moscow "Peace and Progress" broadcasts were expanded in June and again early in July with the addition of Hebrew-Yiddish broadcasts to Israel and the exchange of Radio Moscow Mandarin programs for Peace and Progress Mandarin-language transmissions. The Mandarin addition was 21 hours weekly and the Hebrew-Yiddish effort 7 hours. The "Peace and Progress" broadcasts now total 92 hours a week, with all new broadcasts covered by either FBIS or the BBC. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Yugoslav International Service broadcasts in Polish and Czech were suspended 30 June after 20 years of transmission. The quasi-clandestine "Oggi in Italia" broadcasts to Italy were suspended from a Prague mediumwave transmitter and replaced by official Prague programs in Italian. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

20. USSR Transmitters: Field bureaus are requested to flag material on the following to MOS: information concerning VHF/UHF television transmitters in the USSR; microwave communications links; "Molniya-1" satellites, and "Orbita," the receiving stations for "Molniya-1" satellites. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

21. Repeat Pattern Checks: Moscow and Peking repeat pattern checks should be made at least once monthly on a random date not disclosed in open messages in advance. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MISCELLANEOUS

22. Office of the Director: Staff personnel from overseas bureaus in Headquarters on official travel should always pay a call on the Office of the Director, FBIS. Similarly, Staff personnel going to field bureaus and offices or returning from these stations on PCS should also pay a call on the Office of the Director. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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23. Headquarters TDY: Bureau Chiefs and other bureau staff officers scheduled for TDY in Washington should inform Headquarters as early as possible the dates of official TDY to facilitate the preparation of orientation schedules and other Headquarters appointments. (UNCLASSIFIED)

24. London Press Monitoring Unit: The USSR Division has prepared a new 730-word Russian language examination with a grading key for use in screening applicants for the London Press Monitoring Unit. The Division has also prepared a detailed set of requirements for information from the Soviet press for use of the PMU. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

25. Personal Photos: Personal colored snapshots of living conditions and scenic areas at overseas bureaus are often used for the information of prospective field assignees. Such photos may be forwarded to the Secretary, Publications Division. (UNCLASSIFIED)

26. Briefings and Visits: [redacted] of the Field Operations Staff, began a TDY mission 10 July at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, designed to obtain information on Cuban transmitter and frequency usage. On 20 July he visited another U.S. base in the Caribbean area to complete the survey. The information is to enable FBIS to provide information requested by various Agency and USIB components. (SECRET) 50X1

Two groups of FBIS Headquarters personnel toured the National Indications Center and the Organization's Operations Center. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The Chief, Panama Bureau, met with a group of senior military personnel of the U.S. Southern Command in the Canal Zone to review the current status of that portion of the projected Panamanian super highway which would pass through the Zone. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The 25th semiannual Mediterranean Bureau-BEC coordination meeting was held at Medbuero on 30 June. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Cmdr. Charles Nimitz, USN, new staff intelligence officer of the Key West Force, visited the Key West Bureau for orientation on 28 June. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

A representative of the 7th Psychological Operations Group in Okinawa visited the Saigon Bureau to discuss dissemination of FBIS materials to psyop units in South Vietnam. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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African Bureau Chief [] and Bureau Engineer []
 [] visited the U.S. Embassy in Accra 26 June en route to assignment
 in Kaduna. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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27. Caribbean Bureau: The construction of the Caribbean Bureau is now estimated to be 75.6 percent complete. The International Telephone and Telegraph Co. has completed the Puerto Rico Telephone Co.'s microwave circuit from FBIS, Cabo Rojo, to Monte del Estado to Mayaguez. (CONFIDENTIAL)

28. Okinawa Bureau Housing: A contract for four family housing units at the Okinawa Bureau was awarded to the low bidder on 30 June. (UNCLASSIFIED)

29. Headquarters Space: Drawings and other technical information have been presented to the Logistics Services Division for certain space rearrangements on the 4th, 10th, and 11th floors of the Key Building. LSD has been asked to supply cost estimates on the proposed changes. (CONFIDENTIAL)

ADMINISTRATION

30. Speedletters: Speedletters are not considered formal official correspondence and are not normally kept in the Executive Files. They are frequently destroyed after their usefulness has outlived their usefulness. Therefore, when referencing a speedletter in correspondence or messages to Headquarters, a brief indication of the contents should be given. (UNCLASSIFIED)

31. Correspondence: Field bureaus are asked to include an extra copy of all formal correspondence directed to Headquarters. (UNCLASSIFIED)

32. Alien Information: When forwarding the various pertinent employment documents on new alien employees, bureaus should advise Headquarters of the type of current travel documents in their possession. (UNCLASSIFIED)

33. Document Control Numbers: The Accounts Branch has asked that all field bureaus include document control numbers on payment vouchers of non-expendable equipment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

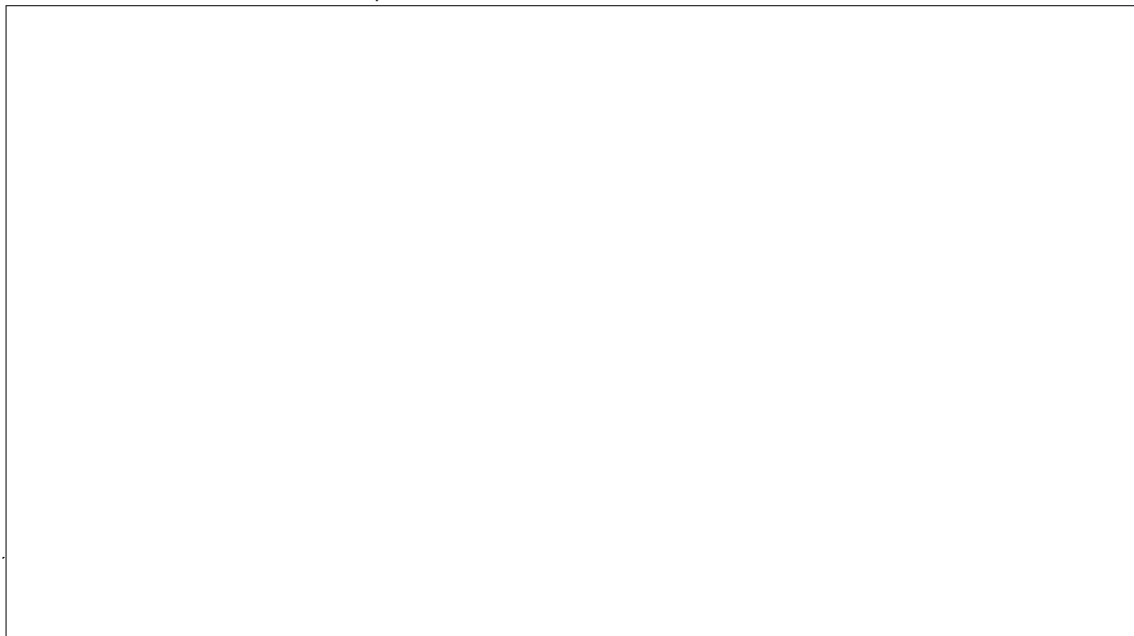
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34. Addressing of Reports: Cost reduction reports submitted by field bureaus should be addressed to the Chief of Operations. Bureau Production Reports should continue to be addressed to the Chief, Field Operations Staff. (UNCLASSIFIED)

35. Contract Personnel: Bureaus should obtain Headquarters approval before hiring contract personnel. Such personnel as are on duty, full or part-time, should be listed at the end of the monthly non-Staff Personnel Report. (UNCLASSIFIED)

36. Regulatory Issuances. The following regulatory issuances were disseminated. (CONFIDENTIAL)



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37. New Employees



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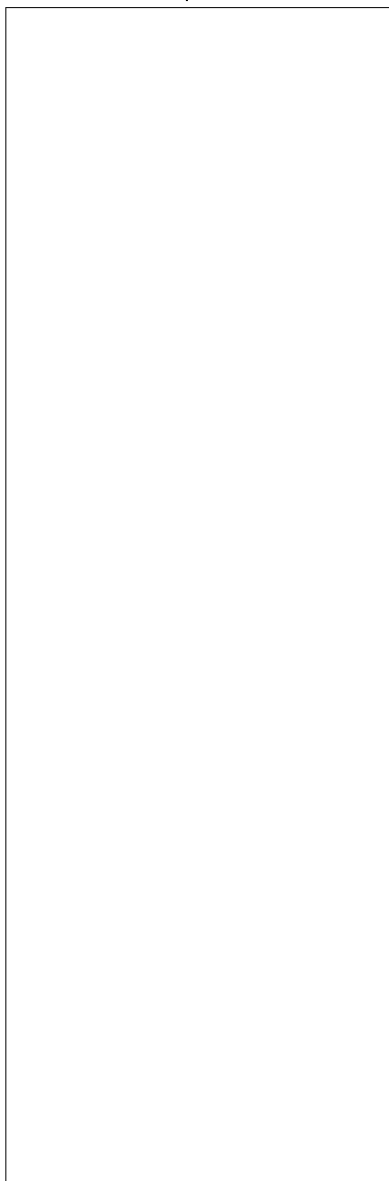
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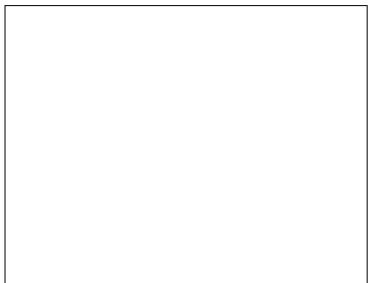
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Editor West Coast Bureau	Editor Okinawa Bureau
Editor Wire Services Staff	Editor London Bureau
Editor East Coast Bureau	Editor USSR & EE Branch Publications Div.
Editor Wire Services Staff	Editor London Bureau
Area Officer USSR Division	Editor USSR & EE Branch Publications Div.
Chief, West Coast Bur.	Chief, Tokyo Bureau
Chief, Tokyo Bureau	Chief, Hokkaido Bur.
Editor Far East Branch Publications Division	Editor East Coast Bureau
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39. Resignations



<u>From</u>
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40. Retirements



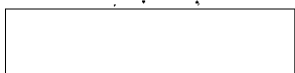
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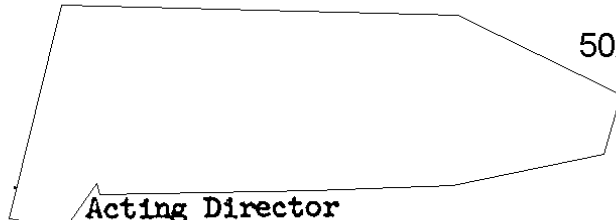
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