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DATE 19 March 1954

TO LINCOLN
INFO: Chief/WHD
FROM ACOS []

SUBJECT: GENERAL Administrative
SPECIFIC Personnel - Operations

REF: DIR 42836

1. Stephen R. LUGTON, Francis R. HEGARTY and Stirling D. PRINCEP hereby jointly request that a six-months supply of 26-hour days be sent to this Station soonest. We are all doing our utmost, but while restricted to only seven 24-hour days per week we cannot begin to do justice to the tasks and requirements being levied both by LINCOLN and by Headquarters, on our areas of responsibility.
2. The time has come, we feel, for an uninhibited appraisal of requirements in terms of capabilities. Since HEGARTY and LUGTON will be making their situations known personally to ONTRICH, on his arrival, the writer must take this opportunity to speak for himself and as the sole official representative of this Station.
3. Since PRINCEP's primary responsibilities involve his function as PBSUCCESS communicator for this area, let us first consider matters relating to this function:
 - a. The processing of cable traffic presently accounts for approximately 60% (or 7 to 8 hours daily) of the writer's working time. If this amount of time seems excessive (and it does to me), please bear in mind that in addition to straight LINCOLN traffic, this Station is now handling considerable PBSUCCESS info traffic from other Stations, voluminous personal traffic related to PBSUCCESS between the new ODACID Chief of MISSION and Harald S. WHITING (both essayists), as well as a certain amount of non-PBSUCCESS traffic relating to other WHD operations in this general area. Not having received any Letter of Instructions to date, the writer's mandate for performance of the above is far from being clear. The new ODACID Chief simply told me that Harald S. WHITING informed him that I would handle their

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Personal traffic. Headquarters is asked to confirm this and to clearly define my jurisdictional responsibilities. In the meantime I give PBSUCCESS traffic top priority and hope that I can keep everyone reasonably happy.

- b. If the Subject of above reference is to be no more than a radio operator and not a code clerk as well, and if his assignment here results in even heavier traffic, the writer's biggest problem will be amplified rather than reduced. In such an event, the installation of a radio station and operator here will, while guaranteeing passage of traffic on evenings and weekends, at the same time increase the processing load for the writer. If the Subject of reference is merely a radio operator, he will be idle during the time the writer is processing cable traffic, and that is by far the greater period compared to time required for actual transmission.
- c. The ODACID mission here has been very cooperative about the installation of a radio station, on the assumption that such an installation would be more or less permanent. On this basis, ODACID went to [] and received permission to install an overt radio communications facility in this mission. The writer can assure Headquarters and LINCOLN that under no other circumstances could a radio station be brought in and set up here. It must be legal, overt and registered with the local government; otherwise it can not exist. There is no possibility of operating a clandestine radio station out of this mission, since the local government is unusually well-equipped to detect, monitor, and subsequently close down, any such unregistered activity. The government has given its approval, pending the completion of certain routine documents, which will include technical specifications as well as the name of the proposed operator.
- d. It should be readily seen from the above that the "most appropriate" cover and, in fact, the only cover available for the Subject of reference would be as the ODACID ~~radio~~ radio operator. This is not only the writer's own estimate of the situation, but the above reflects the unconditional viewpoint of local ODACID officials.
- e. In view of the above, the writer, the ODACID Chief of Mission, and the Deputy Chief of Mission, question the soundness, from the security angle, of installing a radio station and operator here only for the duration of PBSUCCESS. If, after going to all the trouble of getting a legal station in here, it and its operator should be removed again concurrent with the conclusion of PBSUCCESS, or shortly thereafter, the resulting speculation would be along the lines that this activity has established evidence of ODYOKK interest in the manifest results of PBSUCCESS, whatever they may be. Such conclusions might not only be detrimental to ODACID, but

could also negate any possibility of future KUBARK use of Official cover in this area. Perhaps the writer is merely "borrowing trouble", but I believe that it will do no harm to anticipate certain possible consequences with a view toward reconsideration of KUBARK intentions at least concerning the proposed duration of radio station activation at this mission.

4. In paragraph 3a, above, the writer has accounted for 60% of his time (working time). The remainder of my working time is devoted to the following forms of activity:
- a. Contacting cut-outs for delivery and pickup of messages to and from Stephen R. LUGTON and Francis R. HEGARTY.
 - b. Covert meetings with LUGTON for passage of funds, his pouch materials, and bulky items, etc., which cannot be passed securely via the cut-outs. (It might be mentioned here that these meetings usually take place on remote country roads thus necessitating the use of Stirling D. PRINCEP's personal automobile, much to the detriment of said vehicle. The writer was assured at Headquarters that he absolutely would not need a vehicle for operational purposes, and was told that it was immaterial to Headquarters whether he had it shipped to this country or not. The writer was anxious to get this point established at headquarters, since if he could have made a valid request for a quasi-personal operational automobile, he would have sold his prior to departure. Not having been granted a quasi-personal automobile, the writer had his own car shipped. This car, now four years old and minus the heavy duty tires, springs, shock-absorbers, etc., required for this area, is being used 90% of the time for operational purposes, and the goat paths which pass for "roads" here are rapidly reducing my car to scrap iron. Unless future repair bills can be charged to operational expenses, I will be forced to restrict my use of it to that contemplated while still at Headquarters.)
 - c. Station administrative functions, including the preparation and receipt of pouches, maintenance of files, preparation and maintenance of ~~files~~ Station accounts, administrative reporting, procurement of supplies, typing, administrative support for LUGTON and HEGARTY, and a host of other minor, but necessary and time-consuming chores.
 - d. Coordinating conferences and liaison with The Chief and Deputy Chief of the ODACID Mission. These two individuals are anxious (sometimes too anxious) to cooperate. They are constantly offering suggestions, leads, tips, advice (some operationally sound, but generally not), and also make frequent requests for information not available to me. They are apparently convinced that I am "running" a vast and complex organization here, and all my protests to the

contrary, my insistence that I am nothing more than a glorified communicator, are to no avail. The ODYCKE MA here thinks that I am operating within his area of responsibility, and resents my presence here because he thinks that I am reporting on matters over which he properly has jurisdiction, and that I am "holding out on him".

e. Cover duties have occupied a total of two hours of my time during the past two weeks. This is deplorable, I realize, since I should be spending at least four hours daily on cover in this small establishment, but again, the urgent and immediate requirements of PBSUCCESS leave me no choice, and cover continues to deteriorate accordingly.

f. Ravaging amoebae are also currently making inroads of their own into my time, energy and digestive tract. The hours, and they are many, spent in sedentary obeisance to the terrible and disruptive powers of these small creatures are not entirely down the drain, however, since I am never without pad and pencil, and have even held meetings with Stephen R. LUGTON, while so occupied. (Sic transit gloria mundi.)

5. Passing from what I am doing, to what, in addition, I should be doing the writer hopes that he has made it sufficiently clear in the foregoing paragraphs, that very little time remains for the necessities of life, such as eating, sleeping, and an occasional date. (Only one date, so far, and that ruined by the amoebae.) Absolutely no time is left for spotting or collection and reporting of significant information on matters of interest to KUGOWN, KUFIRE or KUHOCK. However, the Deputy ODACID Chief is very competent to report on political matters, and until this Station gets some KUCLUB assistance, the writer can only refer Headquarters and LINCOLN to the Deputy's reports, which may be obtained on a continuing basis from ODACID Headquarters. The MA's reports could also be obtained, I should think, from his Hqs., but my personal opinion is that they may be of little utility since they are largely a military view of election year possibilities. The MA recently planned to take a jeep trip along the [] border, in full uniform and complete with camera, sketchbook and notepad. The idea may have been sound, but knowing the quality of any information he would have been likely to collect, and considering the undesirable implications to be possible and inherent in having a PEPRIE military officer wandering around in that area at this time, the Deputy Chief asked him to postpone any such trips indefinitely.

6. Stephen R. LUGTON requests additional funds for his personal and operational expenses, having expended his last advance. In order to tide him over until the arrival of such funds, the writer advanced to him the sum of \$300.00 in local currency from Station funds, on 12 Mar.

7. Francis R. HEGARTY requests that he be authorized [] per month for incidental expenses rather than the [] for which he is now authorized. He also requests that arrangements be made whereby he can draw these funds from this Station.

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8. They most recent cash advance to Stephen [redacted] in turn~~x~~ passed to CALLIGERIS, was the sum of \$23,800.00 on 17 Mar. Since only \$20,000.00 was received via pouch from the KMFLUSH [redacted], and since only \$3,700.00 remained in this Station's reserve after passage of \$7,500.00 to Francis R. HEGARTY on 15 Mar., it was necessary to withdraw \$100.00 (in local currency) from the Station operating funds, in order to arrive at the necessary total of \$23,800.00. The Station reserve is now completely depleted, and only \$419.00 remains in Station operating funds at this writing. (Station funds are in local currency.)
9. The writer had understood that when the courier pouch service reverted on 9 March to a twice-weekly schedule, this Station would be able to send pouches to LINCOLN, using the LARCO address, twice weekly. It now appears that such is not the case. The southbound courier, who arrives here on Fridays and leaves here early the next morning, will not accept the LARCO pouches. This happened on 13 March, and as a result the pouch that was ready to go to LINCOLN on that date was given to the northbound courier the following Tuesday, 16 March. Rather than have another pouch refused, this dispatch and all other materials for LINCOLN will be included in the pouch for Headquarters which will definitely go tomorrow a.m., 20 March. It is hoped that materials for LINCOLN will be relayed at Headquarters and still manage to reach LINCOLN sooner than if held here until 23 March. Please advise if such relay at Headquarters is feasible and actually more rapid. CALLIGERIS had been told that a rapid and secure communications system, but inasmuch as it has, on occasion, taken ten days to get one of his letters to FAWCLETT, he now takes a dim view of the "rapid" feature.
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