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SDB/SDB Memo #138-73

8 May 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SDB

ATTENTION: Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Contacts with Domestic Police Organizations

1. In December 1968, July 1969 and December 1970, SDB provided basic countersabotage familiarization training for selected members of the Washington metropolitan area police departments. The training was given at the Fairfax County police pistol and rifle range. Authorization for the training came from DDP and Chief, Office of Security.

2. On occasion during the past few years, under the auspices of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration of the Department of Justice and with the approval of CI Staff and Office of Security, SDB provided training and familiarization to police officers of several domestic police departments in the uses of the Explosives Residue Detection Technique and Trace Metals Detection Technique. These techniques had been declassified and are currently available to the law enforcement community. The National Bomb Data Center publishes periodic guidance in their uses.

3. In order to augment the SDB mission responsibilities in the field of countersabotage and counterterror, SDB officers have in the past two years visited, under appropriate covers, the explosives disposal units of the New York City police department, Dade County (Miami) Florida Dept. and the Los Angeles Police Dept. Also, in March 1973, two SDB officers attended the Explosives and Ordnance Disposal Conference in Sacramento, California, sponsored by LEAA. When the recent letter bomb menace began in September 1972, our liaison with the NYCPD bomb squad paid off in that we had complete information on letter bomb construction in hours, enabling the Agency to make worldwide dissemination within a day.

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In addition to printing of various passes and identification emblems, TSD has also supplied the Secret Service with some U.S. alias documentation:



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Technical Training for Local Police Department

- I. The first segment of technical training by Training Branch was conducted during the period 7 October - 26 November 1968. The following schedule and subjects were used in the training of six members of the Metropolitan Police Department.
 - A. 7-18 October - Surreptitious Entry
Content of Subject taught:
 1. Familiarization and identity of American locks.
 2. Method of manipulation of locks.
 3. Methods and techniques of conducting Surreptitious Entry Survey.
 - B. 21-29 October - Photo Surveillance
Content of Subject taught:
 1. Familiarization with cameras: Pentax Spotmatic, Leica, Nikon F, Robot and Polaroid.
 2. Lens, telephoto and wide angle.
 3. Exposure Meter, Tripods, Bowum, etc.
 4. Film, film processing and print processing.
 5. Document copy exercises.
 6. Night Photography and night exercises.
 7. TV Surveillance.
 - C. 18-23 November - Audio Surveillance
Content of Subject taught:
 1. Microphones, wire impedances and line amplifiers. (Shure MC-30, Sennheiser MM-22, RCA - BK - 6B and RCA BK-12a all commercially available)
 2. RF commercial transmitter. (Research Products, Tracer Inc., Scientific Research Corp.)

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3. Radiators. (Military and Commercial - BR-4 and Mono-Clock respectively.)
4. Telephone Taps. (Obsolete model BR-2 equipment which is available to government and law enforcement agencies).
5. Recorders (Apex-601-2 Stereo, Revere T-204 Mono, Uher 4000L, all commercially obtainable).
6. Plastering and Wall Restoration.

D. 24-26 November - Operational Problem and Exercise

1. This problem entailed an operational exercise against three of our Safesites. The students had to survey, case and penetrate these locations using surreptitious entry, photography and audio surveillance.

2. All these safesites, two apartments in Tiber Island and one on 18th and "I" Street, N.W. have been turned back to Agency Real Estate and have since then been terminated. Formal class instruction was conducted at South Building, East Building and Alexandria.

II. After this first MPD group other police departments personnel trained using the identical safe sites and employing the same subject matter and commercial equipment as indicated above were taught on the following dates. The Fairfax Police Department and Arlington Police Department. Date - 21 October - 10 December 1968. Six officers, 4 from APD and 2 from FPD.

III. In 1969 additional officers from the Metropolitan Police Department, Fairfax Police Department and Arlington Police Department received identical training as that stated above. In total 24 police officers were trained in our facilities.

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