

NAO-87-3

UNCLASSIFIED

PURPOSE:

THE PURPOSE OF THE MONTREV BORDER STATION, AND THE AMERICAN CONSULER OFFICIAL STATIONED THERE, WAS TO EXPEDITE ENTRY, I.E. NO LUGGAGE/EQUIPMENT SEARCHES, OF A LARGE AMERICAN CONTINGENT ARRIVING IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. THERE WERE TWO REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS BODY - AN APPROVED STATE DEPARTMENT ACCESS LIST AND A VALID PASSPORT. IN LIEU OF A VALID PASSPORT, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY COULD ISSUE EMERGENCY PASSPORTS OR THE FOREIGN COUNTRY COULD ISSUE EMERGENCY VISAS DEPENDING ON WHICH WAS THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS METHOD.

THE MONTREV CONSULATE WAS CREATED TO SIMULATE A FOREIGN CONSULATE IN AN AMERICAN BORDER CITY. THE FOREIGN CONSULATE, DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION AND LOGISTICS, COULD ISSUE VISAS RAPIDLY AND FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF A LARGE BODY OF FOREIGNERS.

SUMMARY:

1. THE EST ARRIVED AT MONTREV ON DECEMBER 3 WITH ALL OF THEIR PASSPORTS AND BADGES IN ORDER. THEY ENCOUNTERED NO DELAY OF ENTRY INTO THE FOREIGN COUNTRY.

2. THE NEXT ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVED AT MONTREV ON DECEMBER 4 WITH ALL OF THEIR PASSPORTS AND BADGES IN ORDER. AN ACCESS LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL IN A TIMELY MANNER RESULTING IN A MINIMAL DELAY AT THE BORDER.

3. BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 5 AND EXTENDING THROUGH DECEMBER 7, NEST PERSONNEL ARRIVED AT THE BORDER. A DELAY OF OVER THREE HOURS WAS ENCOUNTERED BECAUSE AN ACCESS LIST WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY PROVIDED TO THE CONSULER OFFICIAL BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. FOUR EMERGENCY PASSPORTS HAD TO BE ISSUED.

UNCLASSIFIED

1 HO-813
OVER 25 NEST PERSONNEL FOUND REASONS TO RETURN TO MERCURY DURING
HE EXERCISE.

UNCLASSIFIED

OBSERVATIONS:

1. FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT

5 NEST (EG&G) PERSONNEL WERE NOT CHECKED OFF THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACCESS LIST, BUT DID SIGN IN AT THE EST TOC THE DAY THE MAIN NEST PARTY ARRIVED. ANOTHER PLAYER/CONTROLLER - NOT AN EG&G EMPLOYEE, REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE EG&G PERSONNEL THAT WAS CHECKED OFF HAD STATED THAT HE AND SOME OTHERS HAD COME THROUGH THE LATHROP WELLS GATE BY SHOWING THEIR NTS BADGES ONLY (AND NOT THEIR BLUE PLAYER BADGES).

IN A REAL SITUATION IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT/CIA HAD ARRANGED AN EXPEDITED ENTRY (EXIT OF A LARGE OFFICIAL GROUP, I.E., NO LUGGAGE OR EQUIPMENT SEARCH, THERE WOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE AN EXTRANEOUS OR SEPARATE ENTRY INTO A FOREIGN COUNTRY IN SUCH A SERIOUS SITUATION AS OUTLINED IN "MIGHTY DERRINGER."

2. AFTER THE MAIN NEST PARTY ARRIVED, SOME NEST PERSONNEL RECROSSED THE BORDER FOR SUPPLIES AND/OR EQUIPMENT SEVERAL TIMES. IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT THE NEST BASE OF OPERATIONS WAS ONLY 65 MILES AWAY.

GAIN, IN A REAL WORLD SITUATION, THE NEST CONTINGENT COULD BE THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY FROM NECESSARY EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES.

IN FUTURE EXERCISES, IF NEST MUST ACQUIRE SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE OR DID NOT BRING, I RECOMMEND THAT THE PLAYERS WHO ARE SENT TO ACQUIRE THESE MATERIALS, MUST STAND DOWN FOR A REALISTIC TIME PERIOD DEPENDING ON THE EXERCISE LOCATION AND TYPE OF MATERIAL.

UNCLASSIFIED

CONCLUSIONS

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE OFFICE AND THE BORDER STATION WORKED VERY

UNCLASSIFIED

11770-89-3
IN CONFERRED WERE REVEALED...
WOULD BE EXPERIENCED IN AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY. THE LANGUAGE BARRIER
DISTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THIS REGARD.

CONSIDERING THAT ONLY 2% OF THE PERSONNEL DID NOT HAVE VALID
PASSPORTS, THE NEXT CONTINGENT WAS WELL PREPARED FOR ENTRY INTO A
FF ENDLY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

3 OUT OF A CONTINGENT OF MORE THAN 206 NEST PERSONNEL, ONLY 4 HAD TO
BE ISSUED EMERGENCY PASSPORTS PREPARED FOR SUCH AN EVENT.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~SECRET~~