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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Association of General Counsels

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 6 for approval of the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. [] recommended that the Agency participate at the meeting of the Association of General Counsels, 15-16 May 1961, to give them further insight into the Communist threat in Latin America, particularly Mexico.

3. Mr. Charles S. Maddock, General Counsel of Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware, who is a member and one of the founders of this association, talked to me and [] of WH about the proposed meeting. The Association is an informal group, composed of the General Counsels of some 50 to 60 of the major U. S. corporations. They publish no list of members and prefer to have no publicity, but Mr. Maddock showed me his list. All the companies are well-known and include major steel companies, oil companies, and such representative companies as Eastman Kodak, Aluminum Company of America, Koppers, Westinghouse, etc. The only non-General Counsel is Reginald Heber Smith of the firm of Hale & Dorr in Boston, who is one of the original promoters. They meet for two days about twice a year to discuss problems of mutual interest. They have set morning presentations with question periods and an informal talk at dinner on the first day by some outstanding person.

4. At a meeting of some prominent businessmen in Mexico it was felt that American businessmen were not sufficiently informed of the political realities of that country and

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South America generally and particularly the Communist threat. Mr. Maddock thought it could have most important results to get this group of lawyers informed in these respects. He feels the best approach would be to concentrate on the Mexican situation with an illusion to the broader aspects of international Communism. They would like to schedule an hour for CIA, 40 minutes for presentation and 20 minutes for questioning, at one of the morning sessions.

5. The meeting is at Sea Island, Georgia, and they would very much like to have you there and have specifically invited me. Since they expect Attorney General Kenney to be the main speaker in the evening, they do not really expect you to make the presentation and would be glad to have anyone with intimate substantive knowledge of the subject matter. Mr. Maddock feels this might lead to one whole session devoted to Government and business cooperation abroad and broader briefing on the international scene.

6. I recommend that we participate along the lines of Mr. Maddock's proposal.

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General Counsel

The recommendation in paragraph 6 is approved.

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Director

21 MAR 1961

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