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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Eloy Alfaro International Foundation

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the DCI. Such action is contained in paragraph two.

2. Attached is a suggested reply, for signature, to the letter of Colonel A. C. M. Azoy, New York State Civil Defense Commission, requesting information on behalf of Lt. General C. R. Huebner concerning the Elroy Alfaro International Foundation.

Signed



Chief

Western Hemisphere Division

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**Colonel A. C. M. Azoy
New York State Civil Defense Commission
124 East 28th Street
New York 16, New York**

Dear Stas:

Our records indicate that the Eloy Alfaro International Foundation was formed in Panama City, Panama on 5 January 1949, and was legally recognized by the government of the Republic of Panama on 22 January 1949. Article II of the By-Laws stated, "The Eloy Alfaro International Foundation is a non-profit, non-political organization, created to honor, and to promote knowledge of, the life of General Eloy Alfaro as a statesman and liberator."

Among the fourteen members of the founding directorate and council of the Foundation were prominent men from Panama, Ecuador, the United States, and Cuba.

The motivating force within the Foundation was Colon Eloy Alfaro, son of Eloy Alfaro, the distinguished Ecuadoran soldier and statesman whose memory the organization perpetuates. Colon Eloy Alfaro was a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1913, an owner of an export-import company, and at one time Ecuadoran representative to the Organization of American States. He was well known throughout the Western Hemisphere for his active support of inter-American unity and cooperation in peace and war. Since his death in 1957, one of his sons, Eloy Alfaro Puig, also a graduate of the United States Military Academy, in 1939, has become a leading influence in the Foundation.

Up to 1952, a large number of the Foundation's decorations had been awarded to soldiers and scholars from both the United States and Latin America who were prominent in the field of Pan-Americanism. Lt. General Willis D. Crittenger, U. S. Army, a former chief of the Inter-American Defense Board, has been one of the outstanding members of the order. Also, awards have been given repeatedly to a number of former commanding officers of the U. S. armed forces, such as Lt. General Albert C. Wedemeyer, in the Pacific theater during World War II.

Among those in the field of education who were recipients of the higher awards of the Foundation during the years 1953, 1954 and 1955, were the following: J. Hillis Miller, former President, University of Florida; John Allen, vice-President, University of Florida; John S. Wright, the present President of the University of Florida; and Dr. A. Curtis Wilgus, Director, School of Inter-American Studies, University of Florida, and Director of the Pan-American Foundation.

The Eloy Alfaro International Foundation also has presented busts and portraits of Eloy Alfaro to many patriotic and nationally known fraternal orders, such as the Masonic Order, the American Legion, and to public entities, such as the Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and governmental bodies of many Latin American countries.

In recent years, the Eloy Alfaro International Foundation has apparently been rather inactive, but there is no reason to believe that it has not adhered to the reputable and idealistic mission for which it was founded.

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Letter to Colonel A. C. M. Azoy

cc: DDCI

Signature Recommended:

(Signed) Richard Helms

Deputy Director, Plans

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