

Report No. 22  
12 December 1952

TO : Chief, [ ]  
FROM : [ ]

SUBJECT: Current planning of CALLIGERIS organization

1. Submitted herewith is report on current planning by CALLIGERIS organization in preparing for proposed military operation.

Attachments:

- A - Arms purchases by Guatemala in Mexico
- B - Captain
- C - Señores
- D -
- E - Plan for Arms Purchases by CALLIGERIS

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1. The CALLIGERIS organization is preparing for a D-Day in late January 1953 at which time it will attempt to overthrow the present Guatemalan government.

2. CALLIGERIS has been forced into this decision by a) the current political and military activities of the Guatemalan government, and b) the state of readiness of his own organization and the impatience of its members.

3. Current political and military activities of the Guatemalan government consist of:

- a. Political - Plans for a series of political moves in the National Congress and in the courts of the country which will, by March 1953, give the government complete domination of country and people. These moves, plus certain contemplated economic steps, will enable the government to progressively stifle all will to resist on the part of the people through political, economic, and police control.
- b. Military - The government has taken the following military measures;
  - 1) Frequent shifting of military commanders to keep the opposition off balance.
  - 2) Development of a defensive area, in the event of uprising, based on the city of Quetzaltenango.
  - 3) Arms purchases. (see attachment "A" for a report on the most recent purchases.)
  - 4) Begun the arming of labor and political groups loyal to the government. It has been verified that all recent arms purchases have been turned over to these groups rather than to the army.
  - 5) Created a secret police force to fight anti-Communists in and outside the country. The second in command of this force is one Captain [redacted]. His known mission is the assassination of CALLIGERIS. (See attachment "B" for more on this man.)

4. The CALLIGERIS organization, from the standpoint of organization and morale, is in excellent condition to begin operations. Members are becoming increasingly urgent in their demands for action. [ ] reports that among the general population there are symptoms of apathy towards the government which in time can lead to resignation and acceptance.

5. In a general review and evaluation of the situation the CALLIGERIS organization believes it must begin operations within six to eight weeks. This it proposes to do.

6. On the matter of weapons procurement the leaders of the organization have accepted the plain fact that whereas many groups and countries want to help none will do so without some form of approval from the United States. Thus the leaders have turned to direct purchases as the only means of arms procurement;

7. Arms will be purchased to the limit of the organization's financial ability and the time available. Approximately \$100,000.00 has been raised; this however must suffice for all purposes. CALLIGERIS estimates about \$500,000.00 in total will be necessary.

8. As the attempt to overthrow the government will be made with fewer arms than at first expected, a major change has been made in the original plan of operations. CALLIGERIS now proposes to make maximum use of "K" Group, sabotage, and the large force to be assembled in the Jutiapa area to overpower and capture the Capital immediately. He counts upon this rapid seizure plus destruction of all political and military leaders and a popular uprising throughout the country to bring about the capitulation of the government. As a minimum accomplishment CALLIGERIS believes the country can be thrown into a state of civil war which his organization, in the long run, can win. On this premise then, planning is going into the final stages. (see attachment "D")

9. Under the conditions outlined in paragraphs 5 through 8 the important question now is, "what financial help are Headquarters and [ ] now prepared to give?" To further emphasize the aid Headquarters may want to give and, through force of circumstances, may have to provide, a list of questions is presented below.

- a. What financial aid will Headquarters and [ ] provide? If any, how much? And when available?
- b. [ ]
- c. Does Headquarters still plan to advance funds for the 30 day propaganda campaign?
- d. It has been recommended that Headquarters place a documents team in Guatemala to process captured documents. Does Headquarters approve? If so, forward pertinent instructions.
- e. Can Headquarters stop gasoline deliveries to Guatemala three to four weeks prior to D-Day?
- f. CALLIGERIS is counting heavily on sabotage. Would it not be worth the experience to use ideas and techniques developed by TSS?
- g. If the proposed military operations bring about a prolonged state of civil war, is Headquarters prepared to support CALLIGERIS?
- h. Assuming a state of prolonged civil war, neighboring countries and groups are going to take an active part. Has Headquarters plans to cope with this possibility?
- i. In the event of complete victory by CALLIGERIS? is Headquarters and/or [ ] prepared to support him financially, if necessary, during the period of consolidation by his government?

10. Headquarter's answers to the questions "a" through "f" will have a direct bearing on final planning. In addition, time is short. For these reasons this report is being forwarded by courier with the request that he be held at Headquarters until the answers are ready.

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SUBJECT: Arms Purchases by Guatemala in Mexico.

1. During November 1952 the Guatemalan government made the following arms purchases in Mexico;
  - 200 Machine Guns, medium
  - 500 Machine Guns, light
  - ? Carbines
  - ? Hand Granades
  - ? Ammunition for the machine guns.
2. Delivery of these purchases has already been made to Guatemala.
3. These weapons were not given to the guatemalan army but were turned over by the government to labor and political groups.

Attachment "B"  
To: Report No. 22.

Date of Inform: 6-8 Dec. 1952

SUBJECT: Captain [ ]

SOURCE: [ ] paragraphs 1, 2, and 3.

1. Subject is Guatemalan Army Officer.
2. Subject is [ ]-in-command of the Guardia Judicial in Guatemala.
3. Subject's missions;
  - a. To establish an internal police force and frontier guard to capture anti-communists.
  - b. To assassinate CALLIGERIS.
4. On 5 December subject was seen in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
5. [ ] has received instructions from [ ] to notify him if subject asks for a visa to [ ] intends to jail subject should he enter [ ]

Attachment "C"  
To: Report No. 22.

Date of Inform: 1 Dec. 1952

SUBJECT: [

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1. These two men met in Mexico, D.F. while attending the inauguration of President Ruiz Cortines.
2. During their conversations [ ] remarked;
  - a. Honduras and El Salvador must prepare to take joint action against Guatemala.
  - b. That the two countries should back CALIJERIS.
  - c. Asked if he, [ ] could approach the El Salvador government on this matter.
3. Since then the [ ] has been instructed to continue these conversations with the [ ] government.

Attachment "D"  
To: Report No. 22.

SUBJECT: [ ]  
(Ref: Report No. 20, Section I, par. 1c(3).)

1. Subject is leader of a group (size unknown) of Cubans and Spanish Republicans in Guatemala.
2. Subject is Santo Dominican, former chief of secret police in [ ] under [ ]
3. With the fall of [ ] subject fled [ ] with the help of the Guatemalan ambassador.

SUBJECT: [ ]  
(Ref: Report No. 20, Section I, par. 1c(1).)

1. Subject is now commander of the [ ] in Guatemala.

Field comment: General Trujillo of Dominican Republic has placed a reward of \$50,000.00 on the head of each of these men.

Attachment: "E"  
To: Report No. 22

SUBJECT: Plan for Arms Purchases by CALLIGERIS

1. CALLIGERIS has opened up two sources wherein arms can be purchased. These are [ ] A third possible source, as yet not fully investigated, is [ ]

2. CALLIGERIS proposes, for security reasons, to use trusted [ ] as purchasing agents. All purchases will be moved by airplane or boat to [ ] The possibility of moving all arms from [ ] is being studied. The purpose of this plan is, in the event of discovery, to give the impression that the arms are for military operations against [ ]

3. From [ ] the arms will be transported by airplane, boat, and truck to Guatemala.

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1. COL [ ] , CHIEF OF [ ] -

TODAY TOLD SOURCE FOLLOWING:

- A. WILL NOT DECLARE WAR AGAINST GUATEMALA.
- B. NICARAGUAN, HONDURAN AND SALVADORAN SOLDIERS WILL INFILTRATE GUATEMALA ARMED, BUT IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES.
- C. THEY WILL ASSASSINATE UNNAMED COMMUNIST LEADERS.

2. COL [ ] INSPECTING BARRACKS. OTHER HIGH ARMY OFFICERS UNUSUALLY BUSY.

3. [ ] INDICATED EXECUTION OF PLANS BAKER AND CHARLIE DURING HOLY WEEK. SOURCE [ ] EVAL B3. PASSED EMBASSY

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