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DISPATCH NO. HGG-A-761

CLASSIFICATION

MAR 3 1954

TO : Lincoln

DATE:

FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala []

INFO: Chief, WHD

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Weekly KUGOWN Operational Report

References: (1) HGG-A-741
(2) HGG-A-762
(3) HUL-A-52

1. KUGOWN Task PT/1 (ESSENCE)

- a. In compliance with instructions contained in HUL-A-48 RAZMARA has been accredited to ESSENCE as [] representative. RAZMARA is presently reviewing the operational situation and establishing a close working relationship with ESSENCE before attempting the major operational changes recommended by Lincoln in paragraph 5 of HUL-A-52.
- b. The instructions attached to HUL-A-97 were discussed with RAZMARA and the Spanish language material delivered to ESSENCE. The latter was orally briefed regarding the suggestions contained in the English language instructions to RAZMARA and his comments invited. Station comments will be added to those submitted by RAZMARA and ESSENCE.
- c. Enclosed are 14 memorandums relating to ESSENCE/RAZMARA activities as prepared by the latter. No. 1 relates to the letters sent to station as attachments to HUL-A-48. The request for support materials contained in No. 2 has been referred to Headquarters and Lincoln for action (GUAT 117 and GUAT 101). No. 3 also relates to the subject matter discussed in HUL-A-48. The request for additional personnel contained in No. 4 has been orally approved with the proviso that names, cost, intended use, etc. be promptly submitted. It has also been recommended that at least one person selected be bi-lingual in order to facilitate the use of English language materials. No. 8 refers to the currency stamping operation outlined in HGG-A-360, 361 and 376. No. 9 refers to the guidance contained in LINC 343 which was relayed to RAZMARA for assistance in carrying out. [] was also briefed in connection with paragraph 1(c) of LINC 343 and is preparing appropriate draft letters. Copies of the materials referred to in No. 11 are attached thereto. The person listed in paragraph 1 of No. 12 (see also No. 4, above)

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is identified in paragraph 2 of reference (2). ESSENCE states that identity is related to [redacted]. Paragraph 3 of No. 13 refers to an item which appeared in Prensa Libre on 13 February 1954 stating that threats and warnings were being sent in black-edged envelopes to wealthy Guatemalans. RAZMARA attempted through ESSENCE to ascertain the identities of the responsible persons. No. 14 is a review of RAZMARA's discussion with ESSENCE regarding the problem cited in LINC 683.

- d. As a precautionary measure ESSENCE has suggested the person identified in paragraph 1 of reference (2) as his replacement in the event he (ESSENCE) should ever be apprehended or forced to flee the country. ESSENCE informed RAZMARA that this person is an old and trusted friend. He is presently unaware of the true nature of ESSENCE's connection with the ESSENCE group, but he is friendly toward the group and has supported its activities in the past.
 - e. Enclosed are copies of issues No. 8 and No. 9 of El Rebelde.
2. KUGOWN Task PT/2:
- a. Not yet activated.
3. KUGOWN miscellaneous:
- a. The recruitment operation outlined in HUL-A-48 was begun (GUAT 108) and responses via ESSENCE are pending.
 - b. RAZMARA has been accredited as [redacted] personal representative to the subject identified in HUL-A-49. Identity has indicated his willingness to cooperate.

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Georgé L. Trangeru

Enclosures:
14 Memorandums;
El Rebelde

2 March 1954

GLT/cmh

Distribution:
2-Linc w/15 att
2-Wash w/1 att (in trip)
1-Files w/15 att

20 February 1954

Attachment # 1

1. The letter from Juan Alberto was given to CARTER to read. He seemed to receive the letter well, although it is too early to attempt to decide what sort of an over-all effect it will have. However, the meeting was held in the friendliest atmosphere todate.

2. The other two letters were given CARTER for delivery. He stated that he would try to deliver them that very day, and that he would try to get an answer regarding same by Tuesday 23 February.

3. The letter to CARTER is attached.

E. P. R.

20 February 1954

Attachment # 2

1. CARTER states that one of their biggest needs is for more and more material, both for the radio and the newspaper.

2. "El Rebelde" should shortly start appearing twice weekly - unless they can get more material (articles and cartoons) they are liable not to be able to fill the papers.

3. See the following attachment # 3 for information on radio program along same line.

E. P. R.

20 February 1954

Attachment # 4

1. In accordance with the contents of the letter directed to CARTER, CARTER will try to have a presupuesto ready for the coming month at our next meeting.

2. He will also give me a list of his ideas, suggestions, requirements. However, these may not all come at the same time, since he states it is better to think them out well than rush them haphazardly into one report.

E. P. R.

20 February 1954

Attachment # 5

1. CARTER states that he is seeking our permission to hire two or three secure persons (an artist, a secretary, and possibly one or two other general assistants) to help out in the crush of the business.

2. This staff will function under cover of his wood and trucking businesses.

3. CARTER states that he works from 8 o'clock in the morning to frequently 11 o'clock at night on our business. Until now he has been adapting the cartoons, (and since he is not an artist this involves considerable time) - with a regular full-time artist the cartoons, etc. can be turned out more rapidly and with less sweat involved.

4. With a stepped-up program, increasing the issues of the newspaper, keeping in contact with the filiales and urging them to more activity, CARTER feels such a staff an indispensable part of the campaign. -

E. P. R.

20 February 1954

Attachment # 6

1. CARTER states that they are considering putting more emphasis on "local interest" propaganda, although such might result somewhat more expensive.

2. The reasoning behind this is that frequently an incident which can be played up in one locality because of the personal interest involved, will not arouse a general reaction.

3. In a general propaganda such an incident would have to be over-looked, with the possible loss of a telling effect in the one locality where it is important.

4. Hence, they are thinking of arranging it so that the group in Antigua, Quezaltenango, etc., can come out with local propaganda when the opportunity presents itself.

E. P. R.

20 February 1954

Attachment # 7

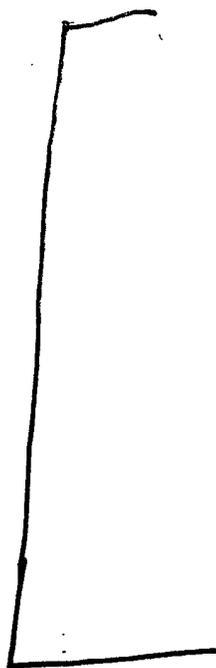
1. A filial has been formed in the fincas around Puerto Barrios.
2. This Sunday, the 21st, there will be a public meeting in Puerto Barrios.
3. It seems that there is a potential of some 500 persons in this area.
4. Three delegates were sent down there from here.
5. The group has also received a request to help form the Comité Femenino in that area, which they will do after the filial has been formed.
6. Attachment # 8 is a list of persons who possibly will be on the directivas of the fincas.

E. P. R.

20 February 1954

Attachment # 8

1. The following is the list (referred to in Attachment # 7) who possibly will be on the directives of the fincas with members in the filial in Puerto Barrios area:



E. P. R.

20 February 1954

Attachment # 11

1. CARTER states that the group does not need nor wish any more stamps for use on money.

2. His reasoning in this is as follows: the money that passes through his hands is limited - he cannot mark all the money but only one or two bills in a group, because if he were to mark the whole group and make payment to someone it would soon become obvious where the marked money was coming from.

3. The people who have bills in Guatemala are most frequently the well-to-do who are already anti-Communist.

4. The bills circulate through a very limited circle, usually ending up back at the bank, and there such marked money is retired from circulation as soon as it is spotted.

5. The Indian or back-woodsman seeing such a slogan on one of the very few bills that pass through his hands either doesn't know Communism from anti-Communism, or would take the slogan at its face value, and say "Viva el comunismo".

6. CARTER stated that they still continue to mark the money with the stamps that they have, but that he has never gotten back a marked bill.

7. The group feels that they have enough stamps to last them, and hence, no more, please.

E. P. R.

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23 February 1954

SUBJECT: Items from Meeting of 19 February between CARTER and RAZMARA, but not included in report dated 20 February 1954.

1. The material from #343 was given to CARTER to be put in the newspaper.
2. The rumor concerning the army taking second place to the armed forces of the Communists was passed along to CARTER who said he would see that said rumor was circulated.
3. CARTER stated that he would draw up 2 or 3 letter such as were requested for delivery to the newspapers.

E. P. R.

23 February 1954

**SUBJECT: Contact Method Between Oscar CARTER and
anyone Unknown to CARTER**

1. Unknown will drop by office of CARTER's father and leave note with father.
2. The note will give the day on which unknown will wish to go to the movie. Will be the last movie at the Lux theater, and at intermission time, Unknown is to go into the men's room of the Palco section where he will contact or be contacted by someone (CARTER) wearing a tie similar to his. Unknown must make sure to buy ticket for the Palco Section of the theater.
3. Tie to be worn by CARTER is identical to that which the Unknown will be wearing in pattern. However, CARTER's tie has a grey, or greyish-blue back-ground, the center stripe is black, with a white stripe on either side of the black stripe, and the two outside stripes are red, same as on Unknown's tie.

E. P. R.

24 February 1954

Attachment # 1

1. The "Conferencia en Caracas" propaganda is being done at the Request of the Comité Obrero in the number of 3,000 leaflets, for \$9.00.

2. The "Manifiesto del T. C. C.C.A. al Pueblo de Guatemala" comes from Honduras, and is being brought into the country in the total of 15,000 copies. However, not all this number has yet reached its destination because of the difficulty of getting material across the frontier.

3. CARTER returned today from a three day trip through the Occidente of Guatemala. This trip was made to arrange for increasing the propaganda output and to try to arrange the setting up of "centrales locales" for local interest propaganda as stated in report of last meeting.

4. CARTER states that the Communist propaganda is extremely heavy through-out the area. The attached booklet is one example of this propaganda. Travelers are stopped on the road and handed the propaganda.

5. The Señoras of the Mercados (4 of them) will leave this Friday for a three or four day tour of the country, talking to women in various places, forming more filiales, trying to instill more spirit into the opposition. These women are taking advantage of the time that is free to them because of the recent burning of their market. They have asked CARTER's group for whatever assistance can be given them to cover travel, board and lodging, and such propaganda or goodwill items as religious medallions which the Indians constantly request.

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E. P. R.