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FRANK

Will be around most of day^{work}

have 10:30 meeting - + have to
be out for a while around

lunch time - So - give me a

ring (E J) if you will have

some free time - If not - due to

trying to get away - I can always

spend some time with Jake next

week -

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26 February 1954

Personal

Dear Jack:

Your letter of the 16th with its pertinent suggestions is very much appreciated. As you know, we have been devoting considerable effort to putting those people on the defensive, and have for some time engaged in a hemispheric and international propaganda campaign toward this end. We feel that it has had some good results. Your suggestion as to the bulls we propose to use as a good internal propaganda theme -- but as to the other and more drastic thought, we feel the dangers out-weigh the possible benefits. We shall have the story spread that, because of this situation, the government is considering slaughtering all pigs in the respective provinces -- that for local consumption; and for hemispheric consumption, we shall spread the story that PELLEGER has made a vigorous protest re the pigs in Esquintla and that he has accused the Mexicans of purposely sending in diseased animals. There will probably be some cartoons as well on the subject at Caracas.

Concerning your question and your thought, as reflected in the third paragraph of your letter, we fully agree that this is a vulnerability which can be effectively exploited. As a matter of fact we have already done a good deal along just this line and we are encouraged by your letter to go further. Immediately upon my receipt of your letter I gave instructions for the preparation of some scripts which would be suitable for use in the manner which you have suggested, as well as elsewhere.

We have made a large effort in preparation for Caracas and feel that we have made some useful contributions of ideas and themes to our delegation. We can, of course, expect to witness the old germ warfare -- potato bugs reappear in the form of the White Paper -- and it is in this light that we shall look upon it.

I would greatly appreciate your sending through our local representative any further ideas you may have or reactions you may have during the course of the Conference. You may also wish to ask him to send your comments to Caracas where we shall be in a position to take certain actions in coordination with the proper people in the delegation.

Sincerely,

DD/P-FGW/bjm 2/26/54

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