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MEMORANDUM FOR *Chief, WH*  
SUBJECT : **2003** Situation Report - PBSUCCESS, for the period 16-22 February 1954

I. Operational

A. The following events of operational interest occurred during the reporting periods:

1. Plans were firmed up for an aerial reconnaissance off Santa Fe the week of 23 February 1954. If results of the reconnaissance are satisfactory, immediate steps will be taken to procure the site.
2. A meeting was held with members of the *Kusoda* Staff 16 February to discuss [

reservations re this operation known to WHD through *made his Kusoda man*

and indicated that he would consider the matter only after a firm plan had been submitted for consideration.

*Dubson* has requested that *Kusoda* submit a plan indicating the conditions under which they will accept the commission.

3. During the week some indication was noted that those Central American countries supporting the efforts of the Rufus group may be changing their position vis-a-vis the Rufus effort. Whether this is due to any recent developments in the field or to the impending CAS Conference cannot be determined at this

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time. It may well be that these countries are suffering from a case of pre-conference jitters and that they prefer to hold activity to a minimum in their respective countries until the Conference is over.

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4. travelled to New York the weekend of 21 February to enlist the support of certain powerful business organizations in de-emphasizing the current crisis in the coffee market. It is anticipated that action re this matter will be forthcoming either through the United States Chamber of Commerce or the National Association of Manufacturers the week of 22 February 1954.
5. Information was brought to light during the week that a series of seven slightly paraphrased cables were made available to President Somoza by Alfredo Wheelock, *Seckford's* landlord in Managua some time prior to 17 February 1954. Subsequent investigation has revealed that Jorge Delgado, a Guatemalan agent, also had access to these documents during the period 21-23 January 1954. Although it is not known that he saw or photographed these documents, it has been assumed by WHD that the Guatemalan Government may be in possession of the information contained in these cables, and that they may use this information at the coming Caracas Conference.
6. Lincoln and Headquarters have continued to work on propaganda items to be used prior to and during the OAS Conference. Complete agreement on the slant to be given the material has

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not been achieved but it is anticipated that the matter will be resolved by 24 February 1954.

## II. Administrative

### A. Logistics

1. The first flight from Headquarters carrying para-military material to FJHOPEFUL has been arranged for the latter part of the week of 22 February 1954.
2. Considerable difficulty was encountered during the week of 15 February 1954 in arranging for the receipt of para-military equipment being delivered from abroad and in arranging for the transportation and receipt of similar type material presently located in the Free Zone, Port of New York. This problem is being resolved with members of the Office of Inspection and Security.

### B. General

1. [redacted], Headquarters Administrative Officer for PBSUCCESS, re-opened the subject of re-instating a second weekly courier trip through Central America. He has discussed the matter with Liaison Control, RI, and [redacted] of [redacted] ODACID. Positive action re this matter is expected the week of 22 February 1954.
2. Similar action was taken re the establishment of an unaccompanied pouch system (material classified CONFIDENTIAL and lower) with [redacted] [redacted] indicated that he would discuss the matter with [redacted] ODACID pouch chief and that we would be advised as to the results of this discussion.

## III. Personnel

- A. Plans for moving a labor force to FJHOPEFUL to process material

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were finalized during the week. The force consists of nine men  
being drawn from the Office of Logistics and the <sup>Kalook</sup>  
Staff. These people will depart Headquarters between 25 February  
and 2 March TDY.

- B. The Personnel Office has been requested to obtain a cleared  
Agency employee with pre-Agency experience as a cook-housekeeper  
for assignment duty at Lincoln. This matter has been assigned  
high priority as the early acquisition of a person with those  
qualifications is essential to the Lincoln operation.

- C. <sup>Kissling</sup> | and | <sup>Kulub</sup>  
of  
will depart Headquarters 23 February 1954 to participate

in the reconnaissance of the Santa Fe <sup>Site</sup> ~~site~~.

- D. <sup>Nebecker</sup>  
will travel to Lincoln the week of 22  
February to work with members of the Lincoln Staff on implementa-  
tion of the PBSUCCESS labor program.

- E. The addition of five persons to the PBSUCCESS Staff in Headquarters  
has been approved by Chief, WHD and Chief, Administration, <sup>Kudou</sup>  
These people will assume administrative duties re the Project  
heretofore handled by the WHD administrative staff.

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