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MEMORANDUM FOR: CPP

SUBJECT: Custody of PBSUCCESS Material

1. With reference to previous conversations and today's meeting with DD/P, I am handing you herewith:

(a) Copy 1 of 3 copies of the Report on Stage I of PBSUCCESS with appendixes A, B, and C, dated 15 December 1953;

(b) My own PBSUCCESS folder containing copies of the general plan of action for PBSUCCESS as well as all correspondence concerning this operation which has been handled by me to date.

2. There are certain jobs in connection with PBSUCCESS that were my direct responsibility. I believe it is important that you make a point of inviting CWH's attention to these tasks in order that they may be continued and/or completed by someone else. These particular issues are listed below:

(a) All contacts with the Pentagon have so far been arranged by [ ] with the understanding that I would be present and actually do the talking as special PBSUCCESS representative. Main contact in the Pentagon relative to PBSUCCESS is Col. Brad Smith of Gen. Erskine's office with whom very pleasant and constructive liaison has been established. This should, of course, be continued.

Col. Brad Smith has requested a list of defense support issues re PBSUCCESS. This is the subject of a memo for the record dated 15 Jan 54 which you will find in my personal PBSUCCESS file (attached). I believe that the issue should be discussed with WH and LINCOLN, and CWH should prepare the required list and be responsible for keeping it up to date.

Col. Brad Smith should assist in arranging for extension of the tours of duty of the Chiefs of Military Missions in Guatemala City (Col. Hanford of the Army Mission and Col. Hutchinson of the USAF Mission). In this connection, please refer

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to memo for the record (Contact Report) dated 16 Dec 53 and memo for the record dated 15 Jan 54, both marked with paper clips. According to Col. Brad Smith, it is necessary for Amb. Peurifoy to request said extensions of foreign service, and it is contemplated that this should be arranged during the Ambassador's current visit to Washington.

(b) The responsibility for supervising the use of the Chiefs of Military Missions in Guatemala City was given to me at the DD/P PBSUCCESS meeting on 19 Jan 54 (not mentioned in the minutes of said meeting). This responsibility should now be placed elsewhere, presumably with CWH.

(c) Reference is made to item No. 8 in the minutes of the PBSUCCESS meeting with DD/P dated 19 Jan 54. As indicated in the minutes, I discussed the labor question with [ ] and addressed a memo of confirmation of said discussion to [ ] dated 19 Jan 54 [marked with a clip in my personal PBSUCCESS file (attached)]. This should be followed up.

(d) The same item 8 mentions that Gen. Erskine and Mr. Kyes should be briefed on the reaction within the target country to the Nicaragua military pact. I discussed this with Col. Brad Smith and told him that we would have more to say on this subject as soon as we have ascertained local reactions in the Latin American press. LINCOLN gets regular copies of the main Latin American newspapers and should follow up on this. Subsequently, Brad Smith, Erskine and Kyes should be informed.

3. As you know, there are supposed to be regular weekly PBSUCCESS meetings in DD/P's office on Tuesday at 1100 hours. Likewise, there should be regular weekly meetings of the PBSUCCESS working group in CWH's office. Furthermore, there is a weekly Telecon scheduled for Tuesdays at 1400 hours. (For access to the Telecon room, please check in with Gen. McClelland's secretary.)

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Washington	-	Home office
Intelligence	-	geometric
PP	-	soil analysis
PM	-	energy
Guatemala	-	New York (city)
Honduras	-	Texas (city)
Nicaragua	-	Carson (city)
training camp	-	(Nic.) Carson Field
radio training-	-	(Nic.) Carson Laboratory
clandestine radio	-	Carson Library
Salvador	-	Kansas City
case officers	-	professors
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## Arrest of 26 as Plotters In Guatemala Reported

By the Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Jan. 25.—Guatemala's leftist government was reported busy today with a roundup of alleged plotters against the regime.

Unofficial reports said 26 persons had been arrested over the week end, that a number of private homes had been searched and that police also were stopping cars and checking them for weapons.

The police refused to comment on the reports and other government officials were not immediately available. But the police last Friday announced the arrest of 16 persons in connection with an alleged plot.

Rumors were current that the government was about to suspend constitutional guarantees.

Police detachments were posted in front of foreign embassies, presumably to intercept wanted persons trying to take refuge in them.

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