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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

ATTENTION: CWH

SUBJECT: PBSUCCESS -- Commo Problems

1. ADCO briefed me today on certain problems relative to various communications issues relative to PBSUCCESS as follows:

2. SANTA FE: I was given to understand that the original plan concerning SANTA FE has been abolished as a result of everybody's apprehension, including our own, in respect to the security aspect surrounding this setup. ADCO explained that it was now the intention to establish the transmitter at a certain remote area [] [] In another area in the same country and under similar auspices, installation was planned for activation very soon.

ADCO, who appreciates the time element involved, intended to use Spanish-speaking, cleared [] operators in the two above-named installations under the supervision of an experienced and trusted Agency operator (presumably to be located in a safehouse and through whom communications to the two installations from Headquarters could be channeled). ADCO set forth several reasons why it would be advantageous to make use of cleared [] personnel rather than Agency operators of long standing. The [] men would be able to go down under regular passports whereas Agency personnel would have to stay [] under assumed names and "tourist cards." There were other security considerations as well. ADCO had already obtained a preliminary list of names of language-qualified [] operators with excellent professional background, including U.S. military service. It was ADCO's intention to discuss thorough operational clearances on a priority basis with [] --the above-mentioned time element is particularly acute in connection with the above-mentioned training aspect. ADCO wanted the green light from the PBSUCCESS staff in order to proceed with his arrangements, I indicated that I would discuss this matter with CWH (having been informed by Mr. [] of ADCO's office that CWH already had a memo on his desk outlining the above in considerable detail).

3. Special Monitoring: In respect to special monitoring of certain frequencies of the target country, Mr. [] was of the

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opinion that it would be impossible to do this securely as originally anticipated within the target country. All together, four Agency personnel would be required to handle this matter. After inspecting official installations (embassies) in a number of countries, Mr. [] was of the opinion that the monitoring in question could be started [] augmented by monitoring efforts out of Panama. ADCO likewise wanted the green light on this as soon as possible since the four operators in question are already being processed for service abroad. I said that I would likewise discuss this with CWH forthwith and that ADCO would subsequently receive the required reaction without undue delay.

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