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CONTACT REPORT

DATE: 0930, 1 December 1953

PLACE: CWH's Office

PERSONS PRESENT: Col. King. [

] Mr. Tofte, []

DISCUSSION:

The meeting opened with JC reviewing briefly the fact that [] had been subpoenaed by the U.S. attorney in New York to appear as a witness on a Cuban arms transaction in which it was explained that every effort was being made through high level channels to call off the dogs. This could be serious however as an exposé of the Cuban angle might have a serious effect on the Guatemalan arms deals.

[] briefly reviewed the following Admin problems with JC:

A. PM officer. It was pointed out that a full-time experienced PM officer was required soonest to prepare the necessary detailed planning for the PM program for PBSUCCESS and [] recommended highly by [] as a person fully qualified to fulfill these duties and he is presently available. JC agreed to take the latter recommendation and indicated he would follow through with Helms with Gen. Weickerling in order to obtain [] assignment. He would do so soonest.

B. Economic Warfare Officer. It was pointed out that [] [] was presently assigned to WHD and it was desired that he be retained on the staff of PBSUCCESS, working between the Miami station and Washington on economic matters and that he be retained on his present T/O status, thus saving a slot on PBSUCCESS. JC agreed to the latter proposal.

C. FI Officer. It was pointed out that the need for a senior FI operations officer in addition to the intelligence analyst as it was necessary to have such an officer to supervise all FI aspects of PBSUCCESS in order to insure proper coordination and supervision of these important activities. The question was raised whether or not [] would be available as originally contemplated. JC agreed to the need of a senior FI officer and stated that [] would not fit this requirement and, accordingly, he would have to find some other suitable officer. Offhand he suggested [] might be made available for these duties and he would advise [] in due course re this.

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D. Logistics Officer. It was recommended that [] be slotted as the logistics officer for PBSUCCESS owing to the importance of having someone with background knowledge such as he has. JC agreed to this assignment.

E. Admin Asst. Haney agreed to accept [] based on her experience as indicated in the files and JC's recommendation. It was learned that she would be available on 2 December.

F. FI officer, Guatemala. [] JC had a cable from [] which indicated that he would not be able to close out his station and report to Guatemala until about 15 December and that he would like to take 15 days leave, if possible. [] advised JC that he was needed now in Guatemala and that leave could not be authorized if the project were to move along on schedule as unquestionably [] would require some time in getting settled and acquiring background knowledge before he would be valuable. His time should not be lost on leave. This was agreed to and JC said he would send a cable requesting that [] endeavor to report at Guatemala Embassy on/about 13 December for duty.

G. Secretary. It was pointed out that we had a secretarial slot vacancy which we desired to fill. It was recommended that [] [] be considered in a secretarial position in view of her previous experience in Guatemala. In view of her present assignment to WED, JC was reluctant to go outside of WH to fill this and said he would determine whether anyone was available from Panama for this position and would so advise.

JC was brought up to date on the plans for the forthcoming visit to Miami and the firming-up of the [] [] and operational safehouse as well as communications.