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MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ]

18 November 1953

SUBJECT: Exploitation of International Meeting  
for PBSUCCESS

1. I do not concur in the suggestions nor in the advantages indicated in the attached memorandum. This meeting is sufficiently removed from the scene of action that any results so obtained would make scarcely a ripple on the surface. Furthermore, it will be noted that the Ceuage representatives would only be observers and thus be denied the opportunity to be heard during the meeting. In addition, I do not concur in the use of project funds for this purpose.

2. Unquestionably the delegates from Guatemala will be carefully selected by the Communists. Accordingly, I would prefer the psychological reaction which would result from having such persons exposed as communists at this meeting, thus evidencing the degree of Communist penetration in Guatemala. This could be done by requesting Guatemala station to provide the information asked for in the attached cable. Upon receipt of this information, the proper KUBARK office participating in this conference should be requested to arrange the expose of these delegates as Communists at an appropriate time, high-lighting the government control over student activities which exists in all Communist countries.

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Subject: Exploitation of International Meeting for EBSUCCESS aims.

- 1- During January 8-15, 1954 an international student meeting will be held in Istanbul Turkey. The representation at the meeting will be partially controlled by KUBARK. Invitations for delegates go only to National Student Unions. Consequently the Communist dominated Guatemalan National Student Union has been invited. Information reaching headquarters indicates that Communists have been instructed to attend and attempt to dominate sessions of the Congress.
- 2- Since only National Student Unions may attend the meeting as delegates, arrangements are being made for CEUAGE to attend as observers. Only needy delegates fares are being paid to the meeting by the sponsors. This will necessitate observers to pay their own way.
- 3 - The advantages that may be gained by CEUAGE attendance at Istanbul follows:
  - a- CEUAGE could repudiate the lie that only the Communists are interested in Guatemalan student welfare and affairs.
  - b- CEUAGE could denounce the "official" Guatemalan delegation as government tools and not truly representative of the Guatemalan student movement.
  - c- KUBARK could make it possible for CEUAGE to meet sympathetic individuals and groups who were not of totalitarian and neo-fascist bent. (re- letter sent to [ ] on subject)
  - d- CEUAGE could establish contacts which would prove of operational value prior to and following EBSUCCESS operation. ie. outlets in other student publications, moral support etc.
- 4- Arrangements have been made for extensive press coverage of the meeting and for the filming of a news documentary of the meeting highlights.
- 5- It is suggested:
  - a- That CEUAGE be urged to attend the Istanbul meeting upon receiving aforementioned invitation.
  - b- That funds be made available for CEUAGE fares and living expenses. (Two observers would be most appropriate).

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