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Chief, WHD

Chief of Station, Guatemala

Operational - KUGOWN

Request for Radio Program Material

Reference: GUAT 919

1. Donald O. HEDIGER advised on 17 November that ESSENCE advised him on 16 November that he had made arrangements for the acquisition of time free of charge on a local radio station for the handling of an anti-Communist program sponsored by the Comité de Estudiantes Universitarios Anticomunistas (CEUA) and that an attempt would be made to carry on this program on an irregular basis until some regular hour becomes available and until sufficient finances are available to support it.
2. HEDIGER pointed out that ESSENCE was in bad need of material of a "continuing interest" type such as speeches, stories, articles etc., that can be read over the air and in this connection he mentioned that the CEUA received at one time some very good "playlets" which were written up in Mexico or Venezuela, but he is not aware of who prepared them. ESSENCE suggested that HEDIGER, through his group, might be successful in locating such material. He mentioned that there were some 10 or 15 "skits" in the group attacking Communism and were in somewhat of a humorous vein.

This station would also be interested in receiving any recordings of musical numbers of an anti-Communist nature such as "José Stalin Murió en Corea," which was produced by RCA Victor in Mexico and which might be used as a theme song on local programs.

3. For the above reasons this station sent GUAT 919 in view of the possibilities of our furnishing material through ESSENCE for use on such programs. It is suggested that Headquarters forward on a continuous basis such material to us as it becomes available.

17 November 1953

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