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AUG 29 1953

Chief, WHD

Chief of Station, Guatemala

Covert Personnel in WSBURNT

1. As Headquarters is aware, this station has only one [] in the subject category. His permit to remain in this country will expire on 2 February 1954. [] was previously assigned to this station in a covert capacity but returned to QKCIGAR on 18 June 1953, and this station has not been advised as to whether he will return. Eliot P. RAZMARA was expected to be able to do work for us in this country but for reasons known to Headquarters, he has not reported to us as yet.
2. We feel that it is highly important that we have at least two [] in this country at all times, and we recommend that Headquarters give consideration to sending to us a replacement for [] as soon as possible. Since HEDIGER will of necessity have to leave prior to 2 February 1954, plans must be made at the present time for his replacement approximately one month in advance of his required date of departure.
3. With reference to cover possibilities existing in this country, we are particularly favorable to the idea of using the cover of [] in such a capacity our agent could travel [] and, if necessary, with one brief stay out of the country extend his stay to as much as two years. A person under such cover could be used to develop outlets for our KUGOWN material and could be used for other types of operations.

This country does not have a first class foreign correspondent for an international wire service. There is a local correspondent for Time magazine who is an American citizen and the son of naturalized American parents who were born in Russia and in whom we have no confidence. In fact, we think that it is highly possible that he may be secretly unsympathetic to our cause.

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There is a local correspondent for Reuters who also does work for the New York Spanish language publication Vision. He is an American citizen but completely untrustworthy, not from an ideological point of view but for the reason that he cannot keep his mouth shut and sometimes drinks very heavily and becomes involved in brawls. The same can be said for the Associated Press correspondent. The Chicago Tribune has a full time correspondent stationed in Panama who visits this country about once a year.

We feel that with the high degree of Communist influence in the present government and with the considerable publicity given to that situation, this is a place where a full time correspondent for the International News Service, or some chain of newspapers in QKICGAR, could be stationed without causing suspicion that he may be primarily engaged for other purposes. We believe that a highly competent newspaper man would be of inestimable value to us and could probably successfully develop and run a KUFIRE net. It is believed that at the same time we could afford such a correspondent considerable background information for press release, thus effectively carrying out our propaganda campaign. It would be preferable that such agent represented a wire service furnishing material to newspapers in other Latin American countries. It is not known whether it would be possible to set up a suitable arrangement, but information has been received that the Associated Press representative has been so unsatisfactory that consideration is being given to the appointment of an indigenous person.

4. We recommend that Headquarters explore the possibilities of arranging for the assignment of [] as indicated, and we would appreciate receiving the reaction of Headquarters to our proposal concerning such an agent in addition to the other []

28 August 1953

Vincent B. Ogden

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