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22 Jan 53

Conference: Mr. Dulles, JCK, [] at 1615

Mr. Dulles stated:

1. PBFORTUNE is to be handled through command channels.
2. Authority to purchase ship up to \$40,000 is granted.
3. Authority to contribute \$75,000 through secure channels

is continued.

4. Authority given [] to order shipment without reference to Hq is rescinded.

Conference: [] , JCK, [] at 1930

[] stated:

1. That he had been instructed to obtain \$300,000 from [] and that although he personally had done but little to date he was seeing [] on 26 Jan.

2. That [] was concerned about [] cover.

[] and directed him to have [] meet JCK in Panama by 26 Jan.

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Conference: Mr. Dulles, JCK, [] at 0915

Mr. Dulles cleared memo for Seekford with Director, signed and added P.S.

Arranged for \$25,000 for JCK to carry to Panama through Helms, []

and [] Directed cables be Eyes Only

Robert A. Ascham. Asked for internal code.

JCK, Washington, [] at 0945

Washington to be informed on policy, operational details left to []

JCK, [] at 1000

Code arranged.

JCK to Panama at 1200

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Conference [] at 1400

[] delivered Reports No. 24 & 25 to [] Reports can be disseminated (less para 3.g. of No. 24).

[] says \$75,000 was to be turned over to him to pouch to [] but he has never received it.

[] says [] approached [] at cocktail party in Honduras to say he knew what [] was doing and had come down to fire him, but after hearing of his good work had decided not to.

[] says Guatemala Station account down to \$45-46,000, may be dipping into \$50,000.

Telephone Wisner to [] at 1530

Says Dulles anxious to get [] letter and comments. Comments as follow prepared:

"An interesting possibility. Many Guatemalan officers do abhor the Communist influence in their Government and retain their admiration of the U.S. in spite of the fact that they are infinitely better off financially under the present regime. Arbenz is an army officer and may share these views, but there is no evidence to date that he has ever done anything about it.

Arevalo is in Paris, living in luxury, and it is not known when he plans to return to Guatemala. He does exert great influence, but his demise would not solve the Guatemalan problem."

and hand carried to Dulles secretary at 1630 by []

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Telephone [] at home at 1100

[] stated [] unable to reach [] before he departed Tegucigalpa, but would continue trying to get him to Panama even if it meant sending him down from [] to let [] know of developments.

26 Jan 53

Conference Dulles and [] at 1545

Mr. Dulles says [] just located [] in [] and will see him and Joe there early tomorrow. Mr. Dulles sent cable to JC in Panama telling him above and saying [] would inform [] of decision if JC not able to see him, but would have [] return via Panama if there any chance of seeing JC there. [] promised to inform [] of decision and showed him Memo to [] from Aschan.

Telephone from JCK to [] at 2300

Everything OK in Panama. [] need not come to Panama if [] carrying instructions to him. JC leaving Panama 27 Jan. [] will bring all the dope.

27 Jan 53

Conference Dulles and [] at 0930

[] reported on JCK call. Dulles instructed [] call [] to say [] need not go to Panama.

Telephone [] at 1145

[] already given message to []. Business there with [] and [] may go beyond today. [] going to Los Angeles from there, will be back Friday and will keep us informed.