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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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NO.

DP-1697

DATE

16 Dec 1952

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		REC'D	FWD'D		
1. DDP			18 Dec	[]	<p><u>Noted</u> - Only action required is for E</p> <p>[] to follow up with Penlogten as per para 3 - as discussed with him and let him on 16 Dec []</p> <p>2-3 - for action</p> <p>log + hand carry</p>
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16 December 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Report of General McClure on Central American Trip.

1. At 3:00 p.m. on 11 December 1952, General McClure reported to Mr. Frank G. Wisner on his recent trip through the Caribbean area. Also present were General Weckerling and Colonel King.

2. General McClure said that he had been in Venezuela and all Central American countries except Nicaragua. In each place except Guatemala he had talked informally [] and in Panama had been given by [] full dress briefing [] performance was outstanding and his relations with the Caribbean Command were excellent. No unfavorable comments were heard about any of the [] in the area.

3. GUATEMALA

The Guatemalans are receiving planes from the United States Air Force and we still have a mission there. Some 105 millimeter ammunition which the Guatemalans have bought and paid for is currently impounded in Guatemala City by the United States Army.

4. HONDURAS

Five hours were spent with President Galvez and Defense Minister Pineda. Galvez spoke in the most friendly terms about the United States, but Pineda had little to say. Mr. Wisner told General McClure that information had recently been received to the effect that Pineda is in the pay of the Guatemalans. General McClure, after a moment's reflection, agreed this might be entirely possible.

5. EL SALVADOR

General McClure spent most of his time with the Minister of Defense, General Polano. There were no comments on the political situation.

6. ACTION

On two matters General McClure suggested action by CIA:

- a. That local representatives of CIA be allowed liaison with the chiefs of our military missions as well as attaches.

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Because of their extensive military contacts and freedom of travel to all parts of the country, chiefs of military missions may be valuable sources of information.

b. Lt. General McBride, Commanding General of the Caribbean, expressed to General McClure that he is insufficiently informed about his area outside of Panama. Colonel King stated that when he called on General McBride on 17 November, no such question was raised. General McClure said this was even more recent, that General McBride was not then aware of the need for this area-wide intelligence. Mr. Wisner suggested that a cable be sent to Panama every two or three weeks with a round-up of pertinent intelligence covering the entire area, and that the information therein could be made available by **E** **]** to the General.

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