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20 October 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: Operations.

2003

The following courses of action are recommended:

1. To provide for secure movement of materiel from WH stores to the users.

a. [] plane with cleared crew to fly 8 tons 400 cubic feet of materiel from WH stores to [] (ostensibly from Cuba or Jamaica). This materiel to be smuggled into target country starting 30 days prior to D-Day. A minimum of seven days notice will be necessary in getting the plane to WH stores. Rufus to get clearance for plane to land in []

b. Chartered ship (110' - 8' draft converted subchaser or military cargo craft, fishing or cargo boat, with our crew) to move from our own pier 73 tons 4320 cubic feet of materiel to intermediate point to be picked up by Rufus. Rufus to arrange intermediate point and pick-up.

2. To plan PW campaign to strengthen revolt and new government, to involve Soviet, and to assure no indication of any U.S. interest in revolt. Meeting in Panama 27 October 1952 with J.C.K., Groves, Seckford, and []
See attachments.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE
FOR SEPTEMBER

ANTI-COMMUNIST

PRO-COMMUNIST

1. 32 Poster - Dios y Libertad, with cross and no. 32.
2. Communist statement following line of how Guatemalan Communist love Catholicism. (Handbill)
3. The Arch-Bishop's statement on Communism (Handbills).
4. Explanation of 32 and get rid of Communism in Guatemala. (Poster)
5. Religious poster - one with Stalin in sheep's clothing. A Communist alert to the effect that rumors say that an attempted revolution will begin Saturday. Mobilize all forces (Handbills)
6. Stalin and the local Communist party stamping on 32 and the little people labeled "derechos", "libertad," etc. Provide evidence of a Commie splinter group through a poster, handbill, claiming this group to be a real Nationalist "communalistic" group such as the ancient Indian population had.
7. -----SUNDAY-----
8. Poster ridiculing the Communist alert of the 5th. Communist blame all trouble on the ignorance of Catholics - ridicule the Virgin of Guadalupe and quote their leaders. (Handbills)
9. List of Communist Fronts which are violating Art. 32 of their very existence and support of Communism and the USSR.
10. Comment on the formation of the Communist splinter group. Communists again point to immediate dangers and request a show of strength for the following day.
11. Poster showing fronts as backers of atheism and the destruction of Guatemalan liberty for the glory of - not Guatemala - but solely for the USSR. Communist request for funds to be sent to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico, or to the Guatemalan Treasury.

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12. Poster showing government disregard for Art. 32 and the betrayal of the Guatemalan Constitution.

Communist invitations to a fiesta-- free food, drink and entertainment. All paid for by the Soviet Embassy in Mexico, the local Communist Party and the Guatemalan government.

13. Poster ridiculing the alert of the 10th.

Communists deny payment by the USSR Embassy. Claim money for fiesta is only from local Party and Guat. Treas

14. -----SUNDAY-----

15. Poster and handbill on Communist treatment of Catholics in all nations where they are in control.

Handbill commenting on the use of funds from the National Treasury for a Communist fiesta.

A copy of minutes of a meeting between top Communists in Guatemala is discovered. These minutes should deal with; (1) Establishment of a new national Communist church to worship Stalin; (2) Arbitrary resettlement of the population to destroy family ties; (3) The establishment of Guat. NVD; (4) The importing of Soviet teachers for better education of Guatemalans; (5) The establishment of Russian as the first language in Guatemala to be used in all official communications; (6) The destruction of all existing churches, and the summary imprisonment of all clerics; (7) The abolishment of Sunday as a legal holiday; (8) The construction of 100 statues honoring Stalin and Lenin; (9) A new Guatemalan flag and a new constitution modeled after that of the USSR. AND ANYTHING ELSE WHICH WOULD CREATE ANGER ON THE PART OF THE GUATEMALAN PUBLIC.

16. Handbill naming leaders of Communist fronts who have betrayed Guatemala and their religion. Keep simple and to the point.

Communists again call for mobilization for the 17th. Communists deny "plan" even though such things may have happened in other Communist nations, they say that these things could never happen in Guatemala.

17. Poster calling attention to Communist plans.

Splinter Communist group claims that all funds collected are going to high Communist Party members and the USSR. None for Guatemala.

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18. Handbill pointing out that the Guatemalan Government has done nothing to back up article 32 of the Constitution nor any other article except those that better the cause of the USSR. Communists report that funds are not being received by the USSR Embassy in Mexico. That this will make the USSR angry at Guatemala and to all Guatemalans who should owe allegiance to the Soviet Union.
19. Handbill denouncing all phases of the Communist plans. Keep brief, concise and play on all sentiments of populace. Invitations to a meeting where the Soviet Amb. to Mexico will speak. Al Lombardo Toledano, Luis Carlos Preste and Diego Rivera and any other Communist who would be hard to get. Also promise the presence of certain high government officials of Guatemala.
20. Poster showing statues of Stalin everywhere - Soviet flags with caption: "If this is Guatemala, where are the Guatemalans?" or something to that effect.
21. -----SUNDAY-----
22. Poster naming Communist leaders in Guatemala calling them traitors to Guatemala, labor, their Church and their families. Communists apologize for other false alerts and say that the real danger is on the 23rd - all workers excused from work to defend their homes.
23. Handbills stating: "Why are the Communists afraid? What is there to be afraid of? Are they afraid that patriotic Guatemalans will turn against the men who would sell us out to Moscow? Splinter group calls attention to the needs of the Guatemalans, but points out that funds are going to the USSR. Don't support Communists or these men Name leaders of the local party and Commie fronts. Communists invite public to pay homage to the new President of Guatemala, Marshal Stalin.
24. Handbill reacting to Communist desire to pay homage to Stalin. Suggest people pay homage to genuine Guatemalans and get rid of people who pay homage to a foreign ruler. Name Commie leaders in the Guatemalan government.
25. Poster calling attention to the statement of the Guatemalan Archbishop. Communists again call for an alert of people and especially the labor groups who have been armed by the government.

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26. Poster illustrating some of the Communist plans. Communist splinter groups attacks the senseless alerts, but suggests that it might be a good thing for Guatemala if the people arose and got rid of the people who are apparently so enamoured with the USSR.
27. Poster ridiculing the continuous alerts which obviously are mere expressions of a guilty conscience of those who have so brazenly sold out Guatemala to the USSR. Name the prime targets with evidence. From this day on try to issue conflicting orders on government letter heads, via the telephones, through mails, handbills, etc. to sow as much confusion and unrest as possible.
28. Name the traitors and their backgrounds.
29. Same on request action.
30. A call to arms to protect the Constitution and Guatemala.

In the event of action it will be advisable to publish the names of those who are on the side of God - spread rumors to the effect that Communists have fled Guat. and are hiding in the USSR Embassy in Mexico - spread the word that other Communists have used Party funds to build fortunes in other countries and have already departed or are preparing for immediate departure - gain control of the radio and cite control of various locales - loudspeakers and leaflets should reiterate the Communist plan - and plants in labor and the Communist part of the armed forces should spread conflicting orders via every available means. Rumors to the effect that some army unit carry the Soviet flag rather than the Guatemalan one, but that the USSR has withdrawn moral and financial support of the local party for bungling the Guatemalan situation. Rumors should be spread that the Communists outside of Guatemala have denounced their comrades and any other rumors which would affect the morale of the troops such as saying that there is a boat waiting for all officers who have party cards - troops will be deserted, etc.

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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION IN REFERENCE
TO THE
GUATEMALAN SITUATION

- I. The availability of the means to fully exploit the "30 day plan" prior to the initiation of any hostilities.
- II. The plausability and the means of propagandising the following themes during actual combat:
 - a. This is a popular uprising;
 - b. The revolution is really in support of the Constitution;
 - c. That Communists were planning complete subjugation of Guatemala on a given date;
 - d. Arms used for the uprising came from stolen arm shipments sent by the USSR to the Guatemalan Government;
 - e. That the only forces supporting the present government are those in the pay of the USSR;
 - f. That several of the government leaders are hiding in the Soviet installation - at last showing their true colors;
 - g. The forces of revolution are backed by all freedom loving nations in the area (rather than UFCO) - so that in the event of a need for a scapegoat, neither us nor UFCO will bear the full brunt of such accusations;
 - h. That said revolt will, because of the support of other Central American republics, increase the prestige of the Guatemalan Government and add to the prosperity of the country;

(Paragraphs g and h should be used with extreme caution because of the necessity to protect the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua)
 - i. Orders for all people to stay outside of certain areas due to the fact that fighting may take place - humanitarian and/or deception devices;
 - j. An appeal for all citizens other than those in the regular army to get out of the way in specific towns, or through certain routes - there is desire not to kill innocent people;

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(Discussion in re Guatemalan Situation)

- k. The forces of revolution have overwhelming strength and that to resist said forces is useless.
- l. That the current Guatemalan Government has executed numbers of innocent people in other areas or towns. (Theme is get out of such and such a town or area before the government troops cut you down too);
- m. That all good parts of the old regime will be retained;
- n. That no "reactionary" policies - such as Ubicoismo - will go into effect.
- o. Where feasible, and where defection is important enough, the following two themes:

No political revenge after the revolution.

Current government supporters are asked to come over to our side and that they will be treated with the utmost consideration;

- p. Lists of prominent and/or well thought of national and local leaders who are on the side of the revolution.

(Care will be taken that names of leaders will not be released prior to assurance of victory in that area. It is possible that lists of Communists may be released as supporters of the revolution in the early stages of said revolution in order to provoke their dismissal with the Guatemalan Government.)

- q. That all confusion devices in the last paragraph of the "30 day plan" are carried into effect.

III. It will be necessary to go into the possibility of maintaining a few combat PW teams and equipping them with field PW equipment such as is used by the US Army.

IV. It should be attempted to infiltrate large bundles of PW materials along with any personnel infiltrated into the area. The material should concern the themes mentioned in paragraph II and should be designed to confuse element of given towns or small areas. In other words, we have got to pin-point our propaganda bombs.