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PROJECT OUTLINE

Project I  Guatemala No. LA-3  
Type Operational

1. References.

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

RELEASE AS SANITIZED

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a. Basic program authorization:

- (1) NSC 10/2
- (2) OPG Programs I, II, and III.

b. Other authorization:

- (1) Instructions received by GLA from ADPC to establish plumbing in Area.
- (2) JIC 447/2, 12 August 1949, Planning for Unconventional Operation in the General Field of Preventative Direct Action.
- (3) Materials Office, National Security Resources Board, Areas to which Access by the United States in War is Essential or Desirable as a result of U.S. deficiencies in resources of vital material, 24 April 1950.

c. Documents on subject:

- (1) NSC - 56
- (2) C.R.-46, Secret, Guatemala Situation Report, dated 27 July 1950.
- (3) Secret Memorandum from GLA to ADPC, Subject: Summary and Comments on Lissner Articles, dated 17 July 1950.
- (4) Secret Memorandum from LA PLANS to GLA, Subject: General comments on Youth Groups, Guatemala, dated 16 June 1950.
- (5) Secret Memorandum from LA PLANS to GLA, Subject: The Caribbean Legion, dated 26 May 1950.
- (6) Secret Memorandum from MHS to HB Jr., Subject: Interrogation of Mr. Barrett, U.S. Cultural Attache, Guatemala City, dated 16 May 1950.
- (7) Confidential Memorandum from CS II to OPP, Subject: Communism in Latin America, dated 5 May 1950.

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2. The Proposal

a. Problem or objective:

To place a  the INSTITUTO DE ANTROPOLOGIA E HISTORIA, Edificio No. 5 de la "Aurora", Guatemala, C.A., for the purpose of spotting and recommending to LA DIVISION, OPC, suitable indigenous Guatemalan personnel for use as principal agents in connection with political and psychological warfare projects in process of development in LA Division. To require ARTHUR H. BALDWIN to recruit, upon instruction of CIA, such candidates as are approved by LA DIVISION, for service in connection with the execution of approved projects. To execute projects under direction, Chief of Station  when such Chief of Station is appointed and authorized by CIA to direct operations in Guatemala. This is an  station project.

b. Facts bearing on the problem -- including duration of projects in terms of time and objective, aims or targets and estimated dates of achievement in chronological order.

The facts calling for OPC activity in Guatemala are fully outlined in the CIA Guatemalan Situation report No. SR-46, dated 27 July 1950. Especial reference is made to Chapter II covering the presence of saboteurs and subversive elements in Guatemala. In addition to the foregoing, the reports, memoranda and news commentaries cited in Paragraph 1c, above, are also given as substantiating data to back the necessity for OPC Political and Psychological Warfare activity in the area. The duration of this project will depend upon future projects to be approved for activation in Guatemala. The target is the establishment of contact with Guatemalans of potential value to OPC operations.

c. Conclusion, including evaluation of possible results and calculation of risks.

In view of the rapid growth of Communist activity in Guatemala and the probability that Guatemala may become the central point for the dissemination of anti-US propaganda in Central America and the Caribbean islands, it is considered necessary and appropriate to commence counter-propaganda in the area. In order to carry out a psychological warfare program which will appear to be indigenous in its origin, native elements must be found to execute OPC actions. The risk of detection of a U.S. interest behind the propaganda will be lessened through proper selection of indigenous agents.

d. Recommendation.

That  be assigned to carry out the objectives of this project, that he use the  archaeology in the INSTITUTO DE ANTROPOLOGIA E HISTORIA, Guatemala, C.A. and that until specific operational projects be assigned him, he concentrate on

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obtaining full background information on Guatemalans who could be of use to LA Division in carrying out approved OPC political, psychological, and counter-sabotage warfare actions.

3. Operational Control.

a. Type and degree of control to be exercised by Headquarters.

The Latin American Division, OPC shall be in direct contact with the agent, until such time as a  is designated for the Central American Area, and shall be responsible for transmitting all instructions to him in accordance with the communications plan set forth in Section 8 hereof.

b. Type and degree of control to be exercised in the field, by whom?

No control will be exercised by the field  until a  is designated for Central American Area. When this action is taken, it is planned that such  will assume supervisory duties over .

4. Area of Operation.

a. Geographic area where physical operations will take place.

Guatemala.

b. Possibility of overlapping jurisdiction.

None.

5. Cover

a. Proposed cover.

Archaeology at INSTITUTO DE ANTROPOLOGIA E HISTORIA, Edificio No. 5 de la "Aurora", Guatemala, C.A.

b. Service to be rendered by cover group.

None.

c. Steps to obtain proper cover, funds required and source.

will make  for entry into the archaeological courses given by the INSTITUTO DE ANTROPOLOGIA E HISTORIA and will travel to Guatemala without OPC assistance. The agent will pay his own expenses from funds deposited to his account by OPC in a bank to be selected by the agent. Every effort should be made by OPC and the agent to maintain a normal appearance in connection with the  movements and .

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d. Security action required to investigate cover.

None.

e. Documentation to be prepared by Headquarters for cover.

None.

f. Documentation to be prepared in field for cover.

None.

6. Security.

a. Steps taken to preserve security.

The agent has been fully investigated and cleared for foreign operation. As the  is that of  proceeding to Guatemala at his own expense and of his own free will there is no need to initiate unnecessary security steps. He has been fully indoctrinated regarding covert operational security.

b. Steps to be taken to preserve security.

This agent has been fully indoctrinated regarding security.

7. Staff

a. Operations Officer

b. Plans Officer

c. Fiscal Approving Officer

d. Field Installation or Principal Agent responsible for action.

OPERATIONS OFFICER, LA Division, OPC, will be responsible for action.

e. Estimated number and availability of agents, categories of agents, and duties, required in addition to  sources.

To be determined upon development of contingent sub-projects.

8. Communications Plan

a. Available facilities.

(1)   pouch channels, Guatemala City.

(2)   cable channels, Guatemala City.

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b. Pouch arrangements.

As indicated,  pouch facilities will be used in 2-way correspondence between  Guatemala City and OPC Washington. Dispatches transmitted between agent and  will be handled by a cutout to be designated by

c. Cable arrangements.

(1) Cable arrangements have been made with  using the  in Guatemala City. Contact will be made through  cutout.

d. Cryptographic requirements.

(1) Training in cryptographic system to be used in conjunction with S/W techniques for alternate means of communication.

e. Other communications.

(1) Covert 2-way correspondence between the agent and an address in the United States, through the open mails using S/W techniques and cryptography.

f. Personnel requirements.

(1) One cutout supplied by

g. Equipment required.

(1) One portable typewriter.

9. Support to be furnished by Headquarters.

a. Special Equipment.

- (1) Cameras - Argus C-3 camera and developing equipment.
- (2) Sound - None
- (3) Weapons - None
- (4) Other - None

b. Vehicles

- (1) Automobiles - None
- (2) Trucks - None
- (3) Other - None

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COVER SHEET

OUTLINE PLAN FOR PROJECT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Code Name  Guatemala

Developed by:

PLANS OFFICER

8/23/50  
Date

Operations Officer

23 Aug '50  
Date

Approved by:

OP-DO - C/IA

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c. Exchange Commodities.

None.

d. Supplies.

None.

e. Operational housing.

None.

f. Training.

(1) Agent has received all necessary covert training for this type of operation.

g. Financing.

(1) Agent will be paid his salary [ ] per annum. Such funds shall be paid in cash to a bank designated by the [ ] with the concurrence of OPC, along with the cost of his tuition which will amount to an additional sum of [ ] for the fiscal year 1961, and other allowances commonly paid to Staff agents working in Guatemala. An amount of [ ] per annum shall be allowed the agent for operational entertainment expenses.

h. Transportation of individuals, effects, official supplies.

(1) [ ] will be allowed a total of [ ] per annum for incidental expenses connected with his covert duties such as travel within Guatemala in connection with developing information on individuals of interest to OPC. Payment of such travel expenses will not be subject to presentation of receipts and will be paid to the agent's bank account.

10. Support to be Furnished in Field.

[ ] will furnish communications channels and maintain agent's classified files.

11. Support to be Furnished outside OIA.

None.

12. Coordination.

a. With other agencies.

- (1) State None
- (2) Army, Navy, Air None
- (3) FBI, ISM, etc. None

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- b. Within CIA
  - (1)   As indicated
  - (2) OO, etc. None

13. Reports Procedure

- a. Frequency of reports
  - (1) Weekly reports as specified in   letter of instruction.
- b. Unique features other than standard reports required.
  - (1) S/W cryptographic communication during any prolonged absence from

14. Disaster Plans.

- a. Move to safe area.
  - In event of emergency   will move to Mexico, D.F., Mexico, or to San Jose, Costa Rica.
- b. Abandonment and destruction.
  - (1) No copies of reports or cables sent to GPC will be retained on hand by the   at any time. Such materials as he must consult will not remain out of   safe overnight.
- c. Stay behind.
  - (1) Yes, if cover sufficiently developed and situation warrants.

15. Budget Estimate.

See form 404 attached.

15. Current Status.

has been given covert training and his cover will be arranged by him upon approval of this project. He will proceed to Guatemala as soon as he has completed arrangements for his travel and for entering the INSTITUTO DE ANTROPOLOGIA E HISTORIA, Guatemala, C.A.

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