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16 MAY 1954

Acting Chief of Station, []

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Notes for HEGARTY

REF: []-022 (Attachment B)

Please forward the attached notes to HEGARTY, as usual.

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JEROME W. DUNBAR

Attachment

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For Rodolfo:

1. CORNELIA has asked us to give PANCHE the following messages:

a) Can he confirm that [] (wife of []) the locateria reported to have gone to Honduras, has been arrested on her return trip in the Orient? If so, has she been given or told anything that could endanger the group or any of its members on either side of the border? (Cable reply if there is acute danger).

b) [] (the brother of [], a prisoner in Salama) is reported to have been talking rather loosely that ANABELIA is sending people to Honduras and that he, [] is going there, too. [] enjoys the group's confidence, but he is very talkative and gets "carried away".

c) [] (fnm) who works or worked in the Licorera Nacional, left recently for Honduras to join the group. His boss there reports that almost every day a radio patrol car arrived at the plant and that [] would go out and get in and they would drive around the corner and park for a while, talking. CORNELIA considers it possible that this [] is a government oreja. (Our comment: please inquire what role this [] is playing now there and request that the above accusation be rapidly investigated. Inform us of the outcome.)

d) CORNELIA expressed concern about the smuggling of more papers into the factory: some of the people inside the factory are afraid to get the quantities of papers which they still have, out of hiding. One man alone is said to have 600 lbs of literature in hiding on his finca. (Our comment: CORNELIA did not yet know about either our direct arrangements or your more recent efforts to improve transportation, when she transmitted the above message.)

2. We understand that PANCHE sent word through ARABELIA that a delegation of not less than 25 men from the factory should attend the Pan-American congress in Mexico City. We have arranged through our people in the factory that only three delegates from there shall go to that congress. Tell PANCHE that we appreciate his active support for the Mexico congress but that we decided that the risk of sending a delegation of 25 was too great at the present moment: it is possible and even likely that the management of the factory might arrest these people either when they want to leave or, more likely, upon their return from Mexico. We cannot afford to lose 25 active people at this moment: three men might also find it easier to sneak through, if necessary.

3. As your Report #37, paragraph 9: Since we have already emphasized the need for turning the BOLETIN DEL CUERPO completely into LA VOZ DEL EJERCITO, there would obviously be no space for a labor page. There can be no doubt that the labor question is extremely important but some little publication

at your end, at this late date, can hardly contribute anything worth while towards changing the attitude of labor inside the factory. We therefore recommend strongly that Manuel concentrate on LA VOZ, as suggested, both on the editorial work and on getting it to the intended readers -- and leave whatever effort can still be made in the labor field to our friends inside the factory (to whom we have indicated the need for action along these lines). But this need not prevent your radio outlets from paying suitable attention to labor angles.

h. Re your Report #38: Noted without comments.