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DATE 8 MAY 1954

TO PBSUCCESS, Headquarters

FROM LINCOLN

SUBJECT { GENERAL KUGOWN
SPECIFIC Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Mariano ROSSELL Arellano

REF: (a) DIR 48637
(b) DIR 48753

1. We have been pleased to note the operational suggestions you issued in reference (a). Subject letter is continuing to provoke further reactions both in Guatemala and in other countries. We consider it therefore essential that both LINCOLN and Headquarters keep up our efforts not only to insure further distribution of the letter but also to stimulate additional action by both Catholic church dignitaries and lay groups along the same lines.

2. We appreciate your need for legitimate material, as stated para 2, reference (b). Copies of the integral text of the letter reached you already as attachment to HGG-A-945, dated 23 April; furthermore, we forwarded to you additional copies of said text as well as reprints made in Tegucigalpa as attachments C and D to HUL-A-636, dated 4 May. You have undoubtedly noted the article, "Guatemala Party derides Prelate" in the New York Times of 21 April.

3. We do not have any additional clippings relative to subject on hand at the moment. We feel sure that you can make use of photostats as well as of original clippings and the reprint of the text, as forwarded with HGG-A-945, not identifying the sponsor of the reprint, can unquestionably be passed to suitable contacts as legitimate material, too. We shall in any case do our best to see to it that all such material reaches you without undue delay: we shall keep reminding the field stations within LINCOLN's command of this need and we expect you to do the same with regard to the stations outside our jurisdiction.

WILLIAM D. PLAYDON

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EFL/sgw
6 May 1954
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