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TO : LINCOLN

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FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala []

INFO: Chief, WHD; []

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational - KING Program

SPECIFIC— Message Presented to []

FROM PAGE

On 5 May 1954, ESQUIRE read the following message to [] in the presence of Graham L. PAGE. []

1. The consejo welcomes your offer to help in the preservation of G's national independence, which requires the complete destruction of communist influence in G's affairs.
2. The consejo has learned with regret that you and your friends do not like X. The consejo reaffirms its complete trust in X, who has been serving the cause loyally and efficiently.
3. The consejo takes note of your desire to keep your active participation in our joint enterprise a secret from X and Y. The consejo assures you that your stipulation will be honored. Since both X and Y have been speaking about your and P's patriotism only in terms of the very highest praise, it will not be easy to make them believe that you are not going to be one of us.
4. The consejo reiterates that no political promises have been given or requested. The Junta's plans are essentially military in nature and all planned moves are dictated primarily by military considerations and are therefore devoid of ulterior political motives.
5. The consejo shares your abhorrence of needless bloodshed. You doubtlessly realize, however, that the scope of the conflagration may be determined by circumstances beyond our control. There is bound to be prolonged and grievous bloodshed, if troops are committed to quell the uprising in the capital.
6. The consejo is anxious to avoid clashes between military units. The Junta's plans at this stage do not call for the removal by force of unit commanders, because it is considered unlikely that the Army will permit itself to be abused as a communist tool. However, any officer responsible for the killing of civilians rising against the regime will be called to account in accordance with Guatemalan laws.

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7. As yet conditions in the capital fail to meet the strategic and tactical requirements of the Junta. The consejo expects that patriotic elements in the Army High Command will do everything in their power to counteract the employment of Guatemalan troops in the defense of the regime. Military intervention would merely serve to protract the struggle, needlessly increase the suffering of the populace, without, on the other hand, influencing the certain outcome of the uprising.
8. The consejo is confident [] among the officers' corps of the Guatemalan Army can be used to influence staff officers and troop commanders to joining the uprising or at least to stand by without attempting to quell it. Even as an 11th hour proposition this would be of vital help.
9. The consejo desires to be kept informed by you on any indications suggesting [] of the Guatemalan Army will support the regime and who will join the fight against communism.
10. The consejo counts on your active cooperation in the indoctrination of your associates with the importance of ridding Guatemala of communism at any price. They must be convinced that any shot fired in defense of the regime is a shot fired in defense of world communism.
11. The consejo wishes you to know that several ranking officers in the outlying garrisons are uncommitted because they are not as yet convinced that they are facing a serious and well-planned undertaking. []. The consejo trusts, that is this should happen, your judgment will not be blunted by personal rancor but that for your country's sake you will counsel them to join the battle for the liberation of Guatemala.
12. The consejo is in need of reliable information on internal Guatemalan developments which may have a bearing on the success of our enterprise. The consejo counts on you to provide such information and is going to supply you with briefs to indicate what type of information and what specific data are needed.
13. The consejo has designated Senor Z as its representative in all its dealings with you. He enjoys the consejo's complete confidence. He will be the consejo's channel to you and vice versa. The consejo asks you to consult him before engaging in any activities that may endanger you and the cause you serve. If you disagree with the consejo's decision, blame the consejo, not him.
14. The consejo considers itself responsible for your personal security. Guatemala will be in dire need of your services after communism has been defeated. The consejo will do everything in

its power to see that no harm comes to you. Bear in mind that you do not stand alone. Guatemala's best sons are on your side. Many officers who are your friends have already joined the cause and are giving it unstinted support.

15. The consejo wishes to convey to you that it considers mutual good faith one of the indispensable guarantors of victory. The consejo has complete faith in you personally. The consejo also has complete faith in the cause which you have committed yourself to serve.

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Graham L. Page

6 May 1954

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