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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project PBSUCCESS.

# 2003

1. On 26 April 1954 I visited Senator Styles Bridges, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, in Room F-37, Capitol Building, in connection with the transfer of certain funds from the CIA Fiscal Year 1955 Reserve to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. Upon completion of this particular discussion, Senator Bridges raised the question as to what the Central Intelligence Agency was doing in the area generally affected by the Project which we know as PBSUCCESS. He said that he sensed a growing feeling on Capitol Hill, as well as around the country, that we must not allow this Communist threat to develop in our own backyard. He further stated that this matter had come up recently in meetings of the Senate Appropriations and Armed Services Committees and that it had also been raised this morning at the White House meeting for Congressional Leaders. I responded by saying that this was a matter of gravest concern to us, that I couldn't say anything, but that he should not worry. I elaborated slightly by adding that this situation had received and continued to receive policy consideration on the highest levels. I also pointed out that of course any action taken by CIA in situations of this kind must necessarily be consonant with our policy. I emphasized to Senator Bridges that this was an extremely delicate situation and a very difficult one to handle but that through military aid to neighboring countries and other means I felt that everything was being done that could properly be done to meet the situation.

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3. Colonel White, Acting Deputy Director (Administration), was present at this meeting.

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