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DEBRIEFING BY ONTRICH OF SEMANTIC AND SECANT

The debriefing of SEMANTIC and SECANT was very revealing and satisfactory especially after both cleared the LCFLUTTER.

The first basic issue which had to be clarified was the degree of compromise caused by the January torture and interrogation of SECANT. The interrogation by ONTRICH and a check on the LCFLUTTER revealed no compromise of any assets.

The main topic the Guatemalan Police hampered on throughout the interrogation was of a plot against the government by SECANT and ESODIC I. No mention was even made in the interrogation about CALLIGERIS. Since there was absolutely no truth in this story SECANT was on solid ground throughout the torture and interrogation.

After this point was clarified and CALLIGERIS, SECANT and SEMANTIC cleared the LCFLUTTER a detailed debriefing commenced on the internal assets of the CALLIGERIS organization. SECANT and SEMANTIC provided facts, figures and names of leaders, potential leaders and followers in the 9 important areas. Although at the time SECANT and SEMANTIC left Guatemala these people had not been assigned specific responsibilities ; they had been in touch with them and all were for the cause and willing to receive instructions and do their part. It was very gratifying to note the confidence these men have in their organization and their ability to get the job done given a little outside help especially arms and ammunition.

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The overall operating procedures which included; security, compartmentation, couriers, receiving points for people coming out of Guatemala for training, finances, responsibilities for different tasks, etc. was discussed in detail with SEMANTIC, SECANT and CALLIGERIS. Although these people have not received any formal training in clandestine tradecraft it is remarkable what they know and how fast they pick up new ideas.

The Military angle of the operation was discussed in detail with SECANT and CALLIGERIS. The internal Guatemala PM assets look fairly good.

The Political, propaganda and intelligence problems were discussed in detail with SEMANTIC and CALLIGERIS. The propaganda responsibility belongs to ESSENCE.

The political action program which is not tied together at the present time was mapped out and a workable plan worked out.

This follows the LINCOLN plan of bringing all the anti-Communist groups together under PUA and form a basis for a future political party. The formalizing of this plan should not take long since the skeleton already exists and the different anti-Communist groups are only waiting for positive direction. A meeting is scheduled in the near future in Tegucigalpa between CALLIGERIS and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PIACO, one of the strongest of the anti-Communist groups.

The Intelligence picture has not changed except for a possible compromise of one of the CP penetrations by the compromise of one of the couriers. The forming of intelligence nets in the 9 target

areas is pushing ahead. This is not as big a job as it may seem since the people are already in the areas and working for the organization. What is necessary at this time is to assign specific responsibilities to the different people.

The problem of infiltrating arms was discussed at length and thorough search for all possibilities made.

This is definitely a tremendous task since the amount is quite large. Plans were discussed for internal reception details will be covered by PM.

Provided [ ] collaborates with us the job will be made much easier since we have one route in southern Salvador which has already been checked over which arms can be carried into Guatemala by jeep. The possibility also exists of using oil tankers which are sealed and not inspected at the border. This possibility is presently being checked. The routes over the mountains in Honduras are open and being checked constantly.

The possibility of black air drops was discussed and both SEMANTIC and SECANT feel they can be safely made in certain areas under the control of their people. CALLIGERIS was a little apprehensive of air drops and favored landing and unloading at certain isolated strips. This all claimed could be done with very little danger.

SEMANTIC and SECANT made a very good impression on ONTRICH, CADICK and LUGTON with their detailed knowledge of the internal Guatemalan situation and their optimism on being able to carry out the job.