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TO : Chief, Lincoln

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala   info: Washington

SUBJECT: GENERAL - KUGOWN Operational  
SPECIFIC - Financial Status Essence Operation

Reference- HUL-A-476

1. Essence stated categorically on 21 April 1954 that all of his financial needs are being met without exception, that he is perfectly pleased with present arrangements, and that he has no outstanding problems or criticisms in this respect.
2. Essence did have financial problems in the past before Razmara became fully established in his role as the personal representative of   Such problems have been resolved as previously reported to Lincoln and as confirmed by the statements reported above.
3. Possibly Semantic does not have detailed knowledge of the present satisfactory arrangement, and during his discussions with Ontrich he may have mentioned previous problems that were admittedly bad but which have not been resolved as stated.
4. Essence reported another factor that may have led Semantic to make inaccurate statements regarding finances. According to Essence, he has often told people that he did not have funds when he was asked to support activities which in his judgment were not worthwhile. To such people he also said that he had difficulty in raising funds due to a scarcity of contributors. His purposes were two-fold: to avoid requests for needless expenditures and to conceal the truth that he did in fact have adequate amounts of money. Such statements by Essence may have reached Semantic who accepted them as the truth.
5. Both Razmara and Essence have requested that this information be disseminated to all concerned in order to dissipate any misunderstanding that may exist. The station agrees that such action should be taken soonest.

22 April 1954

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