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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANS

SUBJECT : Something to Think About No. 3

In the headquarters LINCOLN project review meeting of 22 April, I raised the point of what action PBSUCCESS plans to take, what assets it can commit if action is precipitated prior to D Day. In this connection I noted Ambassador Peurifoy's view that the situation being such as it is within the country any of the build-up phases could precipitate revolution within the country. If ~~he~~ understood correctly the feeling was expressed that no planning had been done in this regard because it was felt that if the project were allowed to go forward at a reasonable pace, RUFUS and his people could be held in line.

While the foregoing confidence may be fully justified, I believe that LINCOLN should make a study of its capabilities even if the chances of RUFUS's bolting are small. Moreover, the choice may not be RUFUS's alone. He or his people may be drawn into scattered skirmishes which will spread into a general action. We must at least know what our possibilities are under such circumstances. If we failed to plan now we shall in the event be forced to take less secure measures than we would want to take.

Ambassador Willauer's notes, Guat 399 and [ 71017, in my opinion, compel us to take a second look at the concept of PBSUCCESS. If the possibility that these communications seem to presage come to pass, PBSUCCESS will have to be committed fast. In an attempt rapidly to overthrow the WSBURNT Government, and if this fails to serve as guerrilla activity in the WSBURNT rear with the objective of impeding the lengthening of WSBURNT lines of communication into the country they may attack.

In light of the known armed shipment on route to Guatemala and the above communications along with Ambassador Willauer's views, I submit they may hypothesis which we have all discussed be kept in mind. I recommend that in ~~his~~ talk with General Smith that these things be put forward as a consideration bearing on the non-desirability of PBSUCCESS. The Director may wish to air these matters at OCB.

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