

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF OF PROJECT

SUBJECT: KUHOOK Assessment []

I. GENERAL

A. This report outlines the positive assets now possessed in the KUHOOK field and the present state-of-readiness as well as outlining the considered necessary state-of-readiness before overt KUHOOK action.

II. PERSONNEL

A. Overall Leader and Staff:

1. Leader: CALLIGERIS. Considered by PBSUCCESS after assessment an exile leader with the necessary qualifications and inner assets to fill the bill of figurehead which would attract the imagination and respect of the revolutionary element in Guatemala. Ambitious, optimistic (almost overly so), proven clean on box, and willing to receive KUBARK direction.

2. Exec: Col. FLORES. Former candidate for President. Respected (for seniority and age) by CALLIGERIS but considered ineffectual by KUBARK personnel. Older man. Presently contact to Honduran liaison man.

3. Staff: Four ex-officer personnel. Trained at SARANAC in staff work as in other leader training. Average mentality. Not outstanding by our standards. Acceptable to CALLIGERIS and being utilized by him.

B. In Honduras:

1. Sixty-seven Trainees Graduates SARANAC:

- 29 considered fully qualified as sab team leaders
- 4 considered as qualified staff
- 11 considered as capable organizers (minimum of one and maximum of six more needed — remaining graduates being assessed to bring to needed number)
- 23 unassigned.

2. Nine Trainees SCRANTON (Now Nicaragua, Soon Honduras):

- 5 RRO's (Guatemalans) in advanced training, expected graduate 14 May
- 4 RO's (Guatemalans) in primary training, graduation as RO's uncertain but those unqualified will be used as crypto clerks
- 5 RO's experienced (4 Guatemalans, 1 Costa Rican) reported enroute for TRO training.

3. Two hundred and twelve men of various degrees capabilities and fields. These men, though now some are on standby status and some are on KUGOWN projects, will be drawn from to form the nucleus of the 104 man shock force for Puerto Barrios, the 104 man shock force for Jutiapa, and the 77 man shock force for Zacapa.

4. In addition some 40 men have just arrived from Guatemala as sub-unit leaders, special task personnel, etc.

C. In Guatemala:

1. SECANT:

a. Highly respected by KUBARK personnel who are acquainted with him. Good army background. Highly motivated. Withstood recent torture by Guatemalan authorities without disclosing operational secrets. Single contact with army personnel we plan to use operationally. Proven clean on the bar. Very optimistic over prospects success by our method.

b. Present status: Living black in Guatemala. At present contacting those officers listed below as leaders garrison nets. His instructions at this time: "We are back in action on full-scale operation. Pass the word to no one but observe closely. Be figuring which men are tried and would be loyal under adverse circumstances. Soon a man will approach you with full instructions." On signal, SECANT will pass torn cards to these leaders, the other half of which will be carried by the organizer -- approximately 1 May. Now knows manner intended to operate and is searching for defectable personnel, names of which will be inserted into "K" program where feasible.

2. SEMANTIC:

a. Highly motivated. Good speaking knowledge English. Confident of ability to succeed by our method. Respects CALLIGERIS. Anxious to get underway on preparatory organization and arms ingress. Proven clean on box.

Guatemala (Black).

b. Present Status: Living , At present contacting those civilian area leaders listed below. Instructions at this time: "Back in action. Observe only for loyal men. Man will arrive with instructions." Is setting up to receive arms.

3. GUATEMALA CITY: Divided into four separate organizations - roughly SE, SW, NE, NW. The Guatemala City complex is being headed at this time by a coordination staff of SEMANTIC and SECANT and active army duty officers: [

[Total Strength - 1725 men.]
The Guatemala City complex leaders now being alerted by SEMANTIC and SECANT include:

NE Sector -- 200 men
Military

[
Civilian

NW Sector -- 300 men
Military

[
Civilian

SE Sector -- 600 men
Military

[
Civilian

SW Sector -- 625 men
Military

[
Civilian

NOTE: In addition to 1725 pledged above which 1725 will have assigned jobs and sufficient arms ingress planned to supply them, 2500 persons of lesser calibre and faith and solidity are committed to join the fracas although as yet we are not counting on them.

4. ZACAPA: 345 men (+ 220 in periphery)

Military

[]
"K" program is aimed at []
[] (reported ripe for defection, COLLIMON BY
CALLIGERIS, SECANT, and SEMANTIC)

Civilian

[]

In addition to the above pledged 565 men, the periphery contains over 600 men believed willing to accept jobs once it is known the movement is on .

5. PUERTO BARRIOS: 350 men (+ 121 at ENTRE RIOS)

Military

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Civilian

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In addition to the above pledged, some 200 IZABAL personnel are tentatively considered available and willing.

6. COBAN: 700 men (+ 220 outer periphery)

Military

[]

Civilian

[]

7. MAZATENANGO: 195 men

Military

[]

Civilian

[]

In addition to the above pledged, some 1100 in the SUCHITEPEQUEZ area and 500 from small surrounding towns are expected and reported as positive assets by organization leaders there.

8. QUEZALTENANGO: 415 men

Military []
Civilian []

In addition to the pledged 415 men above, it is expected over 1500 from QUEZALTENANGO and surrounding small towns will, due to political affiliation, join the fracas.

9. JUTIAPA: 350 men (+ 310 in outer periphery)

Military []
"A" program being aimed at []
[] reported ripe for planning and confirmed by
CALLIGERIS, SECANT, and SEMANTIC) []
Civilian []

In addition to the above pledged it is considered 1400 men in the surrounding territory can be counted on but must be planned without.

10. QUICHE: 187 men

Military []
Civilian []

In addition to the 187 men pledged above some 1700 in the area should become positive assets at the outset of hostilities if initially successful.

11. SAN JOSE: 4 men

Military []
(?) []
Civilian []

150 persons of nebulous devotion are located in the area, possibly capable of being convinced.

12. GRAVY IV (across Pan American Highway, west of Guatemala City: 150 men

Civilian

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In addition some 1200 persons are believed available from small groups in the vicinities.

13. GRAVY II and III (organization in AMATITLAN, PIEDRA PARADA, SAN JOSE PINULA area): 350 men

Civilian

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In addition, 950 men in small groups can be counted upon at the first show of strength.

14. GRAVY I: 70 men -- no assigned or designated leader as yet.

15. Breakdown. (NOTE: We can almost put our finger on Column I if we accept the fact that those who have announced they are disgruntled over present government would fight it to overthrow it.)

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>
	TOTAL POSITIVE PLEDGE	TOTAL WHICH THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE EXIST IN AREA & ARE ANTI*GOVT	CALLIGERIS CLAIM ON BASIS UNCONFIRMED POLITICAL LEANI NOT PROVEN NON-EXISTANT.
Guatemala City	1725	4225	9125
Coban	920	1750	4850
Quezaltenango	415	1915	8490
Mazatenango	195	2095	4000
Quiche	187	1887	4000
Puerto Barrios	471	671	1485
Jutiapa	660	2060	6000
Zacapa	565	1175	1200
San Jose	4	150	150
TOTAL target garrison vicinity	5142	15,928	39,150
AREA:	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>
GRAVY I	70	---	---
GRAVY II	350	1300	3520
GRAVY III	150	1350	9420
GRAVY IV	570	2750	13,010
Total Tactical outer org.			

(A)

16. All military leaders listed above are active duty except at COBAN. None of the personnel figures represent military garrisons. As planned, the military leaders will be expected to organize within the garrison to the point of taking over. CALLIGERIS feels this can be done in all garrisons with the exception of QUICHE, MAZATENANGO, and SAN JOSE. SECANT is cognizant of the problem and our desires and is working toward solutions there. If all goes as planned the organization within the garrison can take over without firing a shot either through (a) selling the C.O. and others on futility resisting and good of joining, or (b) denying weapons and ammo and facilities to non-joiners. If not successful above the organization and correct disposition of members should quell any opposition. If necessary, the civilian outer organization at each garrison will act to provide the overwhelming force.

17. In addition to the target area group leaders listed above, LINCOLN is in possession of the identities of 56 small group leaders, from whom the 2nd column, para 15, is pledged.

18. The asterisks denote the key leaders pledged to CALLIGERIS but whom CALLIGERIS desires be primed by "K" program.

III. MATERIEL:

A. General

1. Total: 90 tons
2. Condition: 17 tons waterproofed and packaged for 1 man load, movement to interior. 30 tons boxed as originally destined for D-day movement. 23 tons to precede shocks into operational area. 20 tons prepared for drop.
3. Contents: Small arms, AT, Mortars, Sab equipment, survival gear.
4. Present location: 7 tons, airport Honduras. 82 tons, standing by FJHOPEFUL.

B. Plans for disposition

1. On 26 April one ton (principally small arms and demo) moved to Guatemala City SE organization (3 days for movement).
2. On 30 April one ton (principally small arms) to be moved to Entre Rios organization for further distribution (4 days for movement) to Puerto Barrios.
3. On 1 May one ton to be moved to Guatemala City SW organization (3 days for movement).

4. On 5 May one ton to be moved to Guatemala City NE organization. (3 days for movement.)

5. On 9 May one ton to be moved to Guatemala City NW organization (3 days for movement).

6. On 10 May one ton to be moved to Entre Rios organization for further distribution to Puerto Barrios (4 days for movement).

A KUHOOK representative is departing 20 April for meeting with JUBATE to determine feasibility flying gear from [] to strip at [] Honduras, transporting by truck to Cutuco. At Tucuton, JUBATE's organization loads tank cars destined for Guatemala City distribution. It is hoped from the above meeting to come out with a method of continuous running of arms inside gasoline tank cars, as SEMANTIC is awaiting instructions and can produce in target area laborers for hire by JUBATE contacts, cover for delivery of gasoline, men to unload arms at siding, or nearly any plan deemed feasible by JUBATE. It is contemplated [] in Guatemala City and [] in Guatemala City will be utilized to hire CALLIGERIS men or spot their incoming tanks in convenient spot accessible to CALLIGERIS men. Resultant directions will be pouched to SEMANTIC on KUHOOK representative's return.

7. For the Zacapa, and (if El Salv support gained) Jutiapa areas, Chogi teams traveling back and forth to reception parties are being arranged.

8. Coban organizer will set up to receive at H-hour a drop consisting of CAT III gear, 13 A-kits, 7 C-kits. TRO who makes contact H-8 hour will call the drop. Total gear to be dropped:

120 rifles	42,800 rds ammo
13 IMGs	
60 SMGs	12,000 rds ammo
13 Sab kits	
156 Frag grenades	

Also at junction near San Augustin CF 2827 it is contemplated a drop will be made approximately D + 3 to the union of Coban, GRAVY I, and Zacapa forces.

9. A drop in the Amatitlan area is planned for D - 3 consisting of approximately 1½ tons small arms, and ammo. A report is being gathered to prove topographical and organizational security of such a drop along with ground conditions to sell to those necessary the security of such a drop. In the event authorization is not received it is planned to run this drop immediately following the Coban drop.

10. The KUHOOK representative is to contact [] while in Salvador to determine the most feasible spot (longest stop, and most isolated with least security) on the Salvador and Guatemalan sides of the border in the vicinity of Metapan (CG 8050) and Chiquimala (CF 6817) respectively. Kits will be slung and unslung at these points by special teams. The team will be based at Salvador YY finca (CG 6750) either permanently under [] support or on short term runs from the Honduras area of Ocotopeque DG 0257 if no support forthcoming. Wire hooks will be wrapped on the kits for the purpose of tying in the undercarriage of the cars. A marker will be designated for Guatemalan side identification of "loaded" cars.

11. GRAVY I will be equipped from COBAN. GRAVY II and III will be equipped via above air drop and from Guatemala City. GRAVY IV equipment will come from the Quezaltenango gear. Quiche, Quezaltenango, Marzatenango gear is expected to come from automobile smuggling and the SUBATE system above.

IV. The KUHOOK tactical plan is complete except for filling in the holes and prettying up. CADICK is carrying the plan in detail and will fill in details if his presence is desired by DUNBAR.

It fits with our discussions. In Guatemala City the inner organization can control tactically with or without complete defection garrison.

In Puerto Barrios the shocks will cut off and leave to die provided garrison fails and inner civilians fail. No strain.

In Jutiapa and Zacapa the shocks are considered excess but are planned as if no inner organization existed.

Coban becomes tactical as shock force on drop. On completion "taking over" job Quezaltenango leaves a controlling force and moves up with remainder toward Guatemala City.

Quiche and Mazatenango are blocked by sab teams in event organization not sufficient to control. San Jose blocked. GRAVY I, II, III, IV picked up be respective outer shocks as pass through. We are counting on Guatemala City to be self sufficient -- other movements suppliment psychologically but aimed to support physically if nedessary.

Attached are sample arms ingress plan and first rough sab plan.