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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Raymond Leddy, Officer in Charge of
Central America and Panama Affairs,
Department of State

SUBJECT : Recommended Approach for Ambassador
McDermott re Introduction of []

1. Pursuant to a conversation with Mr. Raymond Leddy at 1200 hours, 15 April 1954, the following procedure has been suggested as an aid to Ambassador McDermott in arranging a meeting [] for a [] It is understood, however, that this procedure would be implemented only if [] is unsuccessful in his attempt to obtain an audience [] arrange the aforesaid meeting.

A. During the course of an appointment which Ambassador McDermott will have made [] immediately upon his return from Washington, D.C., Ambassador McDermott will suggest [] that he has been advised that a person by the name of [] is most interested in meeting [] to discuss a sensitive matter. The Ambassador should indicate that although he himself knows very little about the person desiring the meeting, he does know that the man is a friend, and in fact a representative of [] who recently visited in El Salvador. If [] queries the Ambassador re [] and the nature of the requested audience it is suggested that the Ambassador reply that he has no information as to the nature of the visit, but that he is inclined to believe that, since [] represents [] he is sure that the President would be most interested in what [] might have to say.

B. Our thinking here is that the procedure outlined in paragraph A above will not prejudice the Ambassador's official position or involve him with PBSUCCESS beyond

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the point of possible denial. Furthermore, he will be able to speak in good faith because he will only be aware of that amount of information in paragraph A, and he will not find himself in a position when he will have to withhold information which fact could cause him some embarrassment in his future relations []

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