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20 April 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: []

SUBJECT : Progress Report - PBSUCCESS for the Period 13-19 April 1954

I. Operational

The following events of operational significance occurred during the reporting period:

- A. On 13 April 1954, [] travelled to Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado, for briefing [] on the extent of his participation in the K Program. ADC issued classified TDY orders placing [] on duty with this Agency and simultaneously issued cover orders directing him on a route survey through Central America. [] departed from Kelly Air Force Base by military aircraft on 19 April for Guatemala.
- B. In connection with the K Program, [] arrived in Guatemala on 16 April and made contact with Chief of Station, Guatemala City, on 17 April 1954. [] field companion and interpreter/bodyguard, arrived in Guatemala on 17 April.
- C. Ambassador Willauer has been requested to return to Washington from Tegucigalpa for consultation at the Department of State in connection with PBSUCCESS. He will arrive in Washington on 22 April.
- D. Two black flights were completed successfully into Honduras on 18 April, each carrying 5,000 pounds of equipment. Additional black flights will not be scheduled until the outcome of the 20 April high-level meeting is known.
- E. [] has stated that he will co-operate with PBSUCCESS only until 15 May 1954, for the following reasons: awareness of his lack of authority in contrast with CALLIGERIS, insults to ARANA whom both he and CALLIGERIS respected very highly, his lack of voice in military planning, and poor health. Lincoln has informed Headquarters that [] will travel to Honduras to discuss [] threatened resignation with CALLIGERIS.
- F. A member of Cover Division plans to travel to [] on 20 April to speak with representatives of the [] to arrange a cover position for [] in Guatemala.

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H. A cable from [] indicates that Jorge Isaac DELGADO arrived in Guatemala on 17 April 1954.

I. Significant PP activities in support of PBSUCCESS are as follows:

1. In reference to the anti-Communist trade unionist congress to be held in Mexico City early in May, invitational letters and cables have been sent throughout the hemisphere. The Guatemalan trade union leader in exile is preparing a report on the labor situation in Guatemala will be submitted at the meeting. He will be given funds to pay for the travel of his colleagues in exile in Honduras.
2. Arrangements were initiated to have a prominent U.S. trade unionist write to the leader of the agricultural workers in Guatemala. The object of the letter will be to determine the views of the Guatemalan leader vis-a-vis Communism.
3. Radio scripts aimed at the female audience in Guatemala were prepared and dispatched to Lincoln.
4. Lincoln-inspired campaigns against top Guatemalan Communist leaders were implemented in Mexico, Panama, and Colombia.
5. On Headquarters' request, an "Open Letter to Arbenz", written by a Mexican labor leader, was given local play-up, put on the international wire service, and pouched to all key WH stations.

J. Jacob R. Seckford departed for Chicago to be interviewed by the Chief Engineer of [] where he will seek employment.

II. Administrative Support

A. Personnel

1. With assignment of one additional secretary to Lincoln Station, the personnel requirements for that station are now complete. As of 19 April there is now a total of eleven clerical personnel on duty at Lincoln.

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2. During the week, Mr. Esterline interviewed several candidates for the two case officer positions to be added to the Headquarters staff.
3. Clearance with the Department of State is still pending for IDY assignment of a secretary and communications operator for Guatemala. A request for [] now in [] under Department of State orders to be transferred to [] as a private secretary to the Ambassador has been submitted to Liaison Control Branch for action.

B. Logistics

One air freight flight is planned for 22 April from Andrews Field to [] Cargo will consist chiefly of communications gear and a small quantity of para military items.

C. Finance

The deputy chief, WH, is conferring with the DD/P with respect to the accountability of funds for PRSUCCESS due to the recent changes in assigned responsibility of CWH and Senior Representative, Lincoln.

JACOB D. ESTERLINE

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