

MEMORANDUM
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

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SUBJECT: Letter to PEURIFOY

1. [] letter should state that Mr. [] is sent to Guatemala on an official CIA mission for the purpose of mounting defection operations against selected personality targets mostly among ranking military personnel.
2. My status as a private person, independently wealthy, travelling as a tourist, is adequately backed up.
3. My operational activities will be non-attributable in the sense that should there be an untoward leak, it would be difficult for the Guatemalan government to prove that I am representing U. S. government interests.
4. I should like to have direct access to the Ambassador on any matter which I consider as of sufficient importance to warrant his attention. In this connection it should be pointed out to him that his advice will be solicited not only in a potentially compromising situation, but also whenever it is felt that he could help a defection operation without unduly exposing himself, e.g. by authenticating my bona fides.
5. Meetings with the Ambassador should be laid on in such a manner that they cannot be observed by uninitiated personnel which rules out Embassy premises. The Ambassador should be requested to make allowances for the exigencies of clandestine work by making himself available at locations mutually agreeable.
6. It may be advisable to point out that I have had considerable experience in operations against Iron Curtain countries and especially in the field of high level defections. Some reference should be made to my rank and the fact that I am not part of the Guatemala Station, but operating independently and under the direct control of a headquarters in the United States.
7. If [] becomes available, some mention should be made of the fact that for purposes of operational direction he will be part of my show. The same would apply if I am provided with a labor assistant. However, the letter should not be held up on that score.

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