

**CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM  
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**ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET**

*26 Mar. 54*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Officer designations should be used in the "TO" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to correspond with the number in the "TO" column. Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Routing and Record Sheet should be returned to Registry.

FROM:

RI/ANALYSIS

NO.

*253*

DATE

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		REC'D	FWD'D		
<i>WH</i>	<i>Quarters I</i>	<i>APR 1954</i>	<i>5 APR 1954</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Agents + Informants</i>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>APR 7 1954</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>4-6: of PB SUCCESS getting clearance!</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>April 11</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>5-6: I believe PB SUCCESS should pick up agent as of 30 April and pay him - Saltus then charge him to OOA.</i>
<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>6-8 cable sent Line - may we keep this reported rather than RI in view mention of PB SUCCESS matters.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>21 Apr 54</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<i>PBS file</i>	<i>CHRONO</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>RI</i>	<i>MM</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>53</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>154</i>
ABSTRACT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INDEX	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATE <i>1 APR 1954</i>			

VIA: AIR  
(SPECIFY AIR OR SEA POUCH)

DISPATCH NO. [ ] 253

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TO : Chief, WH

DATE: 26 March 1954

FROM : [ ]

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Project ERGATES

Ref: [ ] 166

1. This station agrees in principle with headquarters conclusion that this project can be terminated, but believes it should be continued for the duration of the PBSUCCESS operation, either as a definite project or on an OOA basis.
2. As pointed out by reference, ERGASTERION has achieved a productive value equal to that of ERGATES with regard to Communist activities; in fact at the present time it is superior, as his contacts are on the top leadership level, whereas ERGATES is working on the [ ] level. It is for this reason that it is believed that the project should be continued for the duration of the PBSUCCESS operation, as ERGASTERION does not work with the labor unions and cannot report on their day to day affairs, whereas ERGATES spends most of his free time on [ ]  
It is true that most of what he reports is not of sufficient interest to report to headquarters, but negative information is of interest to [ ] from the standpoint of knowing that nothing of consequence is taking place. It is true that ERGASTERION is in a position to learn what plans the communists are making with regard to the labor movement, but he is not in a position to know with what effectiveness those plans have been carried out. It is this function which ERGATES can and does fulfill, and which is believed necessary for the duration of the PBSUCCESS operation.
3. Considerable time and effort have been expended in the past two years in an attempt to develop a replacement for ERGATES in the field of [ ]  
[ ] none of those considered were developed to the point of submitting a project, as in each instance the individual under consideration proved to be too inarticulate to serve the purpose. This is understandable in a country which is 65-70% illiterate, but is nevertheless a serious obstacle to the development of a good agent. Of interest in this connection is that the Embassy labor reporting officer, who has since been transferred and has not been replaced and who knew all of the labor leaders personally, considered ERGATES as the most articulate and best informed on local matters in the entire group.

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Francis D. Magoffin

(BFS)

26 March 1954

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