

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF OF PROJECT

SUBJECT: Sab Targets

FROM: Chief of PM

1. The following team designations, number personnel, and area of staging have been selected. In addition, CALLIGERIS is cognizant of the recruiting requirements for fulfilling team quotas. PIVALL is being informed piecemeal when possible. Both will join personnel background knowledge to agree on team leaders with CALLIGERIS making final selection.

<u>TEAM DESIG.</u>	<u>STAGING</u>	<u>NO. PERSONNEL</u>
Sab Team A	BOND	Leader + 9
INFO REQUEST TO EW: Air Facilities Puerto Barrios: Assignment tasks to ten man sab team to prevent enemy getting planes in the air from this field: Request: Sketch indicating (1) Plane storage (2) telephone line entry to base from 1st junction outside base (3) security posts and patrol routes (4) entrances to base, fencing, lights, and power wiring (5) fueling point and fuel storage (6) location personnel (7) location commo-radio and (8) location ammo. Also request: (1) if radio facilities, show power and reserve power (2) number personnel and armament (3) manner fueling and (4) number and types planes.		
Sab Team B	BOND	Leader + 4
INFO REQUEST TO EW: Rail Line <u>N</u> of Bananera: Locate logical spot to sever rail lines from Puerto Barrios in event inner forces fail and shock troops cannot contain opposition. It is hoped sufficient info can be gathered to assign tasks to five man sab teams. Request: (1) locate point where reported intermittent stretches of pilings form only rail support (2) determine two points where stretch of piling support is over 75 feet long and water or marsh conditions prevent <u>filling</u> for support, and also isolated in nature — the nearest such area to Bananera would be the ideal (3) <u>aerial photos of rail line in this area would be desirable</u> (4) show water conditions, type piling, and rail support between piles.		
Sab Team C	BOND	Leader + 4
INFO REQUEST TO EW: Road Conditions Between A Point Three Miles N Gualan and Town of Los Amates: Determine the most appropriate point on the road to effectively block motor transport and cover by small arms fire efforts to bypass. This point should be as nearby the most southernmost point as can be located.		

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(cont'd) Sab Team C	BOND	Leader + 4
Request: A. Road bridges at approx CF 9458; CF 9960 (1) construction details (material, dimensions, sketch) (2) stream depth, bottom conditions, bank conditions (3) photos where possible; B. Road cuts probably occurring between Gualan and first creek north and between first and second creek (1) width road and material (2) conditions bar ditch (3) bank conditions (4) slope and length inclines within cut (5) procure aerial photos.		

Sab Team D	HANK	Leader + 4
INFO REQUEST TO EW: Conditions North Road Between Point On River Across from Gualan and Teculután: Locate best point to effectively block motor transport this road to Gualan from the direction of Zacapa in the event Zacapa is prematurely alerted and inner forces fail to take over or retard the opposition sufficiently to allow organization at Gualan. Request: Bridges at approximately CF 7125, or other located in specific subject (Construction details - dimensions, sketch, materials - stream conditions - depth, bottom, and bank conditions); Cuts probably located between Teculután and first stream North and between first and second streams (width and material road, conditions bar ditch and bank, and slope and length inclines within cut); procure aerial photos where possible.		

Sab Team E	HANK	Leader + 4
INFO REQUEST TO EW: Rail Line Gualan to Zacapa -- Particularly the Area from Zacapa 8 KM North to Turn in Rail: Deny use of rail or rail bed to the use of mobile transportation by Zacapa forces in the event they are prematurely alerted and inner forces fail to retard sufficiently to allow Gualan organization. Request: Study in above area to locate proper place for spotting sab team and allowing fire coverage on demolition job. Search for bridges which, if demolished, would make vehicular (or heavy logistical moves) traffic impossible. Bridges or steep cuts would be most logical points. None apparent from present map facilities. Request aerial photography where possible.		

Sab Team F	ROAD HANK	Leader + 4
INFO REQUEST TO EW: Rail Line Gualan to Zacapa on South Road and with Probable Feint Occurring at Approximately 5 KM from Zacapa - None Within 15 KM Gualan Considered Satisfactory Due to Proximity to Gualan; Deny use of rail bed ^{ROAD} to the use of mobile transportation by Zacapa forces in the event they are prematurely alerted and inner forces fail to retard sufficiently to allow Gualan organization. Request: Study in above area to locate proper place for spotting sab team and allowing fire coverage on demolition job. Search for bridges which, if demolished, would make vehicular (or heavy logistical moves) traffic impossible. Bridges or steep cuts would be most logical points. None apparent from present map facilities. Request aerial photography where possible.		

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STAGING

NO. PERSONNEL

Sab Team G

ADAM

Leader + 4

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INFO REQUEST TO EW: Rail Conditions Between Guatemala City and Turn at Approximately CF 2427: Selection proper location for spotting a sabotage team on the rail for the purpose of denying the rails' use to forces from Guat City. Particularly of use would be a spot between Sanarate and 20 KM back towards Guat City from Sanarate. Request: Bridge descriptions this area (construction details including dimensions, sketch, materials; stream conditions including depth, bottom, and bank conditions); Cuts (steepness and nearness of banks to the bed and steepness incline in cuts; Procure aerial photos where possible.

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Sab Team H

ADAM

Leader + 4

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INFO REQUEST TO EW: Conditions on Road Between Junction at BF 8809° and Sanarate: Locate best point to prevent movement by Guat City to intercept our Zacapa-Coban forces before union. Request: Bridges at approximately CF 0212 and BF 9210° (construction details including dimensions, sketch, and materials; stream conditions including depth, bottom, and bank conditions); Cuts (width and material road, conditions bar ditch and bank, slope and length inclines within cut); Procure aerial photos where possible.

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Sab Teams
I, J, K

ADAM

Each team
Leader + 4

INFO REQUEST TO EW: Rail situation Within the Guatemala City Area: To determine proper spotting and missions for three 5-man sab teams to insure that outgoing rail traffic from Guat City is at a standstill from D-day to D + 15. The closer confinement to GC area the better. NOTE: One team (J) will be assigned rail junction at station but this target not considered completely suitable to provide full fifteen day retardation. Request: Full bridge data 20 KM both directions from GC: construction, dimensions, materials used, river and bank characteristics. Aerial photos requested where possible to obtain.

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Sab Team L

ADAM

Leader + 9

INFO REQUEST TO EW: Aurora Airport and Supporting Facilities: Proper placement and assignment tasks to 10-man sab team (black from staging site) and sab organization from inner garrison to insure no aircraft operate from Aurora airport through sab of planes, sab of fuel and fueling facilities, defection or assassination of pilots, etc. Request: (1) Location (2) Commo facilities (entry phone lines and description of radio apparatus including maker's name, number; sketch on power source and alternates, security measures) (3) Lighting system (source of power, location lights, sketch of line system) (4) barracks area (location, security) (5) Fencing, gates (6) Ammo and bomb storage (location, type, security) (7) Aircraft storage (security) (8) Identification (9) Personnel (number and category) (10) POL storage (amount, type, security measures).

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TEAM DESIG.

STAGING

NO. PERSONNEL

Sab Teams

Each Team

M, N, O, W

ADAM

Leader + 4

INFO REQUEST TO EW: Stations TGN-TGN-A, TG-1-TG-2, TGE-A-B, and TGN-A
 Respectively: Placement of four 5-man teams working independently of
 inner groups in silencing these outlets of present government's news
 and potential commo stations. Degree of destruction will be decided
 after the fate of SHERWOOD is determined. Request: (1) Name and
 geographic location major standard broadcast station or stations (2)
 Building layout (3) Identify manufacture and serial number transmitters
 (4) Identify and locate main and emergency source power (5) Line sketch
 of power (6) Security measures (7) Assigned frequencies (8) Personnel
 list, technician staff.

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Sab Team P

ADAM

Leader + 9

INFO REQUEST TO EW: Air Facilities San Jose: Assignment tasks to
 10-man sab team to prevent enemy getting planes in the air from this
 field. Request: Sketch indicating (1) plane storage (2) telephone
 line entry to base from 1st junction outside base (3) security posts
 and patrol routes (4) entrances to base, fencing, lights, and power
 wiring (5) fueling point and fuel storage (6) location personnel
 (7) location commo-radio (8) location ammo. Also Request: (1)
 if radio facilities, show power and reserve power (2) number personnel
 and armament (3) manner fueling (4) number and types planes.

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Sab Team Q

ADAM

Leader + 4

INFO REQUEST TO EW: Road Conditions Between Villa Nueva (BG 6568)
 and ~~6693~~: Locate best point to effectively block motor transport
 and spot team capable supporting with small arms fire such a road-
 block. Expected most likely spots two streams at six to ten KM
 North of Villa Nueva. Request: Bridge descriptions this area
 (construction details including dimensions, sketch, materials)
 (stream conditions including depth, bottom, and bank conditions);
 Cuts (width and material road, conditions bar ditch and bank, and
 slope and length inclines within cut; Procure aerial photos where
 possible.

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Sab Team R

ADAM

Leader + 4

INFO REQUEST TO EW: Rail Line Between Palin (BG 5756) and Laguna de
 Amatitlan: Deny use of rail or rail bed to the use of mobile
 transportation. Request: Study in above area to locate proper place
 for spotting sab team and allowing fire coverage on demolition job.
 Expected likely spots at vicinity San Vicente at what looks like
 inclined country along rail. Also at creek at west end of lake.
 Search for bridges which, if demolished, would make vehicular (or
 heavy logistical moves) traffic impossible. Request aerial photography
 where possible.

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TEAM DESIG.

STAGING

NO. PERSONNEL

Sab Team S

CAESAR

Leader + 4

10 INFO REQUEST TO EW: Conditions Road Between Patzicia (BF 3500) and Santiagos (BG 5979): Locate best point to effectively block motor transport this road. The most likely spots are at stream 2 KM west of Sumpango and high ground due west of Santiagos. This team and Team T are for the purpose of supplementing the separate partisan group covering Pan American Highway out of Tequigalte. Request: Bridge descriptions this area (construction details including dimensions, sketch, and materials, and stream conditions including depth, bottom and bank conditions); Cuts (width and material road, conditions bar ditch and bank, and slope and length inclines within cut); Procure aerial photos where possible.

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Sab Team T

CAESAR

Leader + 4

11 INFO REQUEST TO EW: Conditions Road Between Totonicapan (AF 9229) and Quezaltenango: Locate best point to effectively block motor transport this road. The most likely spot is at vicinity Rio Samala near San Christobal. This team and Team S are for the purpose of supplementing the separate partisan group covering Pan American Highway out of Tequigalte. Request: Bridge descriptions this area (construction details including dimensions, sketch, materials, and stream conditions including depth, bottom, and bank conditions); Cuts (width and material road, conditions bar ditch and bank, slope and length inclines within cut); Procure aerial photos where possible.

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Sab Team U

FRANK

Leader + 4

12 INFO REQUEST TO EW: Conditions Road Between Ascuncion Mita (CG 5350) and Jutiapa: Locate best point to effectively block motor transport this road. The most likely spots are two streams between Progreso and Jutiapa approximately at CG 4153 and CG 3949. Request: Bridge descriptions this area (construction details including dimensions, sketch, and materials) (stream conditions including depth, bottom, and bank conditions); Cuts (width and material road, conditions bar ditch and bank, slope and length inclines within cut); Procure aerial photos where possible.

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Sab Team V

ADAM

Leader + 4

out INFO REQUEST TO EW: Power Sources Guatemala City: Black-out Guat City and destroy power leads into Guat City from sources. Request: Sketch on all lead lines from sources into Guatemala City; Tower or pole descriptions including materials and dimensions.

CG to field

2. Equipment of each five man increment has been determined as follows and the info passed to CALLIGERIS and PIVALL:

- a. 5-Man Demo Team
 - (1) 30# TNT
 - (2) 10 Non-electric caps
 - (3) 3 ft. fuse
 - (4) 2 sets pliers
 - (5) 2 knives
 - (6) 2 rolls tape
 - (7) waterproof matches
 - (8) 5 frag grenades
 - (9) 10 shaped charges
 - (10) 5 pint can napalm mix
 - (11) 3 rifles 600 rds
 - (12) 2 SMG 600 rds
 - (13) 5 emergency kits 10 day food and medicine
 - (14) 5 canteens
 - (15) 2 compasses
 - (16) 2 watches

- b. 10-Man Demo Team
 Double the 16 items listed above.

3. Team X is a special unit placed for the purpose of conducting guerrilla actions along the San Jose to GC communications lines in support of other sab teams. San Jose organization is likely to be impossible although CALLIGRIS is attempting same and this team supplements other blocking attempts to keep San Jose ineffectual. It is tentatively to be sent to the Palin BG 5756 district due to ruggedness and isolation of the country there which lends itself to such interdiction. Equipment list of Team X is as follows:

- a. 12 rifles 3600 rds
- b. 6 SMG 1800 rds
- c. 1 LMG 500 rds
- d. 1 Mortar 15 rds
- e. 100 Frags
- f. 3 compasses
- g. 20 canteens
- h. 20 rations
- i. 10 watches

4. Team Y is to create diversions in the hills of the BG 5167 area for the expressed purpose of perplexing the opposition. It is contemplated to cause reports to circulate concerning the "force" in this area and then have them wreak as much havoc and noise as possible.