

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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TO	ROOM NO	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
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1. King King		MAR 18	1954	[]	EYES ONLY RIBAT/PBSUCCESS HAND CARRY
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18 March 1954

Problem:

- A. To divert attention from covert activities of PBSUCCESS;
- B. To use other organizations for a sounding board for propaganda.

Background:

At present there is in existence an independent Committee for the Liberation of Guatemala existent in Mexico which is supported [] This Committee was formed in September of 1954. It is led by LIBETHNITE-4, [] This Committee has served to:

- a. covertly introduce bulk propaganda material into Guatemala;
- b. divert attention from larger covert activities in another area.

The Committee does serve to cloud the activities of the CALLIGERIS group to some extent, in that it frequently publishes themes and articles in contradiction to those expounded by the CALLIGERIS group.

Committees designed for overthrowing the present Guatemalan regime exist among refugees in El Salvador and Honduras. It is believed due to PBSUCCESS activities in these countries that no further groups could be formed in those countries and that the bulk of Guatemalans in exile entering these countries have been approached by CALLIGERIS groups. It should be added that a representative of CALLIGERIS has attempted to recruit all other refugees in Mexico with the consequence that none have accepted.

Faced with the aforementioned situation, the following facts are apparent:

a. Mexico is the most logical country in the hemisphere from which to accomplish the objectives due to:

- 1. prestige given Mexican by-lines;
- 2. logical location due to accessibility of information;
- 3. certain other covert activities in near-by countries.

b. Those Guatemalans already in exile either are linked with existent committees or refuse to join such organizations.

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c. To further the objectives stated above it is necessary to take a new line of approach to the problem.

Suggested Operations and Actions Taken:

A. Through the convening of a hemispheric congress of a controlled nature to form a Committee of Liberation to accomplish the objectives. Actions toward such a Congress are now underway in Mexico. It is planned that the Committee to be formed will be made up of representatives of nations throughout the hemisphere. In this way, and without the participation of United States persons, it is planned that sentiment for the "liberation" of Guatemala will be stirred up indigenously throughout the hemisphere.

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B. Through encouragement and machinations to get Guatemalan exiles to join organizations of long standing or of a functional nature that are more than merely anti-communist. The exiles should use these organizations as sounding boards for their cause. Many of these organizations take political positions opposed to that of official U.S. policy.

To initiate this portion of the program, actions have been taken to actively support a Latin American Trade Union Committee of Exiles. Such an organization will attack dictatorships. KUBARK has contact with an individual who will be instrumental in achieving our objectives and who has extensive contacts with Guatemalan trade unionists in exile. It is believed that having Guatemala included among the dictatorships with Argentina, Venezuela, etc., the Trade Union Committee will effectively conceal covert activities and in addition reach a wider audience than a general anti-communist front group. In addition, close working relationships will be made with the powerful anti-communist regional organizations of the ICFTU through the Committee.

C. It is further planned that Guatemalan exiles will be put in contact with long standing legitimate organizations which reach a wide audience and entertain prestige throughout the hemisphere and the world.

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C. Will we give careful thought and study to the establishment of an overt liberation committee consisting of refugees from Guatemala who are not actively engaged or tied into PBSUCCESS. The objectives are two: 1. To divert attention from covert activities; 2. To use as a sounding board for propaganda. The danger of producing confusion is realized. This is a request for study, not an instruction to set up a new committee. The study should include location of already active overt liberation committees, the existence of any prominent Guatemalans in exile who are not members of such committees, the most suitable country in which to set up such a committee. Mr. Wisner suggests consideration of a notional committee.

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