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TO: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Request for approval of expenditure of PASUCCESS funds, not to exceed \$25,000, for PR exploitation of extradition trial of ROSENBERG and of MARTINEZ story

1. The extradition trial of Rosenberg is now in progress, thus affording an excellent opportunity to dramatize to the Mexican and Latin American public the police-state atrocities committed under the Arbenz regime. I suggest that an all-out effort should be made to exploit this opportunity by undertaking the following activities:

a. Castillo Armas to be persuaded by a representative of SMLA F to send to Mexico, to appear as witnesses at the trial, at least three families (widows and children) of victims of Rosenberg, as well as a local padre and any other witnesses who can convincingly dramatize the atrocities.

b. The SMLA F representative to attempt to persuade Castillo to relax the Guatemalan demand for the extradition of Martinez, in return for a promise by Martinez to testify against Rosenberg and her and to give to Marshall Bannell the full story (excepting only his complicity in the murder of Arana) of what he has seen and heard and done since his association with Arbenz began. (Mrs. Martinez met Bannell December 3rd, and indicated that Martinez is angry with Arbenz and is willing to talk with Bannell.)

c. Discuss with Castillo the possibility of making a similar use of Jorge Arankowski, a provincial Governor under Arbenz who is now in exile in El Salvador.

d. Suggest to Castillo that Enrique Salazar Liguens, Minister of Propaganda, arrange for maximum publicity in Mexico as well as in Guatemala.

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2. Needless to say, if Martinez can be persuaded to give Bannell in convincing detail all he knows about the Arbenz regime, his story will have great PP value. Martinez now has \$20,000 with which to face the problem of supporting himself, wife and three children, who are all occupying a single room in the Ecuadoran Legation in San Jose. I feel that the prospects of getting him to give the whole story will be greatly enhanced if [] is in a position to offer him a really substantial sum, \$5,000 to \$10,000 -- in proportion, of course, as Martinez really talks. Your approval is therefore requested for expenditure of up to \$10,000 of PROGRESS funds for this object.

The cost of this should be and should be held to well below this figure

3. The cost of sending witnesses to Mexico may, of course, be very much less than \$15,000, but it is suggested that, in order to ensure an all-out effort, the [] should be authorized to expend up to that amount.

4. Your approval is requested for the expenditure [] of a maximum total of \$25,000 of PROGRESS funds for the above purposes.

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