

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM  
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Attn.: Chief, Western Hemisphere  
Chief, AI  
Chief of Station, Guatemala

PRHISTORY

PRH SBNY Records Report No. 4

Ref: DIA 17870 ( 13 September 1954)

1. As of this date the final sorting of documents for PRHISTORY purposes has been completed. Microfilming operations have ceased and the last nine reels of undeveloped film are being forwarded as Attachment No. 1 to this report. Three autostat machines are still in full production, and autostat copies of the remaining documents of interest will be forwarded to headquarters upon completion.

2. Those remaining documents which prove of interest to the Comite are being processed on a continual basis into the existing case files. The Central Index presently consists of approximately 15,800 cards.

3. It is the opinion of this officer that to insure an efficient records establishment for the future operation of the Comite, additional records guidance will be an absolute necessity. The local records personnel have made outstanding progress during the short period of time in which they have been in operation. However, their activities have been restricted to the screening, classifying, indexing and carding of the huge backlog of confiscated material. The utter newness of the operation, coupled with the service requirements which must be met, makes continuing supervision necessary. In addition to the problems presented in handling this archival material, the records unit will be called upon to service the Comite when it begins to function operationally. This will require a full understanding of mail control, logging, abstracting and cryptic reference. Since the Comite is not presently in full operation, there has been no need for these functions. Therefore the only knowledge of such procedures has been attained through verbal briefings. Past experience has shown that close supervision is necessary each time a new function is instituted.

4. A records plan has been devised for phase III of this operation. A copy of this plan is forwarded as Attachment 2 to this report. It is felt that this plan will meet Comite needs, and allows sufficient room for any future organizational expansion.

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5. In line with requirements set forth in referenced cable, available copies of Tribuna Popular for the year 1954 are being assembled for pouching by sea to Headquarters. No copies of Gaceta Oficial are available. The majority of the books consists of the works of Marx, Engel, Lenin and Stalin in the Spanish language. Since English translations of these works are available, none of this material is being forwarded, in accordance with Headquarters' instructions. A large portion of the remaining books is comprised of novels and economic and political propaganda, none of which will be forwarded. Any copies of technical, industrial and scientific publications will be sent by sea. There is very little of this type of information.

6. [ ] will leave on 26 September for previously arranged Station surveys. [ ] will leave on or about 1 October for Headquarters, unless instructions to the contrary are received requesting her to remain in order to consolidate Station records.

[ ]  
George R. RADIGEN

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25 September 1954

Attachments: as noted (nine reels)  
2) File Plan

Distribution:  
5 - Washington  
2 - Files