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Recommendations for operational planning in WSBURNT,
preparing post- PBSUCCESS period

1. The following tentative suggestions are submitted for your consideration and possible instructions to the field; since they concern developments expected to take place upon completion of PBSUCCESS, no action along these lines can be taken by LINCOLN.

2. It is to be expected that the new government of WSBURNT, whatever its composition and its policy in detail may be, will outlaw the Communist Party and take other steps against communist activities: as a matter of fact, the first such degree has already been announced over the radio. Even if these measures are sincerely meant and efficiently implemented (neither of which can be taken for granted), it is safe to assume that Moscow will not abandon its hitherto so promising assets in that area and will renew and even intensify its efforts, presumably in a deeply conspiratorial, underground manner. Whether an underground CP apparatus has been held in reserve for this emergency or whether it would have to be started from scratch now, is one of the many essential elements of intelligence on the CP in WSBURNT which we had never been able to ascertain.

3. In any case, we conclude from the experiences made during PBSUCCESS that KUBARK should not rely on whatever action might be taken by the new WSBURNT regime, not even in the (none too likely) case that KUBARK might come into a position to reorganize the Intelligence Service of WSBURNT under its own control -- a possible by-product of PBSUCCESS which should not be entirely overlooked. We therefore recommend that steps be taken immediately to acquire KUBARK - controlled operational assets which will enable KUBARK to operate against any revival of communist activities, both along KUFIRE and KUCOWN lines.

4. As a first step, arrangements might be made to have communist leaders and other knowledgeable persons who have been -- or may yet be -- arrested during PBSUCCESS, interrogated and debriefed (and seized documents examined) by qualified KUBARK personnel. Under the circumstances, interrogation under high pressure appears fully justified. Such interrogation should aim primarily at intelligence on the following EET's:

- (a) Prior existence of any underground communist apparatus

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- (b) Communications between the WSBURNT CP and the international communist movement, (i) with its higher echelons -- Mexico, Prague, Moscow, possibly Peiping, (ii) lateral communications elsewhere in SGRANGER
- (c) CP influence in government, administration, business, labor unions and other organizations -- including biographical data of all persons involved, mechanisms through which such influence was exerted, etc.
- (d) history of the non-public aspects of CP activities in WSBURNT, especially of its Politbureau, Central Committee, Secretariat, etc., for at least the last six months, preferably for the last two years.

Information along the above lines should not only help to prepare future operations, but ought also to yield valuable evidence needed to write the history of PBSUCCESS in a manner designed to fully exonerate ODYOKE and focus all the blame upon FJSTEAL.

5. It is also to be expected that many communists will defect -- or may already have defected during the last few days. It is suggested to select from among these defectors a nucleus of agents for future anti-CP operations. To make the best possible use of them, attempts should be made to contact would-be defectors before they have broken irrevocably with the party so that they may be "defected in place" and utilized for long-range penetration purposes. It might be practicable to set up some cover group for preliminary screening of possible candidates, perhaps under the guise of a local office affiliated with SUMMIT or SALEM and to let it be known by word of mouth that this office is willing to assist ex-communists "who are seeing the light" in rehabilitating themselves, or the like.

6. With the information obtained along the lines of para 4 above and with agent personnel recruited along the lines of para 5, it should be possible to penetrate methodically

- (a) labor unions, peasant unions and key government services to watch for any covert communist activities there,
- (b) into the CP underground itself, possibly also into WSBURNT CP groups in exile.

The chances for an auspicious start of operations of this type will be all the better, the sooner they are started, that is, while everything is still in an upheaval, while people are changing allegiances and memberships daily, organizations being transformed and the communists have not had time to re-establish themselves.

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7. Be it finally noted that such operations may be all the more valuable for future KUBARK tasks in WSBURNT the more we are able to keep them a deep secret, not only in general (which goes without saying) but also from CALLIGERIS and his men. These operations are not intended to be directed against him or his ilk; but in order to function as an independent "watchdog", they must be protected against any intentional or unintentional white-washing by leaders or officials of the coming WSBURNT regime.

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