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KUGOWN Operational Report (ESSENCE)

1. The letter sent to us as an enclosure to HULA-875 ("Preparatory Committee for an Organization of the Militant Godless") was turned over to ESSENCE as stated in a previous report, but he has since stated that he was unable to make distribution before the SEMANTIC compromise temporarily caused a suspension of operations. This matter will be handled as soon as possible.
2. You probably have noted that copies of issue No. 17 of El Rebelde submitted with a previous report contained the following articles furnished by Lincoln personnel: La ley de emergencia economica es una ley comunista; Pero ... que se hizo el pisto, mucha ...; Como se ganó Arevalo a Arbenz a la causa del comunismo; Guatemala es un país de credito socialista; Ojos, oídos y chistes del mundo. ESSENCE has still not determined the whereabouts of issue No. 18 of the paper; as far as he knows it is still in the printers or at the Casa de la Libertad (CEUA headquarters). To date re-grouping of the black elements of the ESSENCE complex is proceeding slowly but satisfactorily, but nothing has been accomplished regarding the overt units. CEUA is temporarily adrift due to the arrest of Gabriel MARTINEZ del Rosal. We will keep you advised of progress in this connection.
3. [ ] who resides at [ ] has been selected as the chief of the underground team at that place in compliance with HULA-751. Required supplies and equipment have been provided. This makes a total of five teams completely organized. RAZMARA orally reported that Quiché will be organized within a matter of days. The delegates from Zacapa arrived in the capital during the hectic days immediately following the SEMANTIC compromise and ESSENCE could not make contact with them. For security reasons it probably will take some time to re-establish contact and complete organization of the team at that place. Contact with potential team personnel in Mazatenango and Jutiapa has also been broken off temporarily for security reasons. You will be kept informed on this matter as progress is made.
4. Attached is a self-explanatory contact report from RAZMARA relating to his meeting with ESSENCE on 6 June 1954. Note that the field

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pseudonym of RAZMARA has been changed from ALBERTO to DARIO.  
SEMANTIC reported that the name ALBERTO was included in some  
of the papers seized by government agents and RAZMARA was in-  
structed to discontinue use of that pseudonym on his reports.  
Neither the government nor SEMANTIC were aware of the true  
identity of ALBERTO

George L. Franzer

Enclosure: as noted

8 June 1954

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