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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/P
FROM : PM STAFF
SUBJECT : Extent of Operation Compromised

1. Compromise of the plan to use [] finca, [] as a storage and pick-up point for the movement of arms as indicated in KUBARK cables [] 1413 (Att. A) and GUAT 712 (Att. B). On 8 May 1954 CALLIGERIS sent a letter (Att. C) to SEMANTIC directing him to dispatch trucks to the [] finca on 12 May 1954 to receive a shipment of arms and equipment. It is assumed that this letter of SEMANTIC's notes on the subject were among the papers confiscated by the Guardia Civil. SEMANTIC was advised in KUBARK cable [] 363 (Att. D) that four tons of equipment were departing 27 May 1954 for [] finca. [] was arrested by Guatemalan authorities []

2. Gualan and Puerto Barrios Arms Ingress Plan (Att. E)

The details of SEMANTIC's part in preparing to receive arms entering through these areas were passed to him and therefore are assumed to have been among the papers confiscated. These plans include grid coordinates, time schedules, and identification signals. The Gualan plan also indicated that the city of Guatemala was divided for organizational purposes into four sectors.

3. Rail tank car plan (Att. F) for the introduction of arms was passed to KUBARK station in Guatemala with instructions that the contents were to be passed to SEMANTIC. This plan described the method by which the arms were to be shipped and the means of identifying the cars as well as the point where recovery should be effected. Instructions contained no names. It is expected that SEMANTIC's notes on this subject were confiscated. This is further evidenced by ARBENZ's questioning of [] (GUAT 757--Att. G), [] in Guatemala. [] was asked about tank car movements and related subjects. In addition [] and [] employees of [] were arrested. [] was to have shunted arms-laden tank cars onto a siding on receipt of the tank car numbers.

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4. Aerial Para-Drop Supply Plan (Att. H)

On 20 April 1954 instructions were sent from LINCOLN to SEMANTIC via KUBARK Station, Guatemala City, indicating that an aerial supply mission would be flown in the future. No date was specified. The details contained in these instructions were:

- a. Approximate grid coordinates of the DZ.
- b. Number of aircraft participating in the drop (two).
- c. Number of bundles.
- d. Contents of bundles.
- e. Approximate hour of drop.
- f. DZ marking signal and compromise signal.
- g. Coastal "all clear" signal (ground to air).
- h. Instructions for disposal of parachutes and fittings.

5. Pilot Defection Plan (Att. I)

Information regarding the plan was passed to KUBARK Station in Guatemala to be discussed with and handled in conjunction with SEMANTIC. Instructions were contained in LINC 3071. Essential elements of these instructions were:

- a. [] has promised asylum to all WSBURNT pilots defecting with aircraft to SOMERSET.
- b. SYNCARP and SKIMMER promise financial aid for families left behind and guarantee safety and welfare of defecting pilots.
- c. Radio frequency and call sign to be used on approaching SOMERSET. Also, alternate approach and signal to be used if without radio contact.
- d. Taxiing directions.

It is assumed that although this information was passed to SEMANTIC orally he made notes and that these notes have been confiscated. Therefore, it follows that the Guatemalan Government knows of [] part in the above plan and probably surmises that SOMERSET is being used as an operations base by PBSUCCESS.

6. Intent to disrupt Internal Communications (Att. J)

In a letter to CALLIGERIS, SEMANTIC lists various intelligence items on which he is concentrating his effort. Among these he mentions the details of the communications system and the sabotage of the communications system. Specifically, he lists several points in Guatemala City which could be sabotaged by use of special equipment. He also states that he is trying to place his men in these strategic points or to bribe the men already there.

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7. Areas of Especial Interest (Att. J)

On 6 May 1954 CALLIGERIS sent an intelligence request to SEMANTIC. Translation of request was as follows:

"The exact addresses, street or avenue with their respective numbers, of the military garrisons in the following localities are urgently needed: Coban, Zacapa, Jutiapa, Mazatenango, Quezaltenango, Quiche, Puerto Barrios and San Jose.

"Together with the exact address I need a small map showing the location of the garrison with reference to the central square and the public buildings of most importance."

8. Planned Use of Wireless Communications

In the same letter mentioned in Paragraph 7 above, SEMANTIC was informed that a radio was being sent to him. SEMANTIC was cautioned "to bear in mind that it is an old trick to interrupt the current and thus determine whether there is a clandestine radio functioning by batteries."

It is possible that instructions for the Quezaltenango radio operator were confiscated (GUAT 717 - Att. K), since these were on an undeveloped roll of 35mm film which was passed to SEMANTIC. However, SEMANTIC questioned the purpose of two torn Quetzal notes which were to be used as identification by the incoming RRO when he came for his radio and instructions. Details of this identification plan were on the film and it, therefore, is thought that the film was bad (3438 - Att. L).

9. List of Names of Persons Attending SUMMIT

SEMANTIC had in his possession a list of the WSBURNT delegates to SUMMIT. GUAT 752 (Att. M) reports that this list was among the documents confiscated.

Further evidence of this is the government's denunciation of SUMMIT as "a farce in which the directors were in the service of foreign interests and betrayed our land as much as did the communists themselves." (La Hora, 2 June 1954). Nuestro Diario, 4 June 1954, stated that the anti-communist Congress in Mexico developed in an anarchical atmosphere, "A 'prepared farce,' the students who participated qualified it." Note: The essential parts of these articles were extracts of CNE's (Confederacion Nacional de Estudiantes) allegations released in the Mexican press at the end of SUMMIT.)

It is not believed that SEMANTIC had in his files any information that would indicated PBPRIME support of SUMMIT. The fact that he possessed a list of names of persons attending serves to indicate SYNCARP sponsorship of these persons.

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10. List of SECANT's people in the nine primary areas of operations, and SEMANTIC's collaborator file.

It is not known exactly what lists these are nor the names of the people which may have been contained therein. However, there is a possibility that the list of names is a rough compilation from which the attached list (Att. N) was extracted. SEMANTIC and SECANT, on their most recent trip to WSHOOPS discussed with CALLIGERIS their inner assets and brought with them lists of people which could be counted on in varying degrees to support a revolutionary attempt. From these lists a preliminary tentative organizational structure was planned, the result of which is the attached roster.

Supporting evidence of the compromise of these lists has not been forthcoming, since the government has not, to the best of our knowledge, made pick-ups of listed persons, neither among civilians nor in the army.

11. General Instructions to Organizers

It is possible that a copy of the above paper in Spanish (see attached translation) was among the documents confiscated. It contains no concrete details except for naming types of weapons to be utilized and serves only as a guide for the organizers. However, the pattern of preparation is there and the modus operandi.

Information contained in the following newspaper comments may in part have been the result of the compromise of this document:

3 June 1954-Nuestro Diario

The largest plot against the government - plans, codes and documentation in the hands of authorities: Article emphasizes that the proof shows clearly the involvement of many "who militate in the ranks of anti-communism."

For the government the plot is not a serious one for it has come completely under control, having in their power - who is directing it, preparing the rebels, the armament they are counting on, where they are training the civilians contracted for, for what purpose, and in short all the threads of the plot, in addition to the fact that they already know "where the clandestine radio is installed, who operates it and in what place."

3 June 1954-Impacto

"The conspirators were organized in a military type organization but which had in addition the elasticity necessary to cover the other aspects of the affair. They counted on people trained in such tasks as the recruitment of individuals, the enlisting of

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civilians and soldiers, and the proper instruction of groups of saboteurs who within the country would carry out acts to weaken the legitimate resistance of the government.

- a. Link with Puerto Barrios--some groups already acting is proof.
- b. Two kinds of plotters: those opposed to the present regime and the revolutionary parties and those with foreign connections representing interests that, at the moment, the Minister (MacDonald) does not wish to analyze."

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