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Date:

Att B

to [] 1044

TO:

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FROM:

DATE:

DC/P

Exec []

C/PP

Re Tactical Psywar Teams - discuss with C/PM what weapons they should receive and training (and where). They should be a special flying squad of men capable of moving in quickly in a secured down to take over local radio and press facilities diverting same to support anti-communists. They must be able to seize such places by force of arms if necessary & to hold by force in event necessary. A pro-Sydney radio broadcast away at Reds during a battle for a hour could turn the tide. Sorry they are unable to provide such squads to accompany each shock team but some better than none. After discussion with C/PM make your recommendations as to best employment available down. Provide guidance to [] re preparation above.

[] [] Reply by cable prepared after coordination w C/PM.

"Force of Arms" in contradiction to published passage Heparty's rpt; nevertheless recommended pistols in cable.

8 June

2 June 1954

Report No. 43

Subject : Contact with Pancho and Manuel, 31 May

1. The Psy-war deal was discussed with Pancho and Manuel and the attached 5-man teams were approved by Pancho. It is strictly understood that the men listed will be available for the specified psy-war purposes and no other use. It is requested that a list of necessary equipment be provided us, together with your suggestions as to training necessary. In the meanwhile, Manuel is training the radio and press men without telling them of the actual mission which they will perform. The radio men will be getting actual experience in broadcasting and the press men will be given special writing problems. The technicians will be instructed to refresh their technique by working on local radio stations. Both Manuel and Pancho indicated their approval of the project and are confident that it will be carried out efficiently.

2. Attached is an English translation of the declaration to the press made by Mendez. This declaration will be dramatized and broadcast starting tomorrow. Attached also is a copy of the 31 May issue of La Epoca in which the story appeared locally. The story has caused a mild sensation here but I know of no projected local government action here.

3. Attached also are copies of the 29 May issue of La Voz de Liberacion. You will note that it was not altogether a success. The next issue, due on 5 June, will be more satisfactory. All reference to CEUAGE will be eliminated and it will appear as one newspaper with sections for each phase of propaganda, i.e., labor, feminine, university, the military being spread throughout the newspaper.

4. Also attached is a copy of the 29 May issue of La Nacion. Please note pages 1 and 25.

5. Attached is Manuel's weekly report for the period 17-22 May.

6. Scripts 46, 47, and 48 of a woman looks at comm are being returned by this pouch. We have been producing our own since we ran out of material provided by you.

7. Due to the absence of any material from you, outside of clippings, Manuel and I have been forced to produce our own ideas as to articles and editorials published in the papers. We would appreciate your opinion as to the contents of the last few issues. I think that Manuel has done a commendable job and I have told him so.

Comments: The conversion from Ceuage to La Voz has been very difficult and Manuel and Pancho have had to extend themselves to convince the newspaper staff that the changes were essential and necessary. Almost every member of the staff threatened to resign at first, but are now reconciled and, according to Manuel, are working together as a team. I believe that Pancho's success in this matter reflects very well on his control of the different elements here. They are all at fever pitch right now, according to Manuel, because they feel that the day of final action is close at hand.

8. Although the local archbishop gave a very good anti-commie sermon last week, Pancho reports that he has been unable to get him to issue the desired pastoral letter to date. The archbishop feels that the local situation doesn't merit such a declaration by him and that it would probably make him appear ridiculous and would embroil him in the local political situation.

9. Although Manuel stated that he is not seriously concerned as to the safety of his daughters, he stated that he would like to hear from them since they have not written since they departed. It would be appreciated if you could prevail upon them to write to him through our own channels.

Rodolfo

10. Can use cartoons re [] 964.

Nómina de personal adecuado para integrar tres grupos para desempeñar funciones específicas.-

PRIMER GRUPO:

1.-	[]	-----	Técnico en Radio.-
2.-		-----	Locutor de Radio.-
3.-		-----	Periodista.-
4.-		-----	Personal.-
5.-		-----	Personal.-

SEGUNDO GRUPO:

1.-	[]	-----	Técnico en Radio.-
2.-		-----	Locutor de Radio.-
3.-		-----	Periodista.-
4.-		-----	Personal.-
5.-		-----	Personal.-

TERCERO GRUPO:

1.-	[]	-----	Técnico en Radio.-
2.-		-----	Locutor de Radio.-
3.-		-----	Periodista.-
4.-		-----	Personal.-
5.-		-----	Personal.-

NOTA: éste personal debe recibir entrenamiento previo sobre sus funciones a desempeñar.- Debe también determinarse el equipo que deberá llevar para el mejor desempeño de su cometido.-

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLARATION OF A WITNESS
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GIVEN BY MR. RAFAEL FENDES RODRIGUEZ,
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, he has signed his name in
TEGUZIGALPA, HONDURAS, (ABOGADO Y NOTARIO) ATTORNEY AT LAW

NO. 14 - YEAR OF 1954

TESTIMONY MADE ON MAY 27, 1954

QUESTIONS: In the city of Tegucigalpa, D. C., Thursday May 27, 1954, being four o'clock p.m. In my presence, Antonio Padua, lawyer of this neighborhood and public notary, appeared Mr. Rafael Fendes Rodriguez, forty-five years old, married, office man, native of the city of Chimaltenango, Department of the same name, in the Republic of Guatemala, in front of this city, and declaring to be in the full use of his civil rights, free and spontaneously made. First, that wishing to state authentically certain facts related with his presence in the capital of Honduras, has declared determined to state and in fact makes the following declarations:

A. At the beginning of the month of April of this year, he was at home in the "Barrio de San Febrico", of Guatemala City; that one morning, being at home, a fellow arrived, requesting him in the name of the General Director of the National Police (Guardia Civil), Colonel Rogelio Cruz Wer, to present himself at his office immediately.

B. That he attended the requirements, submitting himself at the orders of the Colonel Rogelio Cruz Wer, whom he found at his own office, and this one told him verbally: "We have a plan to kidnap a person of our confidence to Honduras to kidnap the Guatemalan called Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas; for this, we have perfectly matured a plan with the aerial attaché, credited in Central America, Colonel Figueroa, who already has chosen an airfield, so that a small plane can bring you back; naturally, in case that this would not be possible, you should try to know the outings of Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas, and so, kill him; with the most absolute certainty, that with the cooperation of our military attaché in Tegucigalpa, Colonel José Luis Morales, you will be entitled to the reward, that in gratefulness will be given to you."

C. That immediately Colonel Cruz Wer himself told him: "Tomorrow we will meet in this same place with the aerial attaché, Colonel Figueroa"; that, as they had planned, they met the appointed day, and both army-men approved the above mentioned plan, and immediately, Cruz Wer, informed him that he had several prisoners whom he would send to Honduras as if they were exiled, and that among them would go the one that declares: to which he answered him that he would not come to Honduras with that condition, but he would with a legal passport, to which Colonel Cruz Wer acceded and handed him two-hundred dollars (quetzales) in bills; that three days later, he parted to Honduras, by land through El Salvador, in a Jeep of the National Police, but with private license, in no other company than the driver's as far as San Cristóbal in the border of Guatemala and El Salvador; from there he came to Honduras.

D. On arriving to this capital he contacted the Military-attaché of the Guatemalan Embassy, Colonel José Luis Morales, having held several interviews trying to find out the most effective means to successfully accomplish the plan which he had been ordered to carry out; Colonel Morales warned him that: "He should win Colonel Castillo Armas' confidence to put in practice the plan."

E. That, certainly, he who speaks has met Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas, and has been able to appreciate that he is not a common man, but a perfect gentleman, a man that loves his country and fights for a just cause, as it is the liberation of a country from the communist slavery to which it is actually submitted; and these were the reasons that impelled this one who speaks, to reveal personally to Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas, the mission that brought him over to Honduras; and to this respect, he wants to state that: if he had accepted to carry out said plan, which was contrary to his convictions, it had become he wanted to know it, and at the same time, reveal it to Colonel Castillo Armas when he met him, for it was a criminal attempt.

F. That on the evening of the present date, at seven o'clock p.m., in a car of the military attaché, Colonel Morales, and driven by him (Morales),

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... they drove by San Felipe's Street, going farther of the Hospital and there they held the last interview in which Colonel Morales told him what follows:
"Six chosen fellows are just about to arrive at the North Coast of Honduras with the same purpose of accomplishing, any possible way, the assassination or kidnapping of Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas; on their arrival, I'll contact you with them in order to accomplish the plan."

3.- That the undersigned affirms that through the conferences held with Colonel Morales, he has taken for granted that this one is the Chief of the Guatemalan Communist Party, and of the execution of the communist plans in Honduras, Guatemala, that just as he stated in the precedent cases, he expresses clearly his responsibility before history, of his manhood and moral values in that regards the realization of an act against all human rights. I, the notary public, give faith to the one that declares before me, is not obliged to pay any contributions and impositions, because he travels as a tourist and is in transit, and with the approval protection of the Guatemalan Embassy, as his possession shows, he does not pay and stated, being witnesses Mr. Juan Pineda, newspaper man, married, and Mr. Genicio Lemos Gallardo, office man, married, both of age and of legal capacity, as informed of the legal right to read by themselves this document, by mutual consent, I proceeded to read it totally, which contents the one who declares his name and signs with the witnesses. All thereof, and of the knowledge, state, age, profession, and residence of the one who declares and the witnesses, I give faith.
ANTONIO DUBON M./- JUAN PINEDA/ - GENICIO LEMOS G./ - SEAL OF THE NOTARY PUBLIC/-
ANTONIO DUBON M./- SIGNATURE OF THE LAWYER/-

And at the request of Mr. Rafael Mendez Rodriguez in the case, place and date that this document is granted, I signed, seal, sign and put my stamped in this first copy in two sheets of first class stamped paper, having the first five one lempira stamps, and the second, another of fifty cents, all of them duly cancelled; its original is registered in my "protocolo",--notarial year-book, of the present year under number fourteen, sheets 32 to 36, whereon I made the annotation of this testimony. In faith thereof,

ANTONIO DUBON M./-

Director
Responsibilities

EL COMITADO

FRONTE UNIV/

Informe, ...
Ver del Sigroto, ...

GRANCA No. 36.