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TO : LINCOLN

DATE MAY 28 1954

FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala []

SUBJECT: GENERAL—

SPECIFIC— KUGOWN Operational Report

1. The nature of recent operational requests suggests the possibility that new personnel have been assigned to LINCOLN who are not familiar with the contents of our recent review relating to the organization and capabilities of the ESSENCE complex. If our assumption is correct, it is respectfully requested that such new personnel acquaint themselves with the contents of that review and gauge their requests accordingly. We make this request so that all concerned will be aware of the limitations of our assets and to avoid the additional correspondence that misunderstanding invariably creates.

2. We are particularly concerned about the apparent misunderstanding regarding the extent of our effective contacts on local newspapers. They are definitely limited and of variably dependability. More so, due to the absence of []

3. The originator of HUL-A-793 and HUL-A-875 apparently has misjudged the assets available to ESSENCE for carrying out the operations outlined therein. Neither ESSENCE nor the station has the desired operational background data (i.e., accurate and complete mailing lists) required to carry out the assigned tasks on the scale contemplated in the above references. Furthermore, you must know that there are not 1500 possible addressees who fill the requirements stated in paragraph 2 of HUL-A-793. At best, ESSENCE hopes to be able to mail 100 copies of that particular letter. A lack of complete and accurate mailing lists containing the names and addresses of target personalities also makes it impossible to carry out the operation described in HUL-A-875 on the anticipated scale. Accomplishment of both tasks is further complicated by the fact that ESSENCE does not have unlimited clerical personnel to employ in the mechanics of the operations.

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4. In view of the foregoing, ESSENCE will be instructed to mail the minimum number possible of each letter and depend on the effectiveness of "leaks" to achieve the desired impact. If we can contrive publication of either or both of these letters without impairing the black quality we believe that the desired objectives will be realized even though we fail to achieve saturation distribution (i.e., 1500 and 500 copies, respectively).

5. In any event, please do not expect immediate results from either of the letters discussed in the foregoing. Preoccupation with the priority matter outlined in HUL-A-751 may prevent ESSENCE from handling distribution of these letters as quickly as might be desired.

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George L. Tranger

27 May 1954

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