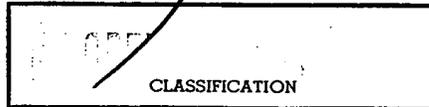


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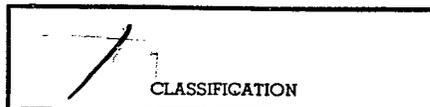
Re: a. HULA 600, b. DIR 01823

1. The French Socialist news service mentioned in reference b services about 45 daily papers in France. The items it puts out will only be picked up if they are sufficiently newsworthy, since no control is exercised over the individual publications. The requirements of newsworthiness and of Socialist publications in France will definitely affect the type of item which might be used as well as sources used or attributed and the general tone of the item. The news service, however, makes it possible to make items available to the French Socialist press by cable on short notice.

2. The theme discussed in paragraph 4-a reference a should logically be exploited concurrently with that in paragraph 2a. It has the merit of being consistent with the experiences of the Latin American populace. It plays upon their first-hand knowledge of greed and corruption in high places, knowledge which they would feel is consistent with the pending departure from the country of political leaders. The use of the Villatoro open letter to Arbenz appears to be a good idea.

3. The theme discussed in paragraph 4b might be pegged to the activities of the Argentine labor attache in Guatemala. It would be pointed out that while those unions in contact with ORIT, ICFTU have not been allowed to function openly, i.e. UNTL, those being supported by the Argentine embassy and ATLAS, the Peronist labor international, continue to function unmolested, and it is obvious that Arbenz permits them to function only to

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insure a safe haven for himself in Argentina. The long stay of Arevalo in Argentina prior to his ascendency to the presidency can lend authenticity to this line. The source of this information could be an ATLAS official disenchanted with Peronist maneuvers. The present disaffected state of many ATLAS leaders, which is well known in labor circles, would lend credence to the source. SYNCARP could manage this through their contact with UNTL leaders in Honduras.



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