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Potential Media for Anti-communist Propaganda

1. In view of highly satisfactory reaction to the pastoral letter promulgated by the Archbishop of Guatemala on 4 April 1954 and the Archbishop's cooperation in allowing Essence to have it published in the independent press, we are endeavoring to establish contacts that will permit us to exploit what appears to be an increased disposition by Catholic clergy and laymen to take a stronger stand vis-a-vis the communist problem. At the present time the following organizations or publications are under investigation to determine how we might best exploit their resources in the campaign against communism:
 - a. Asociación de Cadetes de Cristo, directed by a reportedly energetic, strongly anti-communist native priest by the name of Father German _____.
 - b. Acción Social Cristiana, Catholic publication directed by Juan Alberto ROSALES F.
 - c. "Senderos," Catholic publication directed by Father Juventino ARBIZU.
 - d. Catholic radio program on "La Voz de Las Americas" (see GUAT 525).
2. Essence has been requested to investigate each of the above organizations or publications to determine how we might best exploit their resources. We know, for example, that Acción Social Cristiana now publishes some strongly-worded anti-communist articles, but distribution is fairly limited (exact circulation figures being sought). Copies of this publication are sold at five cents each. To our knowledge, sales are made by young men and boys at the entrances and exits of churches throughout the capital.

Tentatively, we hope that as a minimum effort we may be able to subsidize the paper to permit the printing of more copies for distribution in the provinces (free of charge, if necessary). Exactly how we will exploit these media must, of course, await the conclusion of the investigations being conducted by Essence. Our intentions are mentioned at this time for your information and guidance. Further reports will be submitted as information is developed.

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