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Latin American Trade Union Committee in Exile

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1. Attached is a memorandum with attachment which has been approved by Headquarters.
2. The possibility exists that the convening of the meeting may take place earlier than stated in the attached memorandum. Details will be determined by Boyd I. ROSENBERG upon his return to Mexico.

OLIVER G. GALBOND

Attachments: 1 memorandum with attachment

25 March 1954

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24 March 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

FROM :

SUBJECT :

PBSUCCESS

Latin American Trade Union Committee in Exile

The following is submitted for approval after consultation with Boyd O. Rolender, []

1. It is proposed to support the efforts of the ORIT to promote a Latin American Trade Union Committee in Exile. KUBARK will engage in this support for purposes of concealing ODYOKE interest in covert PBSUCCESS activities and in order to develop closer working relationships with ORIT for PBSUCCESS and long range purposes.

2. To accomplish this operation it is proposed that KUBARK work through ESMEALDITE, a [] of ORIT who previously was employed by KUBARK [] WSBURNT. It has been determined that ESMEALDITE is enthusiastic about proceeding with the operation. In addition ESMEALDITE is well aware of the security aspects of the operation.

3. The core of the operation will be to have WSBURNT labor exiles participate in the work of the Committee which will be predominantly composed of exiles from the local Latin American type dictatorships. In this manner it is believed that the impression will be created for labor and politicians of the left that WSBURNT is similar to other dictatorships which they vehemently oppose. The fear of local dictatorships is far stronger than the fear of Communism to the politicians of the left and the non-Communist labor movement. In addition, the participation of WSBURNT exile leaders in the Committee will tend to make many believe they are to continue in the same category of the other exiles, in more or less of a permanent exile status. This, too, will contribute to some confusion as to KUBARK-supported covert activities.

4. To initiate the operation, the following is proposed for approval:

a. that ESMEALDITE be given approximately \$2,000 to use to work up organizational and propaganda aspects to lead to the Latin American Trade Union Committee in Exile meeting which will be held shortly after his return to Mexico from Montevideo in June.

b. that the remainder of funds requested by ESMEALDITE be released upon his submittal of satisfactory evidence of a successful

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arrangement for launching the Committee into operation via the method of the meeting. In this connection, attached is ESMERALDITE's preliminary rundown of the expenses to be incurred at the meeting including delegates to attend.

5. In connection with PRESUCCESS aspects, it is believed that WSBURNT participation in the Committee should be consistent with its present situation vis-a-vis Latin American Exiled trade unionists generally, in order not to appear to those groups which we wish to influence that the Committee has been rigged for specific purposes inconsistent with the objectives of ORIT.

6. Regarding cover for the operation, ESMERALDITE is witting of ODYOKE interest. His awareness of intelligence interest stems from his relationships with KUBARK in WSBURNT prior to his employment by ORIT in Mexico.

7. However, the cover story that ESMERALDITE will use is believed adequate for the purposes of this one-shot limited operation.

[] The natural suspicion which would be aroused in labor circles is that the money was coming from []

[] Since ORIT is lacking in funds for this type activity and many of the leaders of ORIT in Mexico City are exiles themselves, it is not believed that any detailed questions as to the source of funds will be made.

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