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Memorandum for the Record

Subject: Instructions for During Mexico Trip in Preparation
of Congress

NOTE: The following paragraphs will be translated into Spanish without use of pseudonyms or cryptonyms and presented to orally by Mr. Ford. It will probably be necessary for to make a few notes which should be as sterile as possible.

1. You are requested to go to Mexico City on or about Monday, 8 March. You should proceed from Miami to Brownsville, Texas, by air where you will arrange the necessary Mexican visa or tourist card and from Brownsville to Mexico City you should travel by train. (This will keep your name off international air manifests.)

2. Upon arriving in Mexico City your first task should be procuring a post office box preferably in the central post office. Then you should telephone your home in and give the name and number of the post office box. This phone call should be made from a public phone, possibly in an office of the telephone company, since there are not many public pay phones in Mexico City. You should also advise your family in where you are staying in Mexico City and you should give the number of a phone where you may be reached.

A. Operational Detail: When an incoming phone call for you arrives from the United States, you should never accept the call. You should take the number of the Mexico City operator and then go to a public phone and return the call.

B. Operational Detail: Mr. Ford will provide you with a half card, the other half of which probably will be presented to you as identification by one of our aides in Mexico. When you get a letter in your post office box or a telephone communication from Palacio Valdez, you will respond by meeting him in the lobby of the Hotel Reforma on the date specified, but one hour earlier than specified. Palacio Valdez will then meet you bearing the half card and he will be wearing a straw hat, a red tie, and sun glasses, and will have a pipe in his mouth.

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3. In Mexico you will consider yourself the official representative of CEUA, FAGE, and CEUAGE.

4. Your first official visit should be to Colonel Ramirez. You are requested to inform him that if you can achieve harmony and unity among the several Guatemalan refugee groups in Mexico, your Group will be able to provide \$10,000.00 to help support a Hemisphere Congress at which the Guatemalan cause will be discussed and substantially aided. The name of the Congress will probably be Congreso de los Combatientes Progresivos Contra el Comunismo. The Congress will be held in cooperation with Sr. Prieto Laurens. It should be stressed that unless unity can be achieved among the Guatemalan groups, no Congress will be held.

5. After you feel assured that everything has been done to reach an understanding with Colonel Ramirez, you are requested to visit Sr. Prieto Laurens. (Operational Detail: Note carefully that Senor Prieto Laurens should not be visited until after you have reached an understanding with Colonel Ramirez.) You should first discuss Sr. Prieto Laurens' general plans for a Congress and then if you are convinced that it is worth while enlisting his aid and cooperation, you should inform him that your Group would be willing to support his Congress to the extent of \$10,000.00 if he will agree to have a group of Guatemalan refugees participate in the Congress and if he will agree that the Guatemalan issue be examined during the last two days of the Congress.

If Sr. Prieto Laurens agrees, you should explain to him that you believe it necessary to advertize the Congress in other countries and to present invitations by means of sending four emissaries, each of whom would visit about four countries and would carry some personal invitations, advertising materials, and funds and instructions for placing ads in the press of the capital cities where they visit. If Sr. Prieto Laurens agrees, you should choose the four emissaries, at least one of whom would be a Guatemalan who is a mature responsible person with the ability to make public addresses.

These emissaries should not depart from Mexico until after you have returned to the United States and have received the approval of the Group on your progress thus far. After this concurrence has been received, you would then advise Prieto Laurens by telephone or by a pre-arranged telegraphic message that the emissaries may depart if Prieto Laurens is satisfied that they have full instructions regarding invitees, propaganda, and their itinerary. The Guatemalan emissary, who has been chosen because of his maturity and oratorical ability, should make Brazil the final country of his itinerary. In Rio de Janeiro he should telegraph Prieto Laurens giving

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the name of his hotel. After this the Guatemalan emissary will probably be contacted with an offer of a two-week lecture tour which he should accept.

6. Operational Details: For your telephone and mail communications with Mr. Ford you are requested to use the following pseudonyms:

Colonel Ramirez	Santo
<u>Comite Pro Liberacion de Guatemala</u>	Bodega
Sr. Prieto Laurens	Peon
<u>Frente Popular Anti-Comunista de Mexico</u>	Molino

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