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Security Matters

Compromise Cable Traffic, PBSUCCESS

References: C] 816, 817;
LING 611, 612

1. Foregoing references and statement from FIVALL clearly establishes that:
 - A. [] failed to properly paraphrase and/or substitute official cryptonyms and pseudonyms for field counterparts on messages involved, which had been passed to SEEKFORD.
 - B. Case Officer, SEEKFORD, failed to properly safeguard above messages received from []
 - C. Messages in question, according to intermediary, had been brought to personal attention of President SOMOZA.
2. Pending Headquarters' action as per LING 612, LINCOLN's initial reaction aside from the compromise of communications security, was more or less to the effect that President SOMOZA is simply more witting of PBSUCCESS than heretofore known. In this regard a verbal comment was made to one of LINCOLN's officers in November 1953 to the effect that shortly after President SOMOZA's visit to President TRUMAN, and while en route back to Managua, the escorting U. S. officer had spoken quite openly to SOMOZA regarding his cooperation against Guatemala. Upon making the assessment of PBSUCCESS no record of the latter was found in the files of WHD. LINCOLN is only slightly informed as to the true extent of SEEKFORD's personal negotiations with SOMOZA. As an indication of the extent of this relationship, a reference is made to C] 775. [] was queried as to the identity of this American on the occasion of the Regional Conference of 12-13 February and admitted that, unquestionably, the person referred to was SEEKFORD. However, he was

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reluctant to so state it in a cable until he could quote some reliable source.

3. From the security aspect, LINCOLN urges fullest Headquarters investigation and the change of all pertinent cryptonyms. From the overall operational standpoint, LINCOLN assumes that, as in the case of the White Paper incident, all concerned are fully agreed to press PBSUCCESS to a successful conclusion, with complete attainment of the objectives set for the Project.

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Enclosures:

[] Messages to SEEKFORD (Original
and 3 true copies)
LING Security Officer's Debriefing
of PIVALL (Original and 2 copies)

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