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Chief of Station, Guatemala City

Chief of Project, FBSUCCESS

Operational Matters

KUFIRE Tasks, FBSUCCESS

1. Attached herewith are ten (10) specific KUFIRE tasks for your priority development as indicated in each instance.

2. The symbols assigned each task will be used for the duration of this project in all cable or dispatch references disregarding previously assigned cryptonyms or project outlines. They will also be used in your monthly accounting summary for this project.

3. The attached is forwarded for purposes of general guidance and operational authority. Further and more specific details will be provided, task by task, as the situation develops and is warranted.

4. A "Weekly KUFIRE Operational Report" is to be submitted to LINCOLN, copy to Headquarters, which will reflect progress and effort expended in the development of each task. This report will be valuable to Project Headquarters to determine the situation in the field on a weekly basis. For your information, this Headquarters is obligated to provide an assessment of operational progress for higher echelons on or about 15 February 1954. It is contemplated that this assessment will be prepared from the above weekly reports and other data received during the period thus relieving the field of further special reporting at that time.

5. A special "Psychological Intelligence (P/I) Directive" will be forwarded soon for your guidance. During the current stage of operations all KUFIRE operations should probe for potential resistance agents or defectors in place but take no action in this direction other than to firm up the prospective agent as much as possible in a control status. A special directive will be forwarded on this subject which will provide guidance as to the timing and manner of converting the potential defector or resistance agent into an active status.

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6. Any operational activity of a KUFIRE nature which is not provided for in the attached list or that you would recommend for approval as a specific task in the future, should be forwarded by cable in a similar manner, indicating your estimated cost on a monthly basis. Upon approval by this Project Headquarters, a specific symbol would be assigned for identification and accounting purposes.

7. The estimated cost indicated in the attached list of tasks is for the period 1 January to 1 March 1954.

Attachment:

Tasks FT/1 thru FT/10 (3 pgs)

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A. Based in Guatemala:

FT/1:

Identity - ESCONSON Project

Responsible Officer - C/S, Guatemala City

Mission - To exploit capabilities of this project to provide psych/intelligence coverage of target; (a) government officials; (b) high level military officials; (c) pro-government political groups and (d) to develop contacts within Communist circles. To probe all contacts for potential resistance cadre leaders.

Estimated cost: \$800.00

FT/2:

Identity - ESCROW

Responsible Officer - C/S, Guatemala City

Mission - To concentrate his efforts within high level pro-government political circles and Communist hierarchy in order to provide psych/intelligence.

Estimated cost: \$600.00

FT/3:

Identity - ESOTRIFE

Responsible Officer - C/S, Guatemala City

Mission - To concentrate her efforts among female organizations both pro and con the government to provide psych/intelligence in addition to economic intelligence desired through ESOTRIFE-2.

Estimated cost: \$300.00

FT/4:

Identity [ ]

Responsible Officer - C/S, Guatemala City

Mission - To develop contacts within pro-Communist labor circles in order to provide coverage of psych/intelligence and determine details regarding later para-military preparations.

Estimated cost: \$200.00

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FT/5:

Identity - ESODIC

Responsible Officer - C/S, Guatemala City

Mission - To develop both agent and his brother to provide psych/tactical intelligence coverage of target army; to develop pro-U. S./anti-CP army officers to serve in resistance cells within the Army.

Estimated cost: \$1,000.00

FT/6

Identity - ESKIMOID

Responsible Officer - C/S, Guatemala City

Mission - To develop agent to utilize past clandestine training to organize information net among agricultural circles in order to provide psych/intelligence from this stratum to be supplemented with economic intelligence within his capabilities; to determine details regarding CP para-military preparations outside of Guatemala City.

Estimated cost: \$400.00

FT/7:

Identity - ESLABON

Responsible Officer - C/S, Guatemala City

Mission - To establish contact through a cut-out to develop agent to provide intelligence coverage of Caribbean Legion and other CP para-military preparations in target area.

Estimated cost: \$500.00

FT/8:

Identity - L

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Responsible Officer - C/S, Guatemala City

Mission - To develop these contacts to concentrate on the defection of Col. Arturo MENDEZABAL Pena, Captain of Guatemala City Airport, to serve in resistance group; to exploit relationship to provide psych/tactical intelligence.

Estimated cost: \$800.00

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FT/9:

Identity - L ]

Responsible Officer - C/S, Guatemala City

Mission - To acquire operational control over subject through secure cut-out, developing him to exploit CP labor contacts in order to provide psych/intelligence; to determine details of CP para-military preparations within labor groups.

Estimated cost: \$1,000.00

FT/10:

Identity - L ]

Responsible Officer - C/S, Guatemala City

Mission - To develop subject to serve as principal agent and field case officer to handle covert agents.

Estimated cost: \$3,000.00

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