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CONTACT REPORT

C/R 47 C J

C J provided procedure from here. C J

2003

DATE: 1030, 11 December 1953

PLACE: Mr. C J office

PERSONS PRESENT: Messrs. C J and C J

DISCUSSION:

A detailed discussion of the problems which were brought up in general terms at the previous meeting (See C/R 46) was made.

It was agreed that the first problem, that of security, was the clearing by CIA security of the various CAA and Weather Bureau personnel who would be stationed on the island during the period that the unit would be located there. Mr. C J volunteered to make a phone call to his regional office in Ft. Worth.

As to the shipment of equipment, it was decided that it would be necessary to obtain a Navy LST to handle the volume of equipment involved. It was agreed that C J and C J would make arrangements for this shipment. Mr. C J explained that in the CAA organization, all planning was handled by regional offices and that any directives to installations such as Santa Fe, all shipments to installations such as this, would appear abnormal if touched in any way by CAA in Washington. He suggested that to improve cover and for efficiency, that a contact might be better arranged with the regional CAA official in Ft. Worth and detailed planning be carried out with this officer. He pointed out that in broad terms, this officer must be made aware of the activity that is to take place on this installation under his jurisdiction. He further explained that the actual explanation to the CAA personnel on Santa Fe as to the propaganda unit's work while on the island and the general briefing in security to impress CAA personnel, would have to be made by this regional officer. It was realized that this meant cutting one more official into the operation in broad terms. It would be necessary in either case that we make contact with him or work through the Washington office. It was agreed to explore this subject further before a final decision as to the approach to the regional officer was made.

Mr. C J agreed that he would make here and now a definite decision to postpone the departure of CAA from Santa Fe until 1 April. He stated that he would make necessary budgetary adjustments without attracting undue attention. Mr. C J confided that when the conference had broken up and was to leave the office, Mr. Lee had asked him to remain behind a few minutes. Mr. C J had made a strong plea for Mr. C J to convince us of the necessity of cutting in in general terms the Weather Bureau as this was a sister service and jurisdictions were parallel. Mr. C J explained that the Weather Bureau had full control over all their personnel

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personnel stationed on the island and that no directives such as the directive on our cover stories, security briefing of personnel involved, etc. could not be made by any CAA official without the knowledge and approval by his Weather Bureau counterpart. This was agreed on in principle by all those attending the meeting. It was pointed out that security, in the long run, would be served by cutting in the Weather Bureau counterpart of Mr. C] and the regional officer, if necessary. This cutting in could be done in much broader terms than was done in the case of CAA. It is believed that an approach can be made representing this as a Department of Defense effort. Such a cover story will be necessary in any case for the CAA regional officer and the Santa Fe personnel.

In general terms, messing, housing and other facilities were discussed. However, neither Mr. C] nor Mr. C] had such information available at this time. Mr. C] at this time telephoned his regional officer at Ft. Worth and asked that he send by cable the names of all CAA personnel now on Santa Fe. In addition, he requested that he obtain the names of Weather Bureau personnel and include them in the cable. Mr. C] told his regional man that the date for withdrawal from Santa Fe had been delayed until 1 April and for him to make his plans accordingly.

Mr. C] will telephone these names of the Santa Fe personnel to C] when obtained. These names will be turned over to I & S so that they may initiate security clearances. (NOTE: I & S state that they must also act on security clearance for Messrs. C], the regional officer, if involved and the Weather Bureau counterparts.) Mr. C] and Mr. C] will further explore all the details of logistical support of the island, will continue the thinking on cover arrangements for the propaganda broadcast unit, etc. and will meet again with Mr. C] and Mr. C] when they so desire.

C]
11 December 1953

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