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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, SE DIVISION

ATTENTION: ()

SUBJECT: Planning Study, BGFIEND

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1. Recent study of Project BGFIEND and related circumstances indicates staff action along following lines is essential:

a. Review of national policy related to BGFIEND to determine what changes in or extension of policy may be essential or desirable.

b. Preparation of a plan for CIA participation in a spontaneous coup or a coup sponsored by a third power in the country concerned.

c. Conduct of a strategic planning study to determine the conditions under which CIA should initiate and/or participate in a coordinated multilateral coup in the country concerned in combination with forces of other interested countries.

2. My Operations Branch (), action officer, room 1510 K, ext. 3080) has been assigned primary staff interest for Paramilitary Staff and directed to proceed with action indicated in para. 1. a. and 1. c., above, in coordination with SE Division and other interested staffs.

3. It is requested that SE Division assume primary staff interest in connection with action indicated in para. 1. b., above in coordination with my Operations Branch. As a preliminary step in your planning, and in order to assist in studies indicated in para. 1. a. and c., above, it is requested that you prepare and make available to me an operational estimate of the situation for the country concerned as early as practicable.

4. The enclosure to this memorandum is a suggested list of factors to be included in the operational estimate. Any other factors which you consider appropriate should also be included.

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SUGGESTED POINTS FOR INCLUSION IN OPERATIONAL ESTIMATE

1. Analysis of Mission:

a. In the event of a spontaneous or third-power-sponsored unilateral coup with subsequent CIA participation.

b. In the event of a coordinated multilateral coup planned and carried out by mutual agreement between US and other participating countries with maximum participation by each.

2. Terrain Analysis of the Country to Include:

a. Geographical factors affecting the conduct of military and paramilitary operations.

✓ b. Disposition of population and industries within the country.

✓ c. Major communication networks and facilities (rail, road, air, river, maritime).

✓ d. Climatological conditions affecting military and paramilitary operations.

✓ e. Economy of the country and significant economic considerations which should be considered in planning a coup and subsequent establishment of a stable regime.

3. Opposition Forces: Should include pertinent consideration of the following points for the existing government itself, the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the police and secret security forces:

a. Organization and geographical disposition (order of battle type information).

b. Control.

(1) Key headquarters, communications, and other control facilities.

(2) Key opposition leaders.

c. Operational readiness of armed forces and police to combat a revolutionary coup d'etat.

(1) Loyalty to present regime.

(2) Effectiveness

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(2) Effectiveness of local security measures protecting military and police headquarters, communications facilities, storage depots, and other installations against partisan attacks.

(3) Degree of alertness of military and police units for emergency action to include amounts of ammunition in immediate possession of troops and speed with which units can prepare for combat.

d. Mobility: Availability of rail, automotive, and air transport for movement of troop and police units to threatened areas and installations.

4. US and Friendly Forces and Assets:

a. BCFIEND assets (inside country and supporting) to include personnel, materiel, transportation, supply stocks, etc.).

(1) CIA

(2) Indigenous forces controlled by CIA

b. NCFA.

c. Third power (UK-Yugoslavia-Greece-Italy)

d. Other indigenous assets in country

(1) Covert organizations in the country which are opposed to the present regime but which are not presently CIA controlled.

(2) Potential

(a) Political, cultural, military or other overt organizations operating under various degrees of government control and/or surveillance, but which could be rapidly brought under CIA or friendly control upon inception of a coup.

(b) Unorganized resistance elements of population which could be expected to actively assist and participate in a revolution following the outbreak of an armed uprising. (Include consideration of extent to which internees in concentration camps could be used to reinforce revolutionary forces.)

(c) Material assets

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(c) Material assets of the government, armed forces, and police which are immediately convertible to use by revolutionary forces upon initiation of a revolution (combat aircraft, naval vessels, weapons, materiel, stores, signal communications, transportation, airfields, supporting base facilities etc.).

(d) Commercial assets which are immediately convertible to use by revolutionary forces upon initiation of a revolution (same type assets indicated for military under para. (c), above).

5. Possible courses of action and advantages and disadvantages of each. Discussion of additional BGFIEND assets and support which would be required for each course of action considered.

a. In event of spontaneous coup.

to unite several
b. In event of coordinated multilateral coup.

6. Recommended course of action:

a. In event of ~~spontaneous~~ coup.

unilateral coup
b. In event of coordinated multilateral coup.

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