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8 August 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD.

HR70-14

Late in the afternoon of 6 August 1946, the Office of the Secretary of State requested a meeting of NIA to be held on 7 August 1946. The purpose of the proposed meeting was to air the danger involved in pulling FBI operatives out of Central and South America prior to the time CIG was prepared to take over--and to come to necessary decisions in the matter. At the time of calling the meeting, the State Department requested we prepare a memorandum for NIA, outlining our actions to date in this regard and indicating our time schedule for taking over Central and South American activities.

The NIA meeting was held on the morning of 7 August and our memo was submitted by Colonel Galloway. All NIA members were adamant in the necessity for FBI to remain operative in the area until we took over and in the necessity for an overlap of operatives in order to preserve continuity.

The meeting was brief, spearheaded by Admiral Leahy. The Secretary NIA was directed to prepare a letter to the Attorney General, requesting that FBI be directed to retain their operation in the subject area until we were fully operative. The Secretary was also directed to draft a letter to the Attorney General, to be signed by the President, for use in the event no action was taken by the Attorney General on the letter from NIA.

The NIA letter to the Attorney General was prepared by us on 7 August, signed by all members of NIA, and dispatched on the morning of 8 August 1946. The draft of the presidential letter has been approved by all members of NIA and is being retained for later use if necessary.

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Executive to the Director.

On Saturday, 10 August, I was called to the office of Admiral Leahy and informed that the Attorney General had agreed to take steps providing FBI personnel did not move out of Latin American areas until CIG could replace them with proper operatives and until there was a reasonable overlap of time between the arrival of CIG personnel and the departure of FBI personnel. Admiral Leahy also stated that Mr. Clark was anxious that CIG take no steps toward the employment of FBI personnel in Latin American areas as this personnel were all trained operators and were needed in the domestic field.

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