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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: [redacted] Recommendation to Establish a Branch Office for
 FBIB to Afford Better Interception of Latin American
 Broadcasts

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1. On 10 January 1949 I discussed the attached papers concerning
subject recommendation at considerable length with [redacted] Con-
cluding the conference I advised [redacted] that:

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a. While it is recognized that present interception of
Latin America, with certain exceptions, is not entirely satis-
factory, it is expected that the improved technical installation
at Hedgecock will correspondingly improve interception at the
East Coast.

b. The expense inherent in establishing a branch office
such as that recommended would be considerable.

c. The relative importance of Latin America in the
national intelligence picture together with the fact that
the IAC agencies are not as dependent on FBIB for Latin American
coverage as they are in certain other more critical areas of the
world make the expenditure of additional funds for Latin American
coverage unwarranted.

d. If funds in excess of our present budget are to be
requested, I would prefer to spend such funds in improving
FBIB coverage in areas concerning which IAC agencies rely
more heavily on FBIB for information.

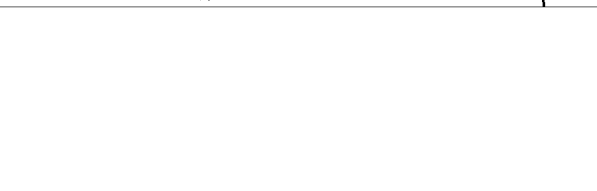
e. While I had no objection to [redacted] submitting his
recommendations to the Management Branch, and encouraged him
to do so if he felt strongly about it, I would oppose his
recommendation before the committee which decides on such
matters.

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f. I was concerned primarily with the fact that he had
brought to my attention that approximately three monitors in
the East Coast Bureau are being inefficiently used and that
unless he could find ways without delay to use their services
efficiently I would transfer them to other positions in FBIB.

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2. then stated that:

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a. Under the circumstances he did not choose to submit his recommendation to Management Branch.

b. He thought it would be a mistake to transfer monitors from the East Coast Bureau and that he would attempt immediately to work out a more efficient method of utilizing their services.

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