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SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

I. PRESENT FDD PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICA

The following is a description of the current FDD program for the exploitation of foreign language documents on Latin America. This program is devised to meet the needs of the IAC agencies as previously expressed by their representatives on the Subcommittee for the Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications and as modified through subsequent operational liaison with IAC analysts.

The sources covered by the program include central and provincial newspapers of the respective countries of Latin America, selected periodicals dealing with the subjects indicated, and selected monographs.

Results of the exploitation program are published in the Semiweekly Information Report on Latin America, which is marked "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY." Items on Communist and Communist-front organizations, East-West travel and contacts, East-West trade, and international arms traffic are reported in the weekly Selected Briefs from the International Press.

The Semiweekly Information Report on Latin America contains information in the following subject categories on Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela, by countries.

1. External Affairs

a. Comments on major issues in the UN (e.g., control of atomic energy; admission of Communist China).

b. Comments on major issues in the OAS or inter-American meetings (especially economic problems, Communism, colonial issues, meetings of ministers of finance or economy in Rio de Janeiro, November 1954).

c. Articles on controversial US policies.

d. Anti-US articles and propaganda.

2. Internal Political Affairs

a. Evidence of strong nationalist tendencies inimical to US interests.

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b. Anti-government activities: (1) articles on political revolutionary and other movements from the weekly Cuban periodical Bohemia only; (2) report on former guerilla leaders, disturbances, seizure of clandestine propaganda, radio transmitters, etc., in Colombia; (3) activities of Argentina exiles and evidence of Peronist penetrations in Uruguay; (4) personal attacks on higher government officials of the Dominican Republic; (5) editorial accounts on activities of opponents of Castillo regime in Guatemala.

c. Significant political trends: (1) political development in Colombia; (2) political development in Cuba from the weekly Cuban periodical Bohemia only; (3) relations of Partido Popular and Communist Party in Mexico; (4) any new party coalition information and/or operation and their attitude toward the administration in Chile; (5) political development in the Brazilian states with reference to the 1955 presidential elections; (6) government decrees of anti-Communist measures and electoral rules from Gaceta Oficial only; (7) Church-State relations in Argentina.

d. Organized labor developments: (legislation, organization, policies, leaders, and affiliations in Guatemala, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Colombia, Mexico, Ecuador, Uruguay, and Venezuela).

3. Economic

National-level information only concerning foreign trade, transportation, and telecommunications; electric power in Chile.

4. Information concerning military and quasi-military forces of Bolivia, Paraguay, and the Dominican Republic (order of battle, training, equipment, installations, organization of top command and units, civil defense).

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II. PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE FDD PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICA

The following modifications of the current program are recommended as a result of comment from the substantive consumers of the information presented in the scheduled reports outlined above.

Delete under 1b: "meetings of ministers of finance or economy in Rio de Janeiro, Nov 1954."

Add 1e: References to official visits and courtesies of Latin American governments to Dominican Republic. X

Add 2e: Government organization and political parties: 1) organization of government, operations and relationships of government agencies, local and regional government and relationship of these levels to the national government in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Argentina, and Uruguay; 2) names and positions of middle-ranking government and party officials in Brazil, Bolivia, and Chile; 3) activities and organization of political parties in Uruguay, Brazil (in all states and Federal District), Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Argentina; 4) speeches by party leaders in the Brazilian national congress on significant political, economic, and social legislation.

Change 3: Economic, as follows:

- a. National-level information only concerning foreign trade, transportation, and telecommunications;
- b. Important industrial development (including electric power) in Guatemala, Argentina, and Chile: plans, policy statements by major officials, and information on financial status and profitability of existing major plants.

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