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LINCOLN

KU30WN - Operational
Telephone team for rumor propagation

1. It is requested that you instruct the ESSENCE group to appoint eight or ten of its members to a telephone provocation committee.
2. It is further requested that as their first task, the committee members make about ten phone calls each to the homes of Army officers who are captains and above. The caller will ostensibly be a secretary of a labor union (Station choose the most likely communist union). The caller will ascertain that he is speaking to a household servant and then will inform her that she is expected to affiliate herself with the union, giving instructions about where she should sign up and pay her monthly dues. The dues should be several quetzales monthly, enough to make payment impossible for the average servant. When the servant protests, she should be admonished that the Government will not tolerate non-union servants.
3. The Committee should be carefully instructed to make their calls on the same date and hour so as to minimize the risk of unfriendly persons becoming aware of the operation and hour so as to minimize the risk of unfriendly persons becoming aware of the operation and taking steps to trace such calls at the Central Exchange.
4. After this assignment has been carried out, and an estimate of its effectiveness obtained, LINCOLN will provide the theme for the next telephone provocation operation.

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