

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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DATE: 1400, 13 Feb. 54

PLACE: War Room

PERSONS PRESENT: [

DISCUSSION:

Brief resume of previous day's discussions and explanation of PBSUCCESS and what is to be accomplished was given by C/P. "It is the determination of our government to repel Communist aggression throughout the world." Unconventional warfare was defined. Unconventional warfare is, of necessity, cover so that denial by our government of our participation in these activities can, at all times, be made. The enemy is aggressive, has initiative and drive. C/P also said that his door is always open for any constructive criticism that anyone may have to offer and that he welcomes having it.

Unconventional warfare resembles military warfare so closely that/is it called "para-military."

This command was authorized as a special "task force" for PBSUCCESS. We are on a 7-day week, 24-hour day.

[] volunteered that though it is interesting to receive copy (info) of a cable, it is not necessary and tends to overburden the commo people. [] concurred, saying that there are many things which he doesn't need to know which come in; it is expensive as well as burdening the technicians. As long as he receives everything he is supposed to, then that is all he wants.

C/P mentioned the SITREP which is a basic reference for the Tuesday meeting (in Washington). C/P said we should like to paraphrase the SITREP and send it out in the pouch so that the stations will receive a copy on Wednesday. This would provide them with a current estimate of the situation.

being [] noted that subtlety often goes much further with the Latins than /bold and blatant about anything. He thinks that we, as Americans, are not inclined to be this way.

The problem of sending duplicate clippings to various posts was raised and the time and man hours consumed discussed. The request for this mailing of clippings came from Headquarters and was related to one specific situation. This situation has now ceased to exist. [] said that clippings can be placed more securely than photostats or mimeographed sheets. The suggestion was made that LINCOLN ~~xxxxxx~~ consolidate the information from the newspapers which are shipped here and that they could then be evaluated. C/P authorized discontinuance of clipping service until further direction.

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It was suggested that LINCOLN arrange to forward clippings from newspapers received from the field to the various stations concerned through the open mail to safe boxes.

Psych Intel report was discussed next. These reports should be sent via open mail, following State Dept. unaccompanied air mail rules.

In addition to checking Embassy procedures, it was requested that the C/Ss send unaccompanied test pouches with only the press digests [] being requested to send only newspaper clippings and we shall acknowledge receipt of these pouches by cable. [] suggested that we suggest media to be used for dissemination of material but allow the C/Ss to use their own judgment in passing it out.

Re previous discussions on PP, FI and PM - until plans are firmed up, and unless there is advice to the contrary, we shall endeavor to follow through on the programs discussed earlier in the day.

At this point, Gen. Cabell's arrival ended the review conference and a briefing was given him.

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