

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. The purpose of this paper is to outline in broad terms the support that will be required of the Office of Communications to accomplish the objectives of Operation FBSUCCESS. Upon completion of detailed planning, a communications annex will be prepared.

2. Communications support for the program is as follows:

A. Propaganda Radio Broadcasts

It is planned to initiate a continuing shortwave propaganda broadcast designed to influence the target area listening audience. A possible base for this broadcast is [ ]

B. "Ghost Voicing"

Utilizing new remote modulation techniques, it is desired to initiate a program which, when used judiciously and timed to coincide with the period of maximum outside pressure, will harass and confuse the target audience.

C. Complete capture of Target Area Listening Audience on "D" Day

Simultaneous with the sabotage of the main target area radio station, it is desired to provide broadcast facilities ostensibly originating from the sabotaged radio station. It is believed that these facilities can be made available by using the propaganda broadcast transmitter operating on the authorized frequency of the target station.

As contingency planning for the above, it is planned to install a one KW broadcast transmitter in a safehouse or in the embassy compound, to be used to jam the main radio station in the event that sabotage plans fail.

D. Interruption Program

It is desired that an assessment be made of the military and security force radio circuits of the target country with a view to possible use of interruption techniques following "D" day.

3. It is planned to launch ten agent radio operators into important areas of the target country prior to "D" day. These operators, using RB-1s or RB-6s, will work into the CIA radio base station located in [ ]

One communications instructor must be assigned to accomplish the desired training. Target date for the commencement of training is 15 December 1953.

4. Necessary staff communications from sub-stations and areas to the PASUCCESS mission headquarters at [ ] will be by radio to the CIA base station in Washington with relay to [ ] through the Washington signal center.

To provide for the necessary communications it will be necessary to assign one radio operator to [ ] and a second radio operator to the Embassy at Guatemala City.

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