

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM  
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LOG - PBFORTUNE MEETINGS

2003  
8 September 1953

1400 hrs. - [ ]  
Dodge Hotel. [ ]

[ ] met SEEKFORD and [ ] in Room 404,  
[ ] was not introduced by name.

1630 hrs. - Mr. Wisner and Col. King gave Mr. Dulles a general briefing.  
Also present were Mr. Tofte and [ ]

1740 hrs. - Col. King briefed General Cabell. Also present, [ ]  
and Mr. Tofte. General Cabell stated we not only have a full green light  
to go ahead, but a bayonet prodding our back to get going.

9 September - [ ]  
Finance Div., and [ ]

PBF for CWH. Funds delivered to CWH by [ ]

1030 hrs. [ ]

[ ] met SEEKFORD.

[ ] met with [ ] Chief, Monetary Branch,  
[ ], Dep. Chief, to draw advance of \$20,000 against

1600 hrs. - Meeting of Col. King, [ ]  
Berry, Barnes and Tofte.

[ ], and Messrs. Leddy,

10 September

9:30 a.m. - Telephonic request to Col [ ]

[ ] for safe house and guards.

10:00 a.m. - Conferences with [ ] Ex. 2425 or 2410, and [ ]  
Ex. 2460, of I & S, re safe house and guards, [ ]

1200 hrs. - [ ] met [ ] at hotel. Accompanied [ ]  
to safe house. returned 5:30 p.m. [ ]

1615 hrs. - Meeting in Mr. Wisner's office - Wisner, Tofte and King.  
Careful review of final draft of basic plan.

2030 hrs. - King and SEEKFORD. - 19 delivered to SEEKFORD for transmission  
to RUFUS.

11 September

11:15 a.m. - [ ]

[ ] and King, CWH office.

1500 hrs. - Meeting Mr. Wisner's office. Present, Wisner, Tofte, King, Helms  
Basic paper approved by Wisner and hand delivered to Assistant to the  
Director, Mr [ ]

11 September (cont.)

10:30 - 2:30 - [ ]

4:00 p.m. [ ]

[ ] met [ ] and SEEKFORD.

[ ] on policies regarding use of safe house.

[ ] procured Spanish lang. publications for [ ] [ ]

12 September

[ ] sent above publications by I&S courier.

14 September

1100 hrs. [ ] met SEEKFORD at safe rendezvous to transfer spare typewriter to his custody.

2:00 p.m. - [ ]

newspaper support in Nicaragua.

[ ] on reliability of

- Col. King met with American business men in New York re economic pressures against Guatemala.

15 September

12:15 hrs. - Meeting Wisner's office - Wisner, King, Tofte.

1100 hrs. [ ] met Mr. [ ] Chief CIA Reproduction re propaganda materials.

16 September

9:30 a.m. [ ]

of propaganda materials.

[ ] to discuss costs of reproduction

10:30 a.m. - Col. King met Col. [ ] re clearances for Directors of W.R. Grace & Co., Standard Oil Co. of N. J. and American Coffee Corp. Will be handled personally by Col. [ ] Deadline on Mr. [ ] of American Coffee - 21 Sept. Others - 30 Sept.

11:30 a.m. - Col. King, Tofte and Helms, on personnel for operation.

12:30 p.m. - [ ] met Richard [ ] re potential art support by Mr. [ ] staff.

1:30 p.m. - [ ] Col. King, [ ] at safe house. Discussed Belize International Committee, sabotage and subversion in ports, finances, training for staging areas.

16 September (cont.)

3:00 p.m. - [ ] met Tofte. Tofte presented numerous questions to be asked of [ ] and made detailed suggestions in reference to poison pen letters to be sent into Guatemala.

4:00 p.m. - Col. King met [ ] on Nicaraguan phase of PBSUCCESS.

17 September

10:30 a.m. - Col. King met Mr. [ ] Wilkins Bldg., 1512 H St. NW, re Cuban arms and diversion for other uses.

12:00 to 2:30 p.m. - [ ] and discussed overall PW plan and [ ] answers to the questions presented to him at the meeting of 11 September.

3:00 p.m. - Helms, [ ] , Barnes, Tofte, King - Discussed new team for Guatemala.

4:00 p.m. - Leddy, Barnes, Tofte, King, [ ] - Leddy reported on State Dept. developments.

18 September

10:00 a.m. - Mr. [ ]

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Meeting in Admin. Bldg. - Dulles, Cabell, Wisner, Helms, [ ] , Barnes, King, Tofte, [ ] Plan approved and advance of \$50,000 authorized. PSB has approved and request will be made personally by DCI to Mr. [ ] Director of the Budget.

21 September

9:30 a.m. - [ ] Col. King - ship; free Port of New York; Lot No. 116.

10:30 a.m. - [ ] Debriefing re U.S. Embassy personnel in Guatemala.

1445 hrs. - Mr. [ ] Alien Affairs Officer - re re-entry permit and other documentation for C.C.

1600 hrs. - Meeting at [ ] Kalorama Road - [ ] King, Tofte, [ ]

22 September

10:00 a.m. - Debriefing of [ ] Guatemala.

11:00 am. - Questioning of [ ] and [ ] to determine suitability for Tegucigalpa.

1430 hrs. - Meeting in Mr. [ ] office. Present - [ ] King and [ ] to discuss Cuban arms.

1630 hrs. - Trip with [ ] to safe house for meeting with [ ]

24 September

1600 hrs. - Mtg. in office of CWH. Present Cols. King and [ ] Messrs. Leddy and Tofte.

28 September

11:00 a.m. - Meeting in Mr. [ ]'s office. Also present, [ ] and [ ] Details of new T/O for Guatemala and [ ] discussed and agreement reached that nothing should be done by CIA until State has set up the new slots.

12:00 o'clock - Meeting with Mr. Earman re PBSUCCESS budget. He suggested that, now Mr. Wisner is back, it be cleared through him.

1530 hrs. - Meeting with Mr. Helms. [ ] has agreed to go as PP officer to Guatemala. [ ] is in a Japanese rest camp, due back in November. Mr. Helms gave instructions to Desmond Fitzgerald to get [ ] back at once if his health permits. Mr. Helms agreed that before we approach State for slots everything be laid on properly Stateside by General Smith and Mr. Berry.

1600 hrs. - Mr. Wisner approved revised budget for PBSUCCESS, initialed it, and instructed me to take it to Mr. Earman for transmittal to Mr. Dulles.

1615 hrs. - Mr. Earman, who promised to get it to the Director tonight. At that moment the Director stepped out. I spoke to him and he is ready to take the matter to the Director of the Budget.

29 September -

1500 hrs. - Meeting with Col. [ ] in Col. King's office re [ ]

30 September

12:00 noon - Meeting with [ ]

[ ] talked with [ ] about budgetary requirements and approval by [ ] of the last two phases of the PW portion of PBSUCCESS.

1 October

11:30 a.m. - Mtg. in Col. King's office - Messrs. [ ]

4:00 p.m. - Mtg. in CWH office, Colonels King and [ ], Mr. Leddy, Mr. Leddy stated that Agreement for Peurifoy was received on 1 October; Willauer's name is in for security clearance for Honduras.

2 October

1730 hrs. - [ ] met Gen. Cabell.

3 October

Meeting of Col. King in New York with Mr. [ ] re U.N. aspects.

5 October

Meeting of Col. King in New York with [ ] re covert economic pressures.

8 October

2:00 p.m. - Meeting of [ ] Customs.

9 October

9:15 a.m. - Mtg. with Gen. [ ] at Pentagon (Col. King and [ ]  
on Nicaraguan Military Pact.

11:30 a.m. - Briefed Ambassador Peurifoy in Mr. Wisner's office. Present -  
Col. King, Mr. Berry, Mr. Leddy.

1500 hrs. - Interviewed Commo man for Guatemala.

1600 hrs. - Mtg. with Helms [ ]

10 October

12:30 - Mtg. with Gen. Cabell on Cuban arms shipment and [ ]

12:45 - Mtg. with Mr. Dulles on [ ] budget, approach to heads of  
American companies for covert action.

1330 hrs. - Mtg. with Mr. Wisner - approval of arms shipment for training  
purposes and testing of clandestine routes into Guatemala; Roberto Barrios  
Pena - Sen. MacCarthy.

12 October

9:30 a.m. - Mtg. with [ ]

2:30 p.m. - Mtg. with Mr. [ ] - Details of arms movement from ROBALO to  
New York Free Trade Zone to Nicaragua; Israeli arms.

1600 hrs. - Mtg. with Mr. Leddy and [ ] State Department  
clearance for arms shipment; personnel to Guatemala; Roberto Barrios Pena.

13 October

1400 hrs. - Telephone call from Mr. Lampton Berry. Mr. Berry lunched today with  
Mr. [ ] Munitions Control, Department of State. He informed  
Mr. [ ] of his true status in the Department and told Mr. [ ] that a  
request would soon be forthcoming from CIA, brought over personally by Mr. [ ]  
for movement of arms in Central America; that this request had his  
unqualified approval, and that of Gen. Smith. Mr. [ ] said that was sufficient  
nothing further was necessary, and that Mr. [ ] should call on him as soon as  
he was ready. He will grant the permit to him.

15 October

1600 hrs. - Mtg. in Mr. Wisner's office. [ ] Mr. Wisner,  
Gen. [ ] Col. [ ] of Gen. [ ] office. Discussed  
expediting authorization of military aid to Nicaragua, Honduras  
and El Salvador.

16 October

1100 hrs. - Mtg. in Mr. Wisner's office - [ ] Mr. Wisner,  
Gen. [ ] Mr. [ ] Briefing of Gen. [ ] on mtg.  
with Gen. [ ] 15 October.

21 October

9:30 a.m. - Meeting with Mr. Leddy. Discussed [ ] in Tegucigalpa;  
Wisner's memo re Mr. Cabot's speech and Arthur Krock's column.

22 October

11 a.m. - [ ] met with Mr. [ ] of General Counsel's office  
and Mr. [ ] to discuss Mr. [ ] cover status.

6 November

Mr. Wisner called [ ] to state that approval had been obtained for the budget requested for SUCCESS. He advised that WH should proceed as though the money were now available.