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FEASIBILITY OF PPSUCCESS:

2003

(a) ... Within near future ?

The answer is no ! Preparatory & necessary diplomatic action and overt measures will take approx. 6 months to implement; (by March 1954)

Reinforcement of Station and change of Embassy personnel will not be accomplished until first of the year (1954)

Meanwhile: a few localized personnel shifts may assist in starting some spadework re verifying claimed assets. Other WH areas may step up PP and basic planning can be carried out.

(b) ... Within foreseeable future ?

The answer is we do not know !

At best we may have some indications as to operational possibilities by February 1954 after intensive work with RUFUS & [] outside the country and preliminary checking (mainly FI job) inside.

From there on a very substantial build-up of various kinds of PP and subversive activities must be implemented. Until major popular support for our side is in sight no action is possible. Until majority of garrison troops is on our side, no revolutionary climax is possible.

(c) ... Should we implement 10 Sept course of action at all ?

The answer is yes !

Considering that target country is one of two main anti-american, communist or totalitarian areas in WH area it should be attacked by all means under existing NSC 10/2 charter. The more so as we have no going, aggressive effort of any consequence in the area as of today - for reasons connected with time-consuming basic organizational work throughout the WH area.