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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation Between [ ] and SEEKFORD Re: "Tasks for RUFUS" dated 2 September 1953

1. SEEKFORD immediately brought up the subject of a Post Office Box in Washington in order to facilitate the sending of propaganda materials. He was advised that a PO Box will be procured as of Tuesday (8 September 1953). We agreed that this box should be serviced twice a week.

2. Re #1 of "Tasks": SEEKFORD suggested that we query See See on the problem of PW Teams. He stated that there are civilian groups in every town of any importance -- all of whom are able to pass propaganda, rumors or perform other PW actions. SEEKFORD further stated that none of the "30 Day Plan" material has been printed and that they plan to wait until close to the absolute deadline before printing since printing is to be done inside BURNT.

3. Re #2 of "Tasks": See See should be able to fully describe PW plans for within the Capital City.

4. In conversation, SEEKFORD suggested that pasting of large posters and handbills be kept to a minimum prior to the initiation of the ,now --- 20 Day Plan due to possible capture of a trusted RUFUS agent with the "goods" in his possession

. I suggested that we might be able to use the LIONIZER mechanism for distribution of posters, handbills and comic books prior to initiation of a more intensive campaign and stated that a cable had already been sent to [ ] requesting PW distribution data.

5. Re #3 --- Army Officers --- SEEKFORD immediately saw the reason for Hq. need of such information and stated that he would communicate with RUFUS re this.

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6. Re #4:--- Rumor Net --- SEEKFORD thinks that rumors may well be the one major effort that can be made by RUFUS prior to the initiation of the "20 Day Plan". He stated that we should talk with See See re rumor strength inside the Capital City and that he will communicate with RUFUS re rumor strength and placement of individuals within the military.

Re rumors, SEEKFORD stated that RUFUS is already using the market women for dissemination of rumors. RUFUS plan is to start rumors in the market place in the Capital City, letting them seep naturally, and with RUFUS help, into the markets of towns where there are military installations--- or other key towns. This type set-up will give a back-stop to any of RUFUS men, and one that can not readily be checked. (We went into this in great detail --- above is only basic presentation.)

7. Re #5: --- See See will be able to help us on the possible selection of Communists of importance in any "new government".

8. Re #6: --- Communist Plans --- Suggested that we query See See on this one --- also [ ] so that any new plans may be based on a legitimate one. After we check, he will query RUFUS to see if he can aid us.

SEEKFORD further stated that the signature of FORTUNY or GUTIERREZ has been sent Hq. along with the seal of the Central Committee. He suggested that this document is in the hands of [ ] and that it might be of operational use. I agreed.

9. I told SEEKFORD that we anticipated using the list of armaments which have been sent to Communist politicians and labor leaders in letter form to be sent to officers. SEEKFORD counter-suggested that this list be released to a newspaper in Panama. Clippings and one whole newspaper would then be sent to one [ ] in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Then RUFUS would reproduce such a story and mail it to officers and also place it into his pamphlets for widespread distribution. He stated that the article was prepared some time ago and sent to Headquarters. I agree with the RUFUS technique with the possible exception of the "widespread distribution", at least not until clips have been mailed to the officers.

10. SEEKFORD stated that RUFUS is in need of more and better cameras. I stated that we should be informed of what type he needs. SEEKFORD said that the "Land Camera" has been of immense value.

11. SEEKFORD requested that when Mexico sends any propaganda material into the target area, RUFUS be informed through the PO Box mentioned in paragraph #9. He requested that Mexico send one original photostat copy and a negative so that RUFUS can have copies made to give to his "scouts". They will then look for the appearance of said material and report where such material is being distributed and how. Such reports will be sent to the PO Box mentioned in para #1.

12. SEEKFORD also suggested that our Capital City Station could be of some help in checking distribution of propaganda since it is one of their duties to pick up pro and con propaganda and to report general PP activities. I agreed and will prepare a dispatch.

13. Re # 7: Themes --- See See should be able to give us themes for rumors and discontent. SEEKFORD hopes that between our representatives and See See, we may be able to come to some agreement on what preliminary themes to use. These will be given to RUFUS, he will take action and report same to SEEKFORD.

14. The question of RUFUS symbols of his forces was taken up. SEEKFORD stated that on the front of every CEUAGE Boletin are the symbols and slogan of RUFUS. SEEKFORD requested that I prepare a series of color schemes for a sticker seal similar to the one used on the Boletin. The Boletin is being distributed throughout the target country, hence the symbol and slogan should already be well known. If small stickers could be made with gummed backs, any of RUFUS men could carry a few in his bill fold and stick them on autos, latrine walls, on government buildings, etc with minimum fear of detection.

The discussion of symbols brought up the fact that RUFUS plans to put out a book called Yo Acuso with a pointing finger featured on the cover. It was suggested that stickers and buttons might be prepared carrying the pointing hand. I was luke-warm on the buttons but think the stickers might be a good nerve weapon if used properly.

In any event, I am preparing stickers carrying both symbols.

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