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FROM : [

] WH/IV/PW

**CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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SUBJECT: WSBURNT Campaign

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1. On 15 May 1953, in conjunctions with Mr. [] and Operation FIBER, WH/PW prepared an outline of its possible function as an aid to certain economic actions contemplated by WH/EW. The following was suggested as the first step to the PW aspect to Operation FIBER:

"A. Preceding the possible stoppage of FIBER shipments, propaganda throughout SGRANGER would spread the story that the WSBURNT government has bungled nearly everything they have tried to do --- living standards within WSBURNT have been on a steady down-grade --- many FIBER workers and plantations have been abandoned due to governmental red tape --- and citizens of WSBURNT are living in the most abject poverty to be found in SGRANGER (or at least worse poverty than before). All blame should be laid at the door of the BGGYPSIES who have been influencing the WSBURNT leaders."

During FIBER shipment and following same, operations were planned for within WSBURNT involving rumor, demonstrations, and other PW actions.

2. It was, and is, the opinion of WH/PW that prior to the operational initiation of such a campaign, certain data should be in the possession of Headquarters --- such as:

- A. Evidence must be obtained to give substance to claims made in para 1 A above;
- B. What facilities exist within WSBURNT for following-up in event of a successful FIBER operation?
- C. Throughout the Hemisphere, where can we count on support for placement of materials re WSBURNT?
- D. What can Headquarters do to better insure utilization of WSBURNT materials?

3. After discussion with Mr. [] and [] the following actions were taken by WH/PW:

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3. (continued re actions taken by WH/PW)

- A. A dispatch was prepared and sent to WSBURNT requesting full information of KUGOWN facilities available for news placement; rumors; and demonstrations.
- B. A dispatching was sent WSBURNT requesting ideas and suggested operations designed to spread disunity and/or confusion within the BGGYPSIES and means of character assassination.
- C. Another dispatch was sent to WSBURNT which requested HEDDIGER to take pictures within WSBURNT of scenes which could be sent through SGRANGER as evidence of the aforementioned abject poverty. WH/PW also requested that newspaper articles, etc should also be sent to Headquarters at the same time so that a WSBURNT package could be made up for each Station having facilities to use same.
- D. It was suggested by WH/PW that lecturers could be selected to travel about SGRANGER, using slides procured by HEDDIGER to graphically illustrate the conditions within WSBURNT.
- E. It was ascertained through TSS that preparation of Kodachrome slides can be done securely by TSS.
- F. WH/PW requested that TSS prepare an envelope duplicating that of the WSBURNT propaganda ministry for later "black" operations. The finished product will be in the hands of WHD during the week of 24-28 August.
- G. A Field Memorandum was prepared which requested each WH Station to: Prepare short concise report of KUGOWN use of available ~~material~~ KUGOWN media re WSBURNT; If Station has been unable to effect action ---what are difficulties; What WSBURNT materials have been placed; How can Headquarters improve its support?
- H. Samples of WSBURNT currency were requested.

4. Reports based on the above have only recently begun to arrive in Headquarters. Such information as has been ascertained is noted below:

- A. Station WSBURNT reports that facilities are only now being developed after being almost wiped out earlier this year. Placement of KUGOWN material is only in the developmental stage. Use of radio is impossible due to government restrictions. No existing group has any real program to sell. No enthusiasms for demonstrations. No evidence of division within high-level BGGYPSY ranks.

4. B. Station WSBURNT, RE disunity within BGGYPSY ranks, was unable to provide any suggestions of operations for character assassinations --- doubted that split in BGGYPSY forces would cause serious repercussions and suggested that only strong agger on part of WSBURNT army would cause President of WSBURNT to fall. Also stated that "... we regret that we are unable at this time to suggest a means operationally feasible for spreading disunity and/or confusion within the ranks of BGGYPSY or pro-BGGYPSY government leaders.
- C. No photographs or replies have been recieved re HEDDIGER photo activity.
- D. Mr. [] suggested, ~~xxxx~~ after conversations with State officials that a lawyer lecturer be sent to southern SGRANGER countries. Branch III is proceeding with an attempt to procure one or two lecturers.
- E. Mr. [] TSS, has assured WH/PW that any exposed Kodachrome film received from any of our field stations can be processed securely. He also stated that he has slides from SGRANGER and mentioned 200 that he had taken in WSBURNT.
- F. Several hundred bogus WSBURNT propaganda ministry envelopes will arrive in WHD next week. (reports have stated that BGGYPSIES are mailing their prop through this channel --- we have possibility sending "black" material through same channel.)
- G. Stations [] have replied to the aforementioned FM. Support can be counted on (based on these replies and past WSBURNT operational reports) from []
- H. WSBURNT currency is now in the possession of WH/PW which could be used to either indicate a BGGYPSY revolutionary plot or simply flooding the nation with COOKIES.
5. Already an average of ten items a week are going to all [] re WSBURNT, but several of the reporting [] want more material. WH/PW plans to, on receipt of requested pix, implement the plan of 15 May thus laying down a smoke screen of internal WSBURNT pverty, discontent, confusion and general disorder. This should pave the way psychologically, for any indigenous movement within WSBURNT, in other countries in SGRANGER.