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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT : Conversation Regarding Guatemala

PARTICIPANTS : Department of State
John M. Cabot Assistant Secretary of State

Central Intelligence Agency
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I called on Mr. Cabot to pass on the suggestion that someone might make a speech for wide publicity throughout the Hemisphere, suggesting that the situation in Guatemala should be looked at from the point of view of interference in American affairs by a non-American nation in violation of the Inter-American treaties that have taken the place of the Monroe Doctrine. I told Mr. Cabot the names of the persons who had originally made the suggestion. I said that, in my opinion, the operation might boomerang if the speech or declaration were made by an American. We discussed the possibility of its being done by someone in Latin America but could not decide upon an appropriate person. Mr. Cabot then stated that it might well be forthcoming from either The Honorable Sumner Welles or Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, both of whom have standing in the eyes of Latin Americans but would not be associated with the present American government. The matter was left for Mr. Cabot to think more about it and to take the action if he decided it was favorable.

Signed

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Acting CWH

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10 March 1953

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