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MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. King

SUBJECT : Progress Report - PBSUCCESS for the Period 6-12 April 1954

I. Operational

The following events of operational significance occurred during the reporting period:

A. []

B. An unconfirmed report from Guatemala indicates that Carlos Mamel PELLECER, number 2 Guatemalan Communist, was ordered to exile and is ostensibly going to Czechoslovakia as a government or CGTG delegate to study syndical organization. La Hora on 3 April noted the impending establishment of diplomatic relations between Guatemala and Czechoslovakia. Although no confirmation is available to date, it is possible that the appointment of PELLECER to the mission in Czechoslovakia places him in exile and ends the conflict between PELLECER and Alfonso MARTINEZ, head of the Guatemalan National Agrarian Department.

C. Carlos Enrique DIAZ, Chief of the Guatemalan Armed Forces, departed from Guatemala on 7 April for Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Chile. He reportedly will attempt to secure arms and ammunition in Lima and may attempt to establish diplomatic relations between Guatemala and Peru.

D. Because a recent regulation in Guatemala extends the validity of tourist cards to six months. It is envisioned that upon termination of his employment with [] will remain in Guatemala. []

[] The feasibility of this move and the necessary backstopping will be discussed with [] prior to implementation.

E. On 7 April the Case Officer and Administrative Officer for PBSUCCESS travelled to New York for a meeting with Jacob R. SEEKFORD to settle outstanding administrative matters and firm up details of his employment with [] which position was obtained for him by []

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- F. [] is scheduled to depart Lincoln on 15 April 1954, for Guatemala, travelling via New Orleans. []
[] field assistant for K Program, is scheduled to arrive in Guatemala under tourist cover the weekend of 17 April. Through the efforts of General CABELL, PBSUCCESS has secured the services of [] to participate in this special operation with []
- G. On Saturday, 10 April 1954, a meeting was held with Assistant Secretary of State HOLLAND, General CABELL, and key members of the Department of State and CIA involved in PBSUCCESS. The principal reason for holding the meeting was to assure the new Assistant Secretary that no irrevocable steps would be taken which would reveal the official hand of the United States in PBSUCCESS. Details of this meeting are contained in the minutes of the meeting.
- H. Although Mr. HOLLAND, Assistant Secretary of State, was assured on 10 April that black flights into Honduras would not be undertaken until he had had time to further study the situation, a black flight into Honduras did take place on Sunday, 11 April 1954. For reasons which have not been satisfactorily explained, a Headquarters directive specifically forbidding black flights until further notice was countermanded in the field, and the flight took place. This matter is currently under investigation.
- I. Indications have been received from field stations that the abortive attempt against President SOMOZA of Nicaragua during the week of 3 April were sponsored by Guatemala. Captured documents indicate that the men participating in the revolt, although they came from Costa Rica, were trained and armed in Guatemala. This matter is being checked by WHD and the Department of State in view of preparing a brief to be presented to the Organization of American States.
- J. []
- K. Significant FP activities undertaken during the reporting period are as follows:
1. Preparation of a list of documents of possible use in "black" FP campaigns.
 2. The "pig" rumor is being circulated in Guatemala. [] has been ordered to carry through with their section of the operation designed to ridicule Guatemala and create friction between Guatemala and Mexico.

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3. On Headquarters' orders [] prepared a hand-bill against AREVALO, and sent a cable to the Chilean Foreign Minister and to President ARBENZ protesting the Guatemalan intervention in Chilean internal affairs through their Ambassador in Chile. A black poster was prepared designed to further link the Guatemalan Ambassador in Chile to the local Communist Party.
4. Headquarters, in support of a Lincoln character assassination campaign, ordered actions on the part of [] []
5. Headquarters suggested that the immediate initiation of the "32" campaign in Guatemala would serve as a morale builder. This campaign was initiated by Lincoln.
6. Headquarters prepared radio scripts targeted at Guatemalan women.
7. Four articles were placed in the Quito, Ecuador, press against Guatemala.
8. All key WH Stations were alerted as to the possibility of a "new Guatemalan plot" expose by the Guatemalan Government.
9. Headquarters suggested that an internal gossip newsletter could be effectively circulated within Guatemala and that a newsletter filled with "shorts" would be more effective in getting Calligeris material in WH-wide press than that already being sent to the hemispheric press.
10. The Agency-supported hemisphere anti-Communist congress scheduled for late May in Mexico City will appeal to all anti-Communist groups, but will endeavor to attract mature delegates who are politically and socially influential in their own countries.

II. Administrative Support

A. Personnel

The matter of obtaining clearances from the Department of State for personnel to be assigned to the Guatemala and [] continues to be a serious one. The station in Guatemala has requested two additional clerical personnel, one operations officer, and one communications technician. This matter is being pursued with the [] and will be discussed further this morning with [] and [] []

B. Logistics

Test results made in the field on contaminated rations indicate that approximately 14,000 of a total of 16,000 units are unfit for use.

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However, the Chief of Logistics advised the Administrative Officer, PPSUCCESS, on Monday, 12 April, that he had had tests conducted by the Food and Drug Administration, and these results indicate that the rations are fit for human consumption. This matter has not been finally settled since the Medical Officer has not indicated that he agrees with the tests conducted to date.

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