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Chief, Lincoln

Chief of Station, Guatemala

Operational

Donald O. Hediger's reports

Reference - HUL-A-269

INFO: Washington

1. Returned herewith are the subject reports which were sent to this station as enclosures to reference.
2. The paragraphs relating to organization, objectives, methods, etc., contain an excellent summary of the project and conform generally to the facts in station files.
3. The impression of "firm control" reflected in the reports was probably not established and certainly does not exist now. As we have stated elsewhere, it is unfortunately true that Essence the individual plays a larger role than that portrayed in these reports.
4. We are reasonably certain that Essence is not career agent material. He has other axes to grind, and if the present regime were deposed we feel he would be too busy reaping the rewards to continue his present relationship with us. His sense of patriotism probably would not permit him to work for us if a regime personally acceptable to him were established.

George L. Tranger

Encl: as noted

31 March 1954

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