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TO : Lincoln

DATE: MAR 26 1954

FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala

INFO: Chief, WHD

SUBJECT: GENERAL— KUGOWN

SPECIFIC— Radio Station TGW

**CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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1. With regard to the information contained in reference to the effect that Station TGW plans to step up its power output to 50,000 watts, this station wishes to call the attention of Lincoln to a Department of State Memorandum of Conversation prepared at Washington on 26 February 1954 by Raymond G. LEDDY. The memorandum describes a conversation between Mr. LEDDY and Mr. L. P. SABOL, manager of the Washington office of Westinghouse Electric International, in which Mr. SABOL inquired as to the State Department's position with regard to the sale of a 50 KW radio transmitter to the Guatemalan Government now that such equipment is no longer subject to export license conditions. Mr. SABOL stated that Westinghouse was offered the contract to supply this equipment by Maurice I. Parisier and Company, 1475 Broadway, New York 36, New York, which has a letter of intent from the Guatemalan Government for the construction of an entire transmitting facility, including antenna tower, building, etc.
2. According to the memorandum, Mr. SABOL stated that electronics equipment of this kind is available from several manufacturers in both the U.S. and Europe; that although no complete units are immediately available, all components can be easily obtained and assembly should easily permit any manufacturer to meet an early delivery date, probably no more than 90 days. He mentioned that the amount of the sale would be approximately \$130,000; that such a station would compare in power to WTOP, one of Washington's largest stations; and that it would have a range sufficient to reach any part of Central America from Guatemala.
3. Mr. LEDDY, according to the memorandum, stated that in the present absence of any controls over the export of this equipment, the decision would rest entirely with the company but should be weighed carefully in view of Communist influence over and possible benefit from the use of such equipment.
4. No information regarding the ultimate decision of the Westinghouse company is available. However, this station will continue to watch for further developments regarding negotiations on the part

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of the Guatemalan Government for the acquisition of such equipment and will inform Lincoln promptly.

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