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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF OF PROJECT

SUBJECT: [] Request for Support

1. Request the Presidents of the respective governments, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Honduras, to provide support for planned air operations. (Full support or partial support.)

A. Full support - authorize us to use selected airfield and operate under official [] or [] cover. Making available field facilities to include (1) refueling of aircraft and (2) free entry of trucks for movement of cargo, etc.

B. Partial support - provide a non-interference, "look away," type of support whereby we use selected airfield in isolated areas and provide our own aircraft refueling, etc.

2. If request for support is granted have each government designate an official whom we will contact to work out details. We will send a qualified officer to handle details.

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AIR OPERATIONS SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED BY CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES

I. NICARAGUA

A. Authority to use ~~ec~~ ^{for emergency} refueling of two "sterile" C-47 type aircraft. These two aircraft may require refueling during period from 1 April to 1 September (5 months). Depending on weather at target area these aircraft may or may not have sensitive cargo aboard. No estimate on number of emergency refuelings required. Aircraft would probably land between 0800 and 1100 hours.

B. Authority to use an isolated or secure airstrip for operating same two "sterile" C-47s from 20 May until 1 September. This air strip would be used for two or three practice drops (approximately 5 days) and for tactical operations (approximately 15 days). Exact days not known at this time. Suggestions - airports by choice:

NOTE: If practical would like ~~ec~~ ^{to provide aircraft} gasoline and gasoline servicing truck. (We pay for gasoline and all expenses incurred.)

II. EL SALVADOR

A. Authority to use the following air strips during the months of April and May:

NOTE: If practical would like ~~ec~~ ^{to provide aircraft} gasoline and gasoline servicing truck. (we pay for gas and all expenses incurred.)

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III. HONDURAS

A. Authority to use the following air strips during the months of April and May:

1. []

2. []

(Only night flights into this airport.) Further request refueling facilities be available.

NOTE: If practical would like [] to provide aircraft gasoline and gasoline servicing truck. (We pay for gas and all expenses incurred.)

IV. If requests for support as stated in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 above are granted, LINCOLN will send an officer to meet respective designated officials of each country to work out details and procedures.

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