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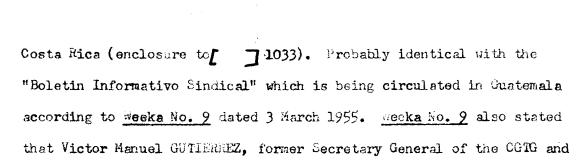
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SUBJECT: KUCAGE Operational

Activities of Gustemalan Exiles

- 1. Reports concerning the activities of Guatemalan exiles suggest that they are achieving considerable success in mounting counter-attacks inimical to the administration of Carlos CASTILLO Armas and to the interests of the United States. The following references illustrate the nature of their efforts to date with regard to prepagands and front organizations:
- book by ex-President Juan Jose AREVALO attacking the United States and the United Fruit Company and charging both with complicity in the anti-AREENZ revolution of 1954. Printed and published in Santiago, Chile, 11 July 1954.
- B) "Declaracion de la Emigracion Democratica de Guatemala", a communist line document issued to coincide with a press conference in Mexico by Jacobo ARBENZ Guzman (a conference which was cancelled at the suggestion of Mexican officials). Dated 20 October 1954, the 10th anniversary of the revolution of 1914. Apparently a one-shot publication, but distributed in other area countries as evidenced by one copy intercepted in Pannia (enclosure to 73126).
- 6) "Informative Sindical de Guatemala", attributed to the Confederacion General de Trabajadores de Guatemala (CCTG) and apparently published in Mexico as evidenced by a cony intercepted at San Jose,



D) "Saludo a los trabajadores de Guatemala", another Communistline propaganda document published on the third anniversary of the foundation of the CGTG. (See []).

where he presumably handles publication of "Informativo Sindical."

prominent Communist is reportedly working in CTAL Headquarters, Mexico,

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Headquarters at Calle Hamburgo 9, Mexico City. Significantly, this Communist unit is said to be headed by Waldeman BARRIOS Klee, former Deputy Chief of the Guatemalan Departamento Agrario Nacional under ARBENZ and a leading Communist agitator; (C) circulation in Guatemala of a clandestine Communist newspaper Frente; (D) broadcasts by a clandestine radio station calling itself "Radio Recuperacion". Either or both of the last two activities may be the work of Communists within Guatemala itself, but it is safe to presume that exiles are at least indirectly involved and will render support at every opportunity.

- 3. In view of the foregoing information it is deemed advisable to consider tentative plans designed to contain the exiles in Mexico and insure that their activities, whether motivated by selfish interests or devotion to the Communist cause, will be rendered ineffective. The following suggestions, reflecting Headquarters thinking regarding this matter, are submitted for field consideration and guidance:
- A) Some aspects of the asylee situation such as the extradition proceedings have been exploited to the point where further KUCAGE action might well be counter-productive. The right of asylum is a sacred tradition in Latin America and any KUCAGE action following legal court decisions to deny extradition could create a situation wherein the target individuals would be cast in the role of martyrs. Rather than contribute to that undesirable result, it is recommended that extradition per se should not be emphasized in future operations aimed at Guatemalan

exiles.

- Until further notice it is recommended that, for KUCAGE purposes, the activities of Guatemalan asylees be carefully observed to detect any undesirable actions or associations which could be utilized to discredit, immobilize or expel them from the host country. [should be especially alert for evidence of criminal conduct or interference in local political affairs in violation of the rules of asylum. Propagation of such evidence for the surposes mentioned above should employ the following theme emong others that will undoubtedly concerned: Guatemalan exiles are morally unoccur to [desirable residents and their actions tend to prove previous charges that they were guilty, as charged, of common crimes and atrocities and were then, as now, members of the subversive Communist conspiracy in Latin America. Any operations carried out along the lines indicated in this paragraph must be judiciously planned and executed lest they also result in cartyrdom for the targets. The evidence to be exploited must be carefully studied in order to estimate whether public opinion will be influenced in the desired manner. When doubt exists as to the probably outcome, it is suggested that no action be taken.
- having political action [Daight securely place convincing evidence in the hands of government officials who could be expected to take appropriate action. Direct but unoublicized action of this sort might be preferable when it is possible that conventional KUCAGE methods might, as suggested above, make an undesirable impact or, as a further example, result in gratuitous publicity for an otherwise obscure and



relatively unimportant target personality.

- D) when possible, it might be useful to discredit the individuals and organizations which actively render support and sympathy to the exiles. However, attacks against such targets should be based on vulnerabilities other than mere support of or sympathy for the exiles. In most cases it might be best to completely ignore the exile issue lest the traditional attitudes toward the question of asylum reduce the effectiveness of the attack (i.e., whereas a straight anti-Communist line might capitalize on non-Communist sentiments, the injection of the asylee issue might cause indecision). The purpose of the operations suggested in this paragraph would be to weaken pro-asylee sentiment as expressed by the suggested targets and thereafter make the asylees themselves more vulnerable to direct attack.

However, all information addresses should find it useful if and when it is necessary to plan or conduct operations aimed at the Guatemalan asylees in their areas.

5. Both Jand Should feel free to initiate lateral communications on this subject in order to insure maximum mutual support in the conduct of operations.