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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Guatemala

1. Mr. Helms has informed me of General Cabell's concern about the possibility that the Department of State may not be fully mindful of our repeatedly emphasized point that we have drawn back from policy matters with regard to the Guatemalan situation and are, except when asked to participate in policy discussion, restricting ourselves to our proper responsibility of secret intelligence and psychological action in support of U.S. policy as determined by State.

2. It is understandable that IN-39009 could have raised some question in General Cabell's mind in this connection. WHD has found it necessary repeatedly to enjoin its Chief of Station not only to coordinate fully with the Ambassador in matters concerning policy, but moreover to ensure that his communications clearly reflect the Ambassador's views and wishes. In this particular instance, WHD and the Department concluded that such reflection was lacking and queried the Station. The reply showed that the Chief of Station had discussed the matter with the Ambassador but perhaps not quite to the degree desired since the Ambassador had not fully appreciated one point. This exchange of cables concluded with the word that the Ambassador would in the near future be forwarding a full policy recommendation with regard to the problems pointed up by the Station's intelligence. I am being kept advised by the Department of their policy thinking at this time.

3. It will be recalled that on the 30th of June I addressed a cable (OUT-58593) to all elements which had been connected with the Guatemalan situation. This message, known as the "change of gears" cable, has been the policy since then. I have on several occasions been advised by DC/WH that he was satisfied that the Department not only is aware of the Post-PBUCCESS lines but has actually addressed itself with considerable energy to policy matters. [] states that while the Department has kept us informed as is proper, they have on occasion looked to us for policy decision or action. An interesting case in point to illustrate how clearly this works in practice

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was the visit of [] to Washington. WHD arranged for [] trip to New York and took steps to make him available to the Department for policy discussions. When [] came to Washington, WHD stepped out of the picture and the entire matter was handled by Mr. Holland and Mr. Leddy without participation by our people.

4. Mr. [] was discussed this relationship in recent days with Mr. Leddy who has affirmed his desire for and acceptance of the relationship as understood by General Cabell. Therefore, in the absence of any indication whatsoever as to misunderstanding on the part of the Department of State, it does not appear necessary at this time to address to them a letter setting forth our precise role.

(S) FRANK G. WISNER

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