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20 August 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. []

SUBJECT: Procurement of Guatemalan Documents for Stories for Ambassador Cabot Lodge.

1. Mr. Wisner passed the Gray Book contents to Cabot Lodge, who then advised Mr. Wisner that he would release this material shortly in a speech. Mr. Wisner thereupon was obliged to advise Cabot Lodge that this material had already been surfaced by Representative Kersten, but that Mr. Wisner expected we could pass to Cabot Lodge something else. This something else Cabot Lodge expects in his hands in New York before August 26th, when he will commence work on the speech to be delivered before the American Legion September 2.

2. I know what our situation is. However, I expect you know that we have to produce. Let us hope that the remaining materials in the original suitcase will reveal something. Mr. Wisner has asked that [] and [] assist you in this action. Incidentally, I feel that Cabot Lodge will, for the moment, take precedence over our other hungry client, Representative Kersten. What you produce should be covered by an essay of explanation and guidance as to its significance and most effective use.

3. In Mr. [] absence, I am obliged to direct this to you. You will be interested to know that Mr. Wisner will not return here until Thursday, so there is no possibility of appealing our way out of this one. Please keep me advised as to progress.

4. In an attempt to reduce the weight of the monkey on your back, I have already talked to [] who is scraping the bottom of the barrel while awaiting a call from you.

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