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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Frank H. Oram
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SUBJECT : RESUME OF PLANS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH GROUP IN GUATEMALA

1. The Social Research Group has selected for its first release a letter from Ramon Amayo Amando wherein he confesses that he is a militant Communist. Photos of other documents may be released at the same time. It is believed that this action will occur at a press conference of the Comite Nacional de Defensa Contra El Comunismo on 14 August 1954. Additional documents from among those in the gray booklet will be released by the Comite on 17 August, and it is hoped that a continuing flow of papers will sustain public interest over a period of time.

2. At the press conference, the head of the committee is expected to explain that his group plans to record the facts of the Communist conspiracy in order to:

- a. Publicize the heroic anti-Communists who risked their lives to restore democratic liberties.
- b. Publicize the facts of the Russian penetration that existed during the Arbenz administration, as well as Arbenz' subservience to the Communists.
- c. Expose Communist tactics in Guatemala so as to enable other nations of Latin America to build a better defense against Communism.

3. A long range goal of the Comite apparently is to become known as an acceptable and authentic source for information on Communism in Latin America.

4. The short term and continuing goal of the Social Research Group is to assist the Guatemalan authorities in publicizing the points outlined in paragraph 2.

5. The current program of the Social Research Group is as follows:

- a. Preparing material for Comite press releases for local and international outlets. (All major news outlets have representatives on the scene.)

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- b. Filming of a four minute newsreel with narration. This will probably be shown in every Guatemalan theatre by order of the Government. An effort is being made to place scenes from this short in the hands of international news companies.
- c. Preparing plastic mats of photos for world-wide distribution.
- d. Writing specific articles when documents indicate connections with Communist parties of other countries.

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