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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Plans

VIA : Chief, FI

SUBJECT : Review of PBSUCCESS

Mr. Barnes has asked me to undertake a documentary review of PBSUCCESS, and has prepared with me the attached outline of the form that review should take. In addition he has suggested that I give the outline to you for your approval. It is forwarded accordingly.

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Chief, RCM/OIS

Attachment (1)
Outline of Review of PBSUCCESS

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Review of PBSUCCESS

TASK: To prepare from operational and background documents an analysis of the PBSUCCESS operation in terms of its prescribed objectives. This report will be in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for a final critique. (While RQM/OIS will not be responsible for the final critique, it will with its knowledge of the documentary evidence assist the individuals who were active participants in the project in preparing such a critique).

SOURCES: All operational files of PBSUCCESS, including cables and records of telephone conversations. These will be made available to RQM/OIS by WH Division about mid-August, after the Washington and field station records have been consolidated.

PERSONNEL: RQM/OIS will undertake the task, but lacks sufficient personnel to discharge it without outside help. Consequently RQM/OIS proposes to ask WH Division, Office of Training, and the Historical Section to detail personnel to help generally. In addition RQM/OIS will ask such specialists as the AD for Communications, the Comptroller, the Chief of Logistics, and FI/Staff D to provide reviews appropriate to their specialties.

SCOPE: The review will cover at least these particular aspects of PBSUCCESS, subject to modification if modification is imposed by the operational records themselves:

a. Intelligence Collection in direct support of the operation, including intelligence collected by PBSUCCESS from U. S. commercial corporations (Pan Am and UF Co), from sympathetic Latin American governments, from the Castillo Armas forces, and from the FI collection net.

b. Para-military Operations: sabotage recruitment, training and operations; pilot crew and maintenance crew recruitment and operations.

c. Radio Liberation: its program and its impact, its personnel, and its technical facilities.

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d. Other Psychological Warfare Operations: distribution of posters, cartoons, articles and other matter for use by indigenous publications; "32" Campaign; leaflet drops; rumor, induced and spontaneously generated; Anti-Communist Conference in Mexico City.

e. Attempts to Defect Guatemalan Army Officers: Castillo Armas' net; K program; independent efforts.

f. Intrusion Program:

g. Operational Intelligence Support: and the role of DDI offices.

h. Logistical and Administrative Support:

i. Security and Cover:

j. Communications: and Communications Training:

k. Relations with Guatemalan Rebel Leaders:

l. Relations Abroad with Other U. S. Government Agencies:

m. Effect of Overt U. S. Activities: VOA; the United Nations and the Organization of American States; Caracas Conference; U. S. proposal to search foreign cargo ships; publicity given the Alfhem shipment; press releases by the President and the Secretary of State.

n. Dissemination of Intelligence Information and its relation to operations.

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