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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/P

SUBJECT : Comments on LINC 4585 re Disposition of Calligeris Aircraft.

1. Paragraph 1, sub-paragraphs A and B, are generally in line with the Department's thinking. Sub-paragraph C does not impress me either positively or negatively. I do believe, as stated in this paragraph, the aircraft should not appear. Serious consideration should be given however to the issuance of a statement by Calligeris that his air force is physically in Guatemala at an undisclosed field which he will reveal at some moment in the future. This statement will fill an unavoidable gap and will also serve to get him off the hook until things have quieted down somewhat. I agree with sub-paragraph D.

2. Paragraph 2 recommends that all U.S. connection with Calligeris air support be immediately wiped out. This I agree with. I have specific comments to make on sub-paragraphs in paragraph 2. They are as follows:
Sub-paragraph A - I agree P-38 should be returned to []
Sub-paragraph B - Agree re giving 3 operational F-47 plus wreck and all spare parts to []
Sub-paragraph C - I agree with disposition of this aircraft as indicated; however, the Department has stated they wanted all F-47 aircraft returned to [] and put under wraps. I believe they should be disabused of this and made aware of the smoke screen value of have^v F-47 aircraft in the hands of the []

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Sub-paragraph D - I agree with this, however, the Department will have to be sold on the idea that Calligeris should have at least one aircraft when he returns to Guatemala. I pointed out to Mr. Holland on 30 June that the C-47 type craft we proposed to make available to ^{be} quite sterile and should stand up under any scrutiny that it may be subjected to.

Sub-paragraph E - This is in conflict with the approval given to [] by the DD/P. It will have to be resolved most expeditiously

Sub-paragraph F - Agree. Cessna 140 should be turned over to []

Sub-paragraph G - Agree. Remaining two C-47's should handle move to HOPEFUL and return to original sources.

3. Paragraph 3 - a definitive instruction relevant to above should be issued to the field as soon as the possible conflicts cited above should be "ironed out" with the Department.

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