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CONTACT REPORT

DATE: Week of 4-11 March 1954

PLACE: Honduras

PERSONS CONTACTED: CALLIGERIS and others named below by []

DISCUSSION:

1. [] went to Tegucigalpa and met with CALLIGERIS. He spent most of his time there covering [] full detailed plans. Fact came up that the big thing that is holding everything back is the overture to be made to the Salvadoran and Honduran governments.

[] is a big buddy of CALLIGERIS. He says, "We believe you; that you are trying to do the right thing but we need proof from another source that you have support that is necessary to do this." They are waiting for the indication from another independent source.

In Salvador the situation developed fast. The same situation exists in Salvador; [] is also a close friend of CALLIGERIS and is working closely with him. He said that he had come to Tegucigalpa to do two things - to write a book and to see CALLIGERIS in the presidency of Guatemala. CALLIGERIS said if we wanted to see what the situation in Salvador was he would write a letter to [] in Salvador who was visiting there at the time. The question was: Is the President willing to help?

2. Salvador

We went to Salvador. [] went with one of CALLIGERIS' men by car to Honduras with no trouble. The letter was delivered at 11 p.m. and that same night [] went to the President's house and showed the letter to him. CALLIGERIS had indicated that he wanted an answer to be passed to his two contacts. The President said that he wanted ESQUIMILIA to be his personal contact but he would see the two men if they wanted to see him. [] said he wanted to talk with [] so that they could formalize the situation but they evaded that so he took that to be an attitude that [] didn't want to deal through intermediaries. [] laid on a meeting with the Chief of Staff and with the President if it was so desired. [] declined for reasons of security.

[] went and talked to [] who said that there was no doubt that they wanted to help CALLIGERIS but CALLIGERIS didn't tell what kind of help he wanted. [] said they wanted permission to land airplanes in his country with equipment for CALLIGERIS. [] did not have

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that information so he passed this information on to the President. That night he passed this on. Word was sent that Col. ESQUIMILA was available at any time, any place to talk to [] They wanted proof that this wasn't just another flurry. For this reason [] met with ESQUIMILA.

Naturally the government is against intervention and [] said that this was why it had to be done in an unofficial manner.

ESQUIMILA said he would have an answer to CALLIGERIS in 3 days. They would send a representative at that time to deal with him.

3. With CALLIGERIS, [] went over several things including compartmentation. [] is the head man for everything in Guatemala at this time. [] talked to SEQUIN, too. SEQUIN feels that [] can stay in Guatemala in hiding and can run things from there. It will be hard for us and fatal to pull him out. He has already developed a second in case he does have to leave; this is a lawyer who can take his place. The division between him and [] has been agreed upon by CALLIGERIS.

[] and our contact in Guatemala will handle all propaganda and radio stuff in Guatemala since this situation is already there; all intelligence matters we will pass through [] and [] will be responsible for radio and propaganda work. [] is still the overseer.

With regard to [] CALLIGERIS had received a personal letter from him. [] was tortured but they didn't get anything out of him that would compromise our operations in Guatemala. They have taken the surveillance off at the present time. [] is going ahead and organizing the cells in the 9 different target areas. He is also picking a second man who will take over in case he has to leave. He is organizing intelligence nets for making contacts in the 9 target areas.

They feel that it is not wise to pull [] out since he knows what is going on in the country.

Also we discussed the fact that CALLIGERIS is willing to do anything the CONSEJO sends to him. Pressure is on him to do something. We agreed that he would send his stuff up here and give us at least 5 days. We will have to extend our time limit on when we can get stuff down to him. With better communications, this will be ironed out.

Discussed also the ^{names of the} people that we^{re} sent down from here for PP. [] is a very good man in that field according to CALLIGERIS. Another man he could send who would be helpful in organizing is SEQUIN, who could come as a ^{general informant} contact. He is a meticulous organizer as far as office work goes. [] is in training in the leader class in Nicaragua. He could be pulled out. On all these people CALLIGERIS said it looks like we are not organized. He has to have time to act on this stuff.

CALLIGERIS is willing to take orders but we need to get them to him.

CALLIGERIS thinks that [] would add much ~~xi~~ weight to his committee going to Caracas (the committee is leaving today, 3/12)

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On the letter C took, CALLIGERIS is willing to accept guidance. He realizes there must be a head somewhere to give guidance so it will be a coordinated effort.

Any inkling we give to ERRATIC, ERRATIC will exploit to the man politicalwise.

CALLIGERIS also said that OSORIO, through C had talked about a plan that could be put into effect about kicking ERRATIC OUT OF Salvador if CALLIGERIS wanted him out. This suggestion originate with the Salvadoran government. That plan, or a similar one, could be put into effect easily.

We have plans on how R/Os are going in. The last mission of the men taking the arms in will be to take the R/Os in. Finances were discussed thoroughly.

The excesses in finances was a mistake. After CALLIGERIS' explanation, he knocked down \$40,000 on the figure given.

C is in Tegucigalpa awaiting instructions. If we use him in any way, and we probably can, we have to have someone with him at all times because he has a tendency to go off half-cocked. CALLIGERIS suggested that C be with C at all times to control him.

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