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AIR CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

HOO-A-368

RELEASE AS SANITIZED

2003

Chief, WHD

Chief of Station, Guatemala

Operational
KNOWN Activities

Reference- (a) HOO-W-237
(b) HOO-A-292
(c) HOO-A-293

1. To bring Headquarters up to date on our operational development for an anti-communist propaganda effort, it is advised that Donald D. Hediger has until recently been maintaining sporadic contacts with Identities A and B of reference (b). Identity A is a person of variable enthusiasms, prone to vacillation, eager to obtain political prestige but not sufficiently dedicated to fulfill his obligations. Hediger recommended that he more or less avoid contact with Identity A and principally use Identity B, which has been our technique, although we have not divorced ourselves completely from contact with Identity A. We are endeavoring to develop Identity B because we feel that he is more aggressive and has the proper mentality to carry out a program. Contact with Identity B has been infrequent until recent date because, as Identity B states, there have been certain circumstances with regard to his activities which made it wise that he avoid contact.
2. We recently made available to Identity B. one copy of the attached poster. This poster, incidentally, was forwarded by ODACID to Identity 1 of 23-CU000 with no cover communication. It is not known to what extent the poster has been or may be used by ODACID in other countries, but irrespective of what use may be made thereof we cannot see that any security hazard would be involved in its use locally considering that such an item could possibly have been received here from almost any source.

Hediger discussed possible use of this poster with Identity B, and we have now agreed with Identity B to finance the production of 60,000 items based on the poster. These items will consist of:

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- a. 320,000 gummed stickers approximately 4"x4" on glossy white paper in two colors (red and black), cost []
 - b. 300,000 fliers 5 1/2"x8 1/2" on newsprint type paper in two colors (red and black on white), cost []
 - c. 20,000 window posters 9"x12" on light cardboard in two colors (red and black on white), cost []
- TOTAL COST []

[] has been delivered to Hediger for delivery to Identity B, and the balance of [] is to be delivered for payment to the local printer on the occasion of the delivery to Identity B of the finished material.

In addition to the drawing on each item there will appear slogans of an anti-communist nature. Present plans are to have bi-weekly distribution of these various items beginning the week of 14 September 1953 and through the week of 30 November 1953. It is hoped that the first item will appear on 15 September, which is the Guatemalan Independence day.

- 3. The glossy paper from which the gummed stickers are to be made is understood to be handled by only one firm in WSBURNT, and the 320,000 items to be acquired will exhaust the supply. The company, of course, is in a position to order more paper, but there is no certainty as to when it might arrive. A sample is attached, and it is requested that Headquarters acquire and ship a supply to this station, since we feel confident that even though the supply may not be used at this time we will be able to use it at a later date. If exactly the same paper cannot be acquired, a similar type will be satisfactory, but it is important that the paper be gummed on the back. The quantity shipped should be sufficient to make 500,000 items 4"x4".
- 4. Headquarters, of course, realized as it indicated in reference (a), that this activity is still very much in the developmental stage. The printing of the propaganda items referred to herein will afford us an opportunity to judge the capabilities of Identity B in having them printed and distributed.
- 5. We propose to charge the expenses to Esplanade-B. If Headquarters feels that such should not be done, we will charge the expenses to Kugwa Operational Development.

Vincent B. Orden

VBO/abk
24 August 1953
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