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FROM: CHIEF, WESTERN HEMISPHERE DIVISION

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25 November 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: PBFORTUNE

In order to give more rapid support to a possible PBFORTUNE operation it is recommended that:

1. A pier 80 by 16 feet be constructed at (DTROBALO). Cost: \$30,000. Time of construction: 4 weeks. This will permit ships up to 150 feet in length and 15 feet draft. No facilities except for small boats exist at present. Movement of supplies by water now would require use of Navy facilities and consequent "cutting in" of outside people.

2. A small ship with a minimum cargo capacity of 100 tons be rented. Estimated cost: \$4,000 per month. It would be rented by RUFUS, staffed with his own crew, and would work up and down the Atlantic Coast carrying produce. In this manner a pattern of activity would be established and the crew familiarized with coast ports, including port of disembarkation.

When material is shipped from (DTROBALO), following procedure would be observed: RUFUS crew turns over ship to our own crew at an intermediate point. Our crew loads vessel at (DTROBALO), sails it to intermediate point where it is turned back to RUFUS crew. This gives increased security and speed and eliminates need for harbor and dock facilities at intermediate point. A greater range of suitable intermediate points is automatically made available. We now have a small boat at (DTROBALO) with ample facilities for transport of our crew to intermediate point. Sufficient number of experienced agency personnel are [] to serve as crew.

RUFUS has enlisted aid of a Guatemalan import-export merchant who is now travelling Central America inspecting ships and port sites. This merchant has already recommended two ships. These are:

- a. A ship of Panamanian registry; capacity, 180 tons; draft, 10'; speed, 9 knots; crew, 8 men. This ship can be hired for \$3,000 (US) a month, or six weeks. A similar vessel at the same price with a speed of 12 knots.
- b. A ship of Colombian registry; capacity, 1500 tons;

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draft, 15'; speed, 15 knots; crew, 10 men. This ship can be rented for \$6,000 (US) a month.

3. Payment of additional [] to RUFUS on 15 December be authorized, payment through SEEKFORD. This will maintain RUFUS' organization intact until 31 January 1953.

4. One shipment by air, not to exceed 8 tons, from DTROBALO to [] This is less than 10% of supplies now at DTROBALO. It is insufficient to spark any move by RUFUS but would serve several useful purposes:

- a. It would test the security of [] prior to any future decision in support of a full-fledged operation, without the danger of open involvement.
- b. It would test our ability to move supplies clandestinely by air. If any security problem developed at the DTROBALO end, operation could be cancelled without the serious consequences that would otherwise ensue if we were supporting a major operation.
- c. Material to be shipped could be selected for training purposes. It would strengthen the morale of RUFUS' men and eliminate the delay that would otherwise be required in order to train in use of new weapons.

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