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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division
Deputy Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT : Central American Situation

1. I have read the two memoranda dated 9 October and the memorandum dated 10 October by Colonel King, also Mr. [] memorandum dated 8 October -- these memoranda are returned herewith. Colonel King's memoranda appear to be adequate for the purposes intended. Mr. [] memorandum appears to be an accurate report of the conversation but I feel that it should be rewritten for the purpose of sterilization and that all copies of the existing memorandum should be burned as too revealing. Further concerning Mr. [] memorandum, I recommend a slight modification in the language of the last sentence on page 1. Instead of saying that "the Agency is purely an executive organization of the Government which carries out the orders of the State Department....", I think it would be much better to express these thoughts as follows:

"In the Director's view, the Agency is purely an executive organization of the Government which carries out missions and conducts activities in support of the foreign policy objectives of the Government. The State Department has the primary responsibility in the field of foreign policy and accordingly, the Agency would do nothing that is considered by the State Department to be contrary to its policy determinations. If the State Department disapproves of this particular project, the Agency will take immediate steps to bring to a halt its participation in all phases of the matter deemed objectionable by the State Department."

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FRANK G. WISNER
Deputy Director (Plans)

Attachments (4)
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