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5 August 1954

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
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1. []			4 Aug 4	[]	<p>BY HAND</p> <p>1/53+5: I think this will meet with your approval []</p> <p>5-6 We are prepared to act as soon as H.H. executes the asylee exploitation suggestion. If your not too occupied with other affairs you may have some suggestions to add to encl. Please return.</p> <p>6 to 7: How would you to plan full steam ahead keeping abreast of State in this connection. []</p>
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [] WH/PW
ATTENTION : Mr. [] DC/WH
 Mr. [] CPP/WH
SUBJECT : Exploitation of Asylee Situation in Guatemala
REFERENCE : Memorandum for Mr. Henry Holland, Assistant
 Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs,
 from Mr. Frank G. Wisner, DDP, dated 3 August 1954

The following is submitted as a tentative plan for WHD exploitation of a suggested diplomatic appeal by the Guatemalan Government to the Governments of the USSR and Mexico, asking the former to receive asylees now in the Mexican and other Embassies.

I. Upon the release of the notes, the main theme to be followed by all Stations and for all media should be: THIS IS THE MOST LOGICAL SOLUTION, SINCE RUSSIA IS THE MOTHER COUNTRY TO WHOM EVERY COMMUNIST OWES ULTIMATE ALLEGIANCE AND IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT OF ARBENZ, ET AL, WERE AGENTS OF THE KREMLIN.

A. Sub-themes to be assigned to []
are as follows:

1. []
Great relief is felt by the people and the Governments at not being placed in the embarrassing position of accepting known Communists - who are different from normal asylees in that they are working for foreign interests and not those of their native Guatemala.

2. [] Since
the Guatemalan Communists would continue to plot against the new Democratic regime of Castillo Armas wherever they went, they would have to be watched constantly by a small army of police, thus straining the economy and resources of the local police.

3. [] The plan doesn't really go far enough. The asylees and all future persons involved in the world-wide Communist Conspiracy should lose

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their native citizenship and all be sent to live in the "workers Paradise".

4. [Documents uncovered by the new administration in Guatemala have proven beyond all doubt the Kremlin inspiration and direction of the Arbenz Government leaders. They should be returned to their masters for a more thorough schooling. It is evident that the great amount of time that Fortuny, Gutierrez and Pellecer and all the others spent behind the Iron Curtain, was not enough to fool a nation of people who are willing to fight for their freedom.

5. [The Guatemalan Communists now in asylum would be fools to permit themselves to be sent to Russia. Moscow would only be a quick stopover on the route to Siberia. After a short period of propaganda exploitation, and after the issue had ceased to be of great interest, they would certainly be disposed of for failing to hold Guatemala against Armas and his handful of poorly armed peasants. Remember what happened to the Spanish Communists who fled to Russia after the Spanish Civil War. How many of them are alive today?

~~6. [The story of El Campesino will be revived and any statements of his publicized.~~

7. [Speculate upon themes of II below.

B. Exploitation by Direct Action upon the above themes for the purpose of stimulating publicity, keeping the issue alive and providing "pegs" for further exploitation by controlled assets, are as follows:

1. [Issue orders to all contacts) Full page advertisements in the leading papers should be placed by the SUMMIT organization throughout the hemisphere.

2. [Either the controlled front or the controlled student group should circulate a petition among their colleagues and leading citizens of Mexico requesting acceptance of the offer by the Mexican and the Russian Governments. The petition would be given to President Ruiz Cortines and to the Russian Ambassador in Mexico. A

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small demonstration would be held in front of the Russian Embassy at the time of the presentation, with sympathetic local photographers and the US wire services tipped off. If permission can be secured from the local authorities, a small table on a main street might be used to collect signatures - with appropriate banners, posters, and publicity.

3. [] Selected groups in different countries should send telegrams, collective and individual, to President Cortines of Mexico, and the Soviet Premier Malenkov requesting that asylum be granted in Russia. Telegrams should not be inflammatory, but be subtly worded so that the point is still gained. Copies of the telegrams should then be used to get newspaper publicity.

4. []

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II. Upon the refusal of Russia or Mexico to accept the suggestion, the main theme to be followed by [] and by all media should be; THE COMMUNISTS OF GUATEMALA ARE NOW PEOPLE WITHOUT A COUNTRY; DESPISED AT HOME FOR THEIR MURDERINGS AND TREACHERY, AND UNWANTED BY EVERY OTHER NATION INCLUDING THE ONE AT WHOSE BEHEST THEY ACTED: RUSSIA. SUCH IS THE FATE OF THOSE MISLED BY KREMLIN PROPAGANDA.

A. Sub-themes to be assigned to [] are as follows:

1. [] This was expected; since acceptance of the asylum would constitute an admission by Russia

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of their direction, control and responsibility for the penetration of Guatemala.

2. [

] This thorny problem is now dumped back into the laps of the nations that granted asylum to the Communists and now so deeply regret their precipitous action. It is obvious that no nation wants men of the calibre of Cruz Wer, the sadist Chief of Guatemala's Secret Police, and his special Assistant in Charge of Butchery, Jaime Rosenberg, numbered among its inhabitants.

3. [

] Russia refused to accept the note of Guatemala since reverberations of the fear expressed by the asylees when they first heard of the offer had reached the Kremlin. Malankov knew with what consternation the Communists of other parts of the world would greet the fact that, when the final decision had to be made, professed Communists had refused to accept a grant of asylum by Russia - and its probable doom.

4. [

] A so-called "think-piece" should be done by a person with a legal background, analyzing the precedents set by the Nurnburg War Crimes trials and their application in the case of Crimes Against Humanity where a civil-war situation has developed. "There can never be any excuse for torturing and murdering either captured combatants or non-combatants, and those responsible should be brought to some bar of Justice, preferably in Guatemala; but if not there, then possibly in the United Nations Organization."

B. Exploitation by direct action to maintain pressure on the issue would take the following line:

1. [

] Repeat and/or continue all action taken under I above; adopting the new line of "We don't want them in OUR country!" or "If Russia doesn't want them, why should WE!"

2. [

] Dependant upon public sentiment in Mexico at the time - if preponderantly against admitting the Guatemalan Communists, a Black poster, signed by and purportedly originating from the Mexican Communist Party could be prepared and placed about the capitol city to this effect: ALL GUATEMALANS OUSTED BY ARMAS SHOULD BE GRANTED EXILE IN MEXICO. THEY ARE THE ONLY TRUE FIGHTERS FOR THE PEOPLE'S

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DEMOCRACY. This would serve the dual purpose of Black by making it embarrassing for the Communists to deny, and yet at the same time going a bit too far for them to admit.

III. In the most unlikely event that Russia would accept the suggestion and would offer asylum to the Guatemalan Communists, the following main theme should be stressed: THIS IS THE GREATEST PROOF YET UNCOVERED AS TO WHERE LIES THE ULTIMATE ALLEGIANCE OF COMMUNISTS THE WORLD OVER.

A. Sub-themes to be assigned [] are as follows:

1. [] This sets a very valuable precedent: Let's revoke the Citizenship of all Communists and send them to Russia NOW; thus saving the trouble of doing it later!

2. [] Remember their names - their persons will soon disappear. There is no doubt but that they will be rewarded for their job in Guatemala; rewarded for failure like Slansky, Beria, Pauker, etc., etc.

3. [] Further stories on the fear of the asylees and their refusal to go to Russia. Guatemalan officials of the Armas movement can report of bribe attempts from those in asylum, seeking forgiveness at any cost in order not to go to Russia. "Notes" could be produced at Headquarters to substantiate any such disclosures.

B. Exploitation by direct action at this time would be as follows:

1. [] Arrange a mock funeral, with pall-bearers in black carrying coffins appropriately labeled with the names of prominent Guatemalan Communists going to Russia. The first man in the group carrying a sign reading PROCEDENTE DE SIBERIA! (which translated literally means, "We are coming from Siberia"). The last man carrying a sign warning two or three local Communists "not to fail in this country, else this will be your funeral too!"

2. Since they would have to pass through Mexico on their way to Russia, undoubtedly by air, a dele-

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gation could meet them at the airport on the occasion of their departure, offering them "going away presents" of picks and shovels, coffins and winter clothing. The connotation would be only too obvious. The same sign link with local Communists as in l. above, would also be displayed.

If DD/P's proposal is accepted by the Department of State, immediate notice should be given WH/PW so that detailed plans may be forwarded to [] allowing them sufficient time for adequate planning and briefing of assets.

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