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19 November 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DO/DOB

SUBJECT: Project WUDEPOT

- 1. In connection with discussions which have been held with representatives of WH Division on subject Project, it is my understanding that you have asked for an indication of what specific areas in the Western Hemisphere should be considered in connection with the Project, as well as any information regarding a type of agent required and other standards or guidance which could be used in the selection of appropriate candidates.
- 2. The countries which are now regarded as matters of concern to the Special Group CI are perhaps as good a guide-line as any for your purposes. Those countries are Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru and Venezuela. I would be inclined to add Haiti to the list for the purposes of this project.
- 3. In spite of many discussions on this subject, I must admit that I am not too clear as to the manner in which WUDEPOT assets would be used in any situation which I can foresee in Latin America. Assuming, however, that they would have to blend reasonably well with the population, they would of course have to be fluent in Spanish (Portuguese in Brazil and French in Haiti). Generally speaking, they should not be pure white and, for this reason, I would think that almost any Europeans except for some Spaniards or Portuguese would be out of the question. The type of terrain in which they might have to operate would vary from tropical rain forests or jungles in Brazil, Haiti, Guatemala, and Honduras to high mountains in Bolivia, Colombia, and Ecuador. The type of population with which they would have to blend would vary from coal black African Negroes in Haiti to Andean Indians in Bolivia and Peru. If we assume that these agents would be used primarily in urban areas, the problem becomes somewhat simpler, in that almost anyone with the appropriate language capability could operate. It is suggested, however, that one rather large source of Spanish speaking individuals be avoided, i.e. Puerto Ricans. While their language and skin color may be appropriate, they can be spotted almost immediately as Puerto Ricans by other Latin Americans because





of language peculiarities, and they are not generally welcomed or regarded as 'Tellow Latinos' in the rest of Latin America.

4. I hope the above comments may be of some assistance to you, and I would be glad to discuss this project further with you at any time, particularly in the hopes that I might get a clearer idea of just how these assets could be of use in the WH area.

Chief, WH/Plans