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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

THROUGH: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

SUBJECT: Report of Trip by Chief, Map Library Division, ORR

### 1. Purpose of Trip:

During the latter part of July and early August 1955, the Pan American Institute of Geography and History held its Sixth General Assembly in Mexico, D. F., with mapping officials from all of the Americas present. Since the position of Geographic Attaché in Latin America had been abolished by the Department of State in 1953, the receipts of maps, related publications and information on mapping activities have decreased considerably. It was deemed advisable that the Chief, Map Library, in his capacity as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] proceed to Mexico, D. F., to meet with the mapping officials and reactivate exchanges and contacts (the trip was financed by the Department of State). In order to permit a more effective activity, [REDACTED] designated as a member of the United States Delegation, and participated in PAIGH meetings as well as in individual meetings of his own making.

### 2. Activities

During the period 16 July-3 August, numerous individual meetings were held with the heads of mapping organizations in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Venezuela, Honduras and most of the other countries of Central and South America, as well as some of the Caribbean countries. Operations, based upon synopses of relationships, were aimed at the reactivation of exchange relationships, determination of the requirements of the other organizations for U. S. maps, and the clarification of the requirements of the mapping agencies of the United States government. In addition, some new contacts were developed.

Consultations were held in the Embassy with Mr. Snow, the Chargé d'Affaires, General Van Atta, Army Attaché, Major Jensen, Acting Air Attaché, Mr. Bourgerie, Counselor of Embassy for Economic Affairs, and several other officers, including fiscal and security. Detailed conversations were held with the General Services Officer and Mr. Ortiz, one of his men, and with Miss Mollie McDonald, Librarian, resulting in action which it is hoped will lead towards the fulfillment of 70 outstanding requests for maps and related materials. These requests had been forwarded to the American Embassy in Mexico through the Department

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of State, and had long been inactive. It is hoped that the conversations will result generally in more action in procurement matters. Mr. Englesby, General Services Officer, directed Mr. Ortiz, by memorandum, to aggressively activate the requests, working with the Librarian. In addition, Mr. Englesby addressed a letter to Mr. Czayo, then Executive Director of the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, urging that all consideration be given to the re-establishment of the position of Geographic Attaché in Latin America. Mr. Englesby, himself, used to be Executive Director of this Bureau at one time.

Some limited procurement was conducted on an active basis in the bookstores in Mexico, but no visits were made to professional or governmental organizations.

Participation in the PAIGH meetings occupied a considerable amount of time. This participation was necessary because of the role as a Delegate and for the further reason that all mapping officials attended all of the sessions, at the Ciudad Universitaria, which was several miles out of the city. Any contact with these men could best be made at the site of these meetings.

3. Difficulties:

The only difficulties encountered were a result of the lack of organization inherent in the Mexican handling of the Assembly. The lack of central registration facilities, for example, made it very difficult to locate the mapping officials during the first few days of the meetings.

4. Commitments:

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The only commitments made were in the name of the [redacted] and these generally involved promises to send map catalogues, maps, or other materials requested on an exchange basis by Latin American mapping officials.

5. Recommendations:

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It is recommended that the [redacted] continue to participate in PAIGH matters, [redacted] on behalf of the Department of State, as during the past. This will involve future attendance at PAIGH meetings in Cartography and Geography, and the continuation of personal and official contacts felt to be beneficial to the conduct of the over-all procurement program. Continued efforts are being made within the Department of State to re-establish the position [redacted] which was abolished two years ago.

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6. General Comments:

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This attendance at the meetings in Mexico, D. F. marks the first time that the [REDACTED] has participated in PAIGH matters. In this same capacity at an earlier time, Dr. Guthe was active in the PAIGH. The opportunities offered for personal contact are most helpful to a fuller development of the program of map and report acquisition. It is even believed that some influence can be exerted in developing certain activities of the PAIGH in such a manner that they will be more beneficial to the interests of the mapping organizations.

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