

RESTRICTED

22 April 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Projects Division

Reference : Memorandum, 16 April 1947, entitled  
"Situation Reports on Latin America"  
from Chief, Projects Division

The project proposed in the memorandum under reference does not appear feasible for a number of reasons:

1. It is doubtful, in the first instance, that personnel sufficiently qualified could be found to carry out the project without the assistance of diplomatic and consular officers who are already stationed in Latin American posts and their respective staffs.
2. In the present unsettled condition of CIG's appropriation, it is also not believed wise to request funds in so great an amount as would be required to finance such a project. Salaries and combined travel and living expenses for persons involved in such a project would be very considerable.
3. Finally, and perhaps most important, the duty of providing information from which situation reports can be prepared falls primarily upon the Department of State and officers of the Foreign Service organization maintained by or through the Department of State. In addition, the attaches from other departments, such as War, Navy, Commerce and others, should prove fruitful sources for the desired material.
4. It is believed that at the present time the Department of State would be opposed to the sending of teams by CIG for the specific purposes indicated.

This opinion does not bar the possibility that at some future time when CIG is firmly established and when the need can be definitely shown, an individual or groups of individuals may ~~not~~ be sent by ORE through the Department of State to a foreign capital for the accomplishment of specifically outlined tasks.

It is suggested that the Projects Division initiate a study of the situation as regards information from Latin America with a

RESTRICTED

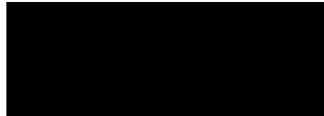
**RESTRICTED**

#2, Chief, Projects Division, 22 April 1947

view to ascertaining specifically wherein this information is lacking. Once this is ascertained, the conditions should be explained to the Department of State or other interested government agency such as the War or Navy Department through existing channels, and an endeavor made to improve the quality and quantity of the information desired. I believe this can be done and that it is a legitimate duty of CIG to point out existing delinquencies and indicate how improvement can be effected, rather than for CIG to endeavor to do the work itself in foreign countries.

It may be suggested, in this connection, that the Projects Division might consider the advisability of circulating in the Department of State's establishments abroad the outline of the Situation Reports once it has been finally determined. With such an outline, the officers in the field might find themselves better prepared to comply with our requirements.

25X1A



J. KLAHR HUDDLE  
Assistant Director  
Reports and Estimates

**RESTRICTED**