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MEMORANDUM FOR: []

SUBJECT : Guatemala

1. Early in July Mr. Dulles, [] and myself visited the State Department where we had a conference at which were present Assistant Secretary of State [], his Deputy, Mr. [], and Mr. []. The CIA delegation posed the following three questions: (as well as I can remember)

1. Would the State Department like to see a different government in Guatemala?

2. Would the State Department oppose a government established by the use of force?

3. Does the State Department wish CIA to take steps to bring about a change of government?

2. The first question was answered positively. The second question was answered negatively. The third question was not answered clearly but by implication, positively.

3. Mr. Dulles asked me to make a Memorandum of Conversation in long-hand and deliver the one copy to him. I did this and waited in his office while he showed it to the Director. In a few minutes I was called into the Director's office, and it was soon clear that the Director was dissatisfied with the lack of a direct answer to the third question. He then telephoned to Mr. [] to make arrangements for a meeting.

4. I later gathered from Mr. Dulles that the Director had received a satisfactory answer from Mr. []

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CHRONOLOGY OF MEETINGS LEADING TO APPROVAL OF PROJECT A

1. 10 July 1952

A meeting was held in the office of [] to discuss Project A. Those present: Mr. [], Mr. [], Mr. Dulles, Mr. [], Mr. [], and []. Project was approved by inference. Details of the meeting are covered in memorandum of Mr. []'s dated 8 October. Original paper is believed to be in Mr. Dulles' files.

2. 11 July 1952

A meeting was held in the Director's office. Those present: the Director, Mr. Dulles, Mr. [], Mr. []. A report was made of the previous day's meeting with State. The Director was dissatisfied with the inconclusive position taken by Mr. [] and Mr. []. He telephoned to make an appointment to discuss Project A with [].

3. 12 August 1952

A meeting was held in Mr. []'s office. Those present: Mr. [], Mr. [], and []. Mr. [] stated that authority to furnish materiel was given.

4. 13-14 August 1952

A meeting was held in Mr. Dulles' office. Those present: Mr. Dulles, Mr. [], and Mr. []. Conversation seemed to be carried on on the assumption that action was being taken. Mr. [] specifically asked Mr. Dulles whether we had the "green light" and Mr. Dulles replied affirmatively, stating that [] had been told that they could have the material if and when they would indicate where they wished to pick it up. (At this or at a previous conference, Mr. Dulles mentioned that the Director had had conversations with
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5. 18 August 1952

A meeting was held in the Director's office. Those present: the Director, [], Mr. Dulles and []. The Director called [] and instructed him to make recommendations as to future action. He requested that a memorandum be prepared and presented to him. On 19 August the memorandum was prepared for the signature of [], was discussed with Mr. Dulles by [], and forwarded to the Director. It was approved by the Director on 9 September.

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