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PM CONFERENCE HELD AT LINCOLN 10 A.M. 15 FEBRUARY 1971

File under Plans

Those in attendance were:

PM

Mr. [] first explained [] as a complete assessment

to determine factually the resources and capability of RUFUS to fulfill project requirements. If warranted, a cadre class of military leaders will be selected, screened for [] training []; if warranted, assets developed for [] force; if warranted, equipment will be moved to training site; and a 9-week training program implemented.

Mr. [] went on to say that [] were to keep a card file, and when a case officer sent a name through to be cleared, they should thereafter report every time that name cropped up -- [] be on the alert for any information or activities of that person.

Mr. [] continued by briefing the group as to what RUFUS is supposed to have gathered by 15 February:

1. The names of key civilian personnel which RUFUS considers pledged to himself in each major area of resistance.
2. The names of all personnel to be connected in any way with logistical movements that are expected to occur [] in late March -- that means truck drivers, the people who unload the plane, those who will be coming into the truck park -- anyone who is going to be connected with the logistical part.
3. The names of all personnel now in [] training for commo and PM.
4. The names of all persons connected with [] training sites in administrative and labor capacities.
5. The names of all personnel to be trained in the second [] leadership class, to commence approximately 5 March.

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6. The name of the key man of each military garrison that we plan to head up -- of particular interest to Chief of Station, Guatemala, because this ^{key} man will be the first to know the details. We do not know when these names will be available.

[] then asked if Lincoln would be able to tell him these names, and [] replied that Chief of Station, Guatemala, would receive a check list on which would be indicated the intended use for each of these men -- the 9 (actually 12) military personalities that come out of Guatemala.

A discussion ensued, in which [] requested that lateral cables be sent to him regarding such names, so that he could also keep a watch list. [] however, speaking for PM activities, said that no lateral cables will be sent on garrison personnel. RUFUS has been assured that we would confine very strictly this information. []

[] then discussed the Leadership Class:

On 19 January, 27 men commenced a 9-week training course designed to produce 4 [] staff specialists for return to RUFUS' staff:

- 10 organizers
- 10 shock troop leaders
- 4 saboteur instructors
- 2 assassination specialists.

RUFUS had been asked by the Case Officer to produce 30 low-level saboteurs. RUFUS indicated a desire to send his key men to the course. The present training class was converted immediately to retrain 20 recruited saboteurs, the retraining to begin 5 March. The remainder of the present class will be used for courier services, logistical functions, etc.

[] stated that [] had been right about the caliber of the people but he does have 10 qualified persons. A class is being assembled now

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by RUFUS and will begin movement [] a about 1 March. [] is to keep [] informed. The ^{New} present class is due to graduate 25 April. Under the present plan, that should clear us out of [] RM activities. About 10 May will be graduation of the radio operators.

That completes []

[] then defined [] Staging Sites []. He stated we were to reconnoiter the border area [] to select suitable sites for basing RM teams. As a result of [] talk with [] the previous night, [] had suggested three sites which were agreed upon: Site A, Site B and Site C. [] is to get the information on the man at Site A, and send it up for clearance; when [] gives him the word, he is to have [] recruit the man.

[] stated that the man for Site C is cleared, but we do not have his name. It may be [] [] then directed [] to cultivate [] but not to make any commitments until headquarters gives the green light. When the men are recruited for A and B, then we will ask them to establish a cover story.

[] stated that [] would do that.

[] stated there would be no recruiting until RUFUS returns to confer with [] and discloses what he finds out. If headquarters sends the word, [] is to prod [] who is the man with whom RUFUS will negotiate.

[] then stated that [] does not have the full confidence of []

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[] directed that, in working with [] was to be

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simply an advisor and contact, to furnish headquarters with advice. [] is to do the work in the PM field, and [] is to keep himself out of it. [] then informed [] that a cut-out has been selected -- [] businessman and ex-Air Force pilot. [] was instructed to get all data available on him at once, but to make no overt approach to him prior to receipt of [] is then to give him a good security lecture.

[] went on to describe an air strip [] -- a strip 2100 feet long now owned by [] and located [] [] has been requested to arrange, by suitable cut-out, to extend the field to 400 feet. Expected maximum expenditure, \$500.00.

The new air strip relegates to secondary importance a field previously used by [] and possibly blown. The new field is also nearer to an intermediate Staging Area presently owned by RUFUS.

[] defined [] Training Base [] Utilize facilities of [] through RUFUS, establish and maintain a covert training school for 30 students; prepare training agenda, secure maneuver area apart from training site, prepare to accommodate a radio operator training class for 20 students, providing full assistance to [] instructor.

[] stated that, following the recent disclosure of the interest in RUFUS' activities, the PM training site has been moved at the order of [] to a point [] on one of [] fincas. A field crypto of [] has been assigned to this location. For

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Reasons previously stated, the Training Site was changed to graduate the present class and receive the new class. A total of only six radio operators was obtained for the commo training, due to a misunderstanding on the part of RUFUS as to the caliber that he was to produce. His attempt to produce only previously experienced radio operators in order to shorten the training period and conduct an operation in late February, had reduced the available personnel to considerably under the required 20. As a result of the Lincoln conferences, the 20 radio operators are being recruited and will move [] prior to 25 February.

[] pointed out that the above is an evaluation of things we have done, and short-term plans we have made. Now we should go into anybody's idea on long-term plans. [] added that [] liaison [] would probably continue to be a problem; [] replied that he has very good liaison []

[] then stated that one long-term development was as follows: [] are to develop to the point of recruitment []. RM will join the forces who are to utilize this man after C/S and FI have determined his usefulness and clearance -- after that, RM will come into the field and assign a man to be hired by []

It was agreed that the responsibility of the [] in all [] contacts is ^{LIMITED TO} that of spotter when assigned, producer of clearance data, and where practicable discreet preparation for recruitment.

[] then brought out that we should be prepared for the refugee problem which would result if the project blows up. [] agreed, stating that we are trying to get [] to throw up border controls

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to prevent the escape of Communists; in the event of a blow-up, someone should be ready to engineer the elimination of these border controls, to permit the revolutionists to cross the borders.

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