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MEMORANDUM

9. August 1960

TO : [REDACTED] (b)(1)
FROM : [REDACTED] (b)(3)
SUBJECT : General - Material for the Director's Book
Specific- Illegal Border-Crossing Method of a Latin American CP
REFERENCE : [REDACTED]

1. The following material is presented in fulfillment of your request of 8 August 1960:

A [REDACTED] member in Mexico desiring to return to Guatemala travels first to a town not far from the point where a river forms the border between the two countries. In this town he contacts a [REDACTED] official living in exile who gives the traveler a card bearing the address of a Communist 'travel agent' (another [REDACTED] member in exile in the same town). The traveler goes to the address and presents the card, whereupon the 'travel agent' arranges for a taxi (driven by another Communist) to take the traveler to another town closer to the border (prior to departure the local police detachment is paid a bribe). Upon arrival at the second town, the traveler pays the taxi driver and transfers to a bus which carries him to a third town — also located on the river which forms the border. There the traveler is met by a Communist farmer who accompanies him on foot to his farm about half a mile outside of town — where they are joined by a second farmer. The three then walk about one mile to the edge of the border-river, being careful to arrive about midnight. One of the two farmers then crosses the river (which is shallow) and contacts a third farmer on the Guatemalan side.

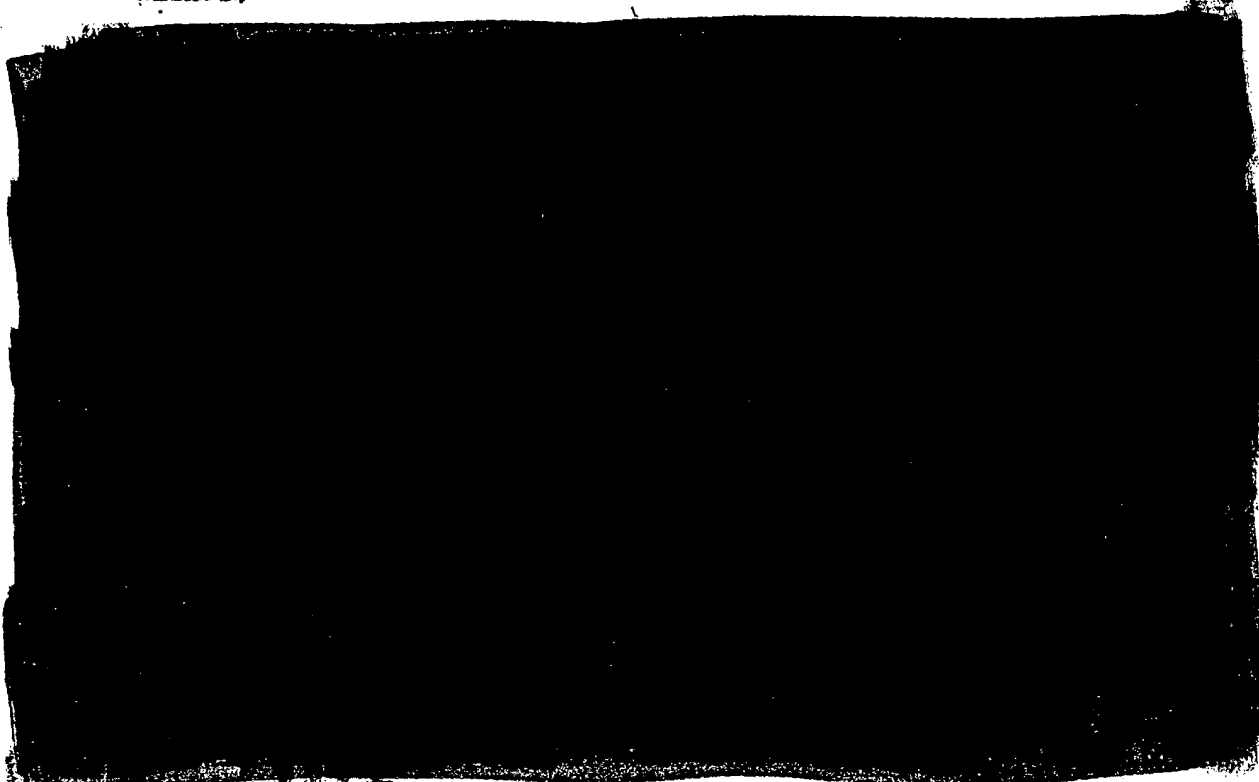
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A check is made for Guatemalan patrols and the all-clear signal is given by flashlight prior to 0100 hours. The traveler and his guides then backtrack up the center of the river (wading) for fifteen minutes. After receiving a second all-clear signal from the Guatemalan farmer, they leave the river on the Guatemalan side at a point marked by a large tree. Here, the traveler is turned over to the Guatemalan farmer and the others return to Mexico. The traveler and his new guide rest under the tree until about 0300 hours. At 0300 they walk to a small village nearby which is located on a railway line and board a train headed for Guatemala City. Three stations down the line they disembark and separate. The traveler then takes a bus to another town in the interior of Guatemala. At this town the traveler disembarks and proceeds to Guatemala City by any available means he wishes.

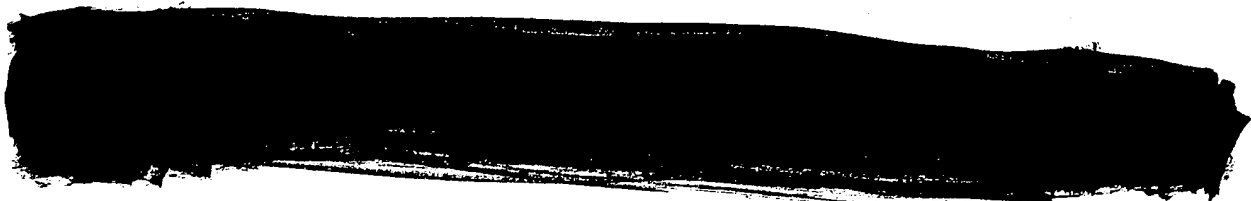
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