

CONTACT REPORT

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Place: Safe House "A"

Persons Present: [] and []
BOB FORD

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Subject: Visit of [] and Conversa-
tions between him and [] 25 to 27 Feb. 54.

Discussion:

1. The following information was received from subject as a result of his recent visit in Miami. The object of his visit was to bring documents in a direct form to [] so that these documents, which were reportedly to be documentary proof to be used at the Caracas Conference, could be sent immediately to the Group for use as they saw fit. Regarding the documents, [] had the following questions to ask the Group:

- a. Would it be possible to present any of these documents at the Conference?
- b. Would it be possible that any of these could be made into leaflets or pamphlets to be used at the Conference? Particularly to be used would be the photographs which are considered to be most effective methods of showing the criminal actions which have been taken by the Communists against Guatemalans.
- c. Would it be necessary to send one or two delegates of the JUNTA to the Caracas Conference to defend themselves against any denunciation which the Guatemalan representatives might make there?
- d. What possible aid would our delegates receive there from other delegations, such as countries as Venezuela, Dominican Republic and others? In case that these documents should be printed, they should be made available to all members of delegations who are going to participate in the Conference, and particularly to members of the press who would be in attendance at this conference.

[] at this point, requested an immediate reply to him in this respect. FORD advised him that it would be necessary to check with the principals in New York before replying to him in this matter.

2. [] advised [] that the JUNTA was finishing the work which would be presented at a later date to the United Nations. The work in this case consists of the infractions of the law and violations of personal liberties by the Guatemalan government to free individuals in that country. [] asked the opinion of the GROUP regarding the importance of this work. FORD advised him that the GROUP considered the work quite valuable, if the

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allegations could be documented with affidavits and with signatures, and made, whenever possible, absolutely legal so that all the documents could be proved in a court anywhere in the world. [] advised that [] might be the individual indicated to write a series of articles regarding these documents, which might even be published at the Caracas Conference before being given to the U.N. [] said that it is entirely possible that the Guatemalan delegation to the Caracas Conference will take a position of accusing the anti-Communists, and in this case, an attack by the free Guatemalans would be absolutely fundamental.

3. President Remon has decided that Jorge Isaac DELGADO has been betrayed because of treachery by Somoza and RUFUS. RUFUS wants the GROUP through its own means to convince President Remon that the actual responsibility for this treachery rests solely on DELGADO.

4. In discussing the political and economic feature (?future?) of Guatemala with [] suggested that certain general objectives, both political and administrative, should be accomplished in a preparatory manner in the very near future. He advised that the following items should be very seriously considered:

a. The development of a commission of lawyers and agricultural men in Guatemala to make a survey of all agrarian matters and problems, specifically regarding the situation of land reform in Guatemala.

b. To obtain at all costs a study which is being terminated by engineer Pedro DE YURRITA, a farmer and an economist, who has written an extremely valuable agricultural program for Guatemala.

c. To organize in Miami a commission of three people who, with [] will prepare a study which will cover political, economic and social themes to be incorporated in the new government. [] mentioned that possible assistants in this commission, or possible people who would form this commission would be the following: [] and Julio GOMEZ ROBLER [] indicated that possibly also [] and Dr. Roberto HERRERA IBARGUEN and another individual be brought to Miami to assist in this work. [] is a lawyer, graduate of the University of Guatemala and also a graduate from the Law School of the [] HERRERA studied in the United States, is married with an American girl, and has worked in the United Nations.

d. The planning and the requirements of a new Guatemalan army.

5. RUFUS advised that the matters in Honduras are progressing satisfactorily. Nevertheless, he advises that the GROUP should make as much political agitation to create a favorable aspect for our cause in the forthcoming presidential campaign. RUFUS advises it is possible that the Liberal Party will postulate Dr. VILLEDA MORALES, who will have the complete backing of the present Guatemalan government. The communist organizations in Honduras will also assist the Liberal candidate, and it is known that ARBENZ, personally, will do all that is possible to assist the successful election of VILLEDA, and to keep General CARIAS, the Conservative candidate, from winning the forthcoming election in Honduras. RUFUS insists that President GALVEZ of Honduras should be advised as to the sympathy which his movement now is looked upon by groups in the United States. If this is done, RUFUS alleges that [] will give a decided and full-hearted cooperation to the Junta cause. [] advises that these ideas were given to RUFUS through [] [] who has communicated to RUFUS regarding his relations with [] will act as RUFUS' personal ambassador to PEREZ JIMENEZ, President of Venezuela.

6. RUFUS has been advised that the documents which DELGADO gave to the Guatemalan government were photographed in the La Aurara Airport in Guatemala City. These documents were photographed, after DELGADO received them, by MIGUEL COMACHO. Those present while the documents were photographed were: DELGADO, Francisco MORAZAN, Chief of the Caribbean Legion, Jaime ROSENBERG, Chief of Guatemala City Police, and an unnamed photographer in the police force. RUFUS said that he had gained this information through an informant in the Army who was on duty at the airport. This low-ranking soldier gave the information in turn to [] [] and [] These two individuals gave the information to our agent. ("our agent" being RUFUS' agent in [])

7. The Secretary and Consul General of the Guatemalan Embassy in Nicaragua, Horacio GUZMAN, who is also a cousin of Col. ARBENZ, is considered by RUFUS to be the individual who enticed DELGADO into performing his treachery against the JUNTO-GRUPO. GUZMAN is also a protegee of the TORIELLO family, Minister of Foreign Relations in the Guatemalan government.

8. [] advised that RUFUS said it would be necessary to amplify the budget estimates of the organizations in Guatemala, particularly CEUA and PUA, so that they can develop a more efficient manner of working and distributing propaganda, and preparing larger organizations and more effective organizations for D-Day.

9. One of the most dangerous Spanish Communists who is now living in Guatemala is Roberto BLASCO. This person works for Rafael CONTRERAS, who is a representative of an American company, Mead-Johnson, of Indiana. BLASCO is reported to receive a monthly wage of two hundred American dollars and to tour the country constantly with expenses paid. CONTRERAS, although knowing the affiliation of his employee, nevertheless refuses to release him from his work. (This is RUFUS source of information.)

10. The government has not as yet sold their coffee which has been obtained from the national fincas, and as a result of not having made these sales, the financial situation of the country becomes more difficult. The sale of this coffee would certainly aid to resolve many economic problems in Guatemala. The purchases of this coffee are made at public auctions and are always bought by American toasters or importers. [] is asking if there is anything that the GROUP can do to keep these sales from being accomplished.

11. RUFUS advises that, at the present time, the workers' syndicate in the United Fruit Company is at its strongest organizational peak. This is due, in part, to the fact that the working harvest season is in full swing, and as a result, payments are regular and the workers are in a good position to bargain. RUFUS considers that it is necessary that something be done to obtain the support of this strong union, and advises that, as yet, his forces have not been able to do anything to assist in bringing about a collusion with this group. RUFUS considers that, if these workers were discontented, such a plan would favor the military operations which have been considered by the JUNTA and the GRUPO. He advises that some form of propaganda should be made to assist in bringing about a discontentment among these workers, and advises that the program be accomplished by CEUA and/or PUA. Also, he advises that the company itself might be able to bring about some sort of propaganda campaign which would strengthen the company's hand.

The above comments constitute the bits of information and advice which [] brought from RUFUS. The following information is a result of a long conversation between [] and [] The following points may be of interest to the GRUPO:

a. [], himself, may be able to work in Miami. He would first like to go back to Salvador to arrange his personal matters. His family still is in Guatemala, and he wishes to remove them from there before coming to Miami.

b. [] highly recommends Horacio DE CORDOVA as an announcer and journalist. CORDOVA, as is to be remembered, was recently evicted from Guatemala for his anti-Communist activities and now resides in Mexico.

c. [] recommends highly Dr. HERRERA, who was mentioned previously in this report. HERRERA, according to [] is an extremely anti-communist man and is highly capable to assist [] in the work which [] has indicated previously.

[] made the following observations as a result of his conversations with [] These views were not discussed with [] but resulted after he had thoroughly discussed the situation regarding the recruitment of propaganda individuals who might work in Miami.

a. IN []'s opinion it is now impossible for us to expect in the immediate future individuals in Journalism and in radio who are Guatemalans and who have sufficient experience to work at Miami. [] believes that it is, therefore, necessary to form a mixed group of Guatemalans and those nationals who have peculiar or particular talents and who will be recommended by the GROUP.

b. [] suggests that sufficient material be prepared at Miami to convert CEUAGE and El Combate into bi-weekly newspapers, and that El Rebelde should be converted to a weekly paper.

c. [] insists that the immediate commencement of black radio programs be initiated in the near future.

d. [] suggests that the possibility of black flights at night over Guatemala be considered. The black flights, of course, would be utilized to distribute propaganda on a scale heretofore never accomplished.

e. RUFUS asks the GROUP that a military advisor be assigned to assist him in Honduras, in the very near future. RUFUS says that PABLO's replacement is absolutely necessary and that it not be considered as an absolute requisite that this individual speak Spanish.