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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Europe

ATTENTION : Mr. []

SUBJECT : Utilization of WE Assets in Latin America

1. Confirming the conversation between
and [] on 16 February 1954, WH Division makes the following
observations and requests:

A. WH wishes to be informed as to whether the []
organization discussed directs its efforts to Latin America
and, if so, to what areas and in what manner.

B. If the organization does not concern itself with Latin
America, WH strongly recommends that the feasibility of its
doing so should be considered at an early date.

C. The Communist penetration of Latin America, and especially
Central America has reached rather alarming proportions and
merits the attention of all [] concerned with the []
way of life in the New World.
Consideration should be given to the fact that while the Communist
influence has made itself felt in Latin America, it has not made
the conquests of which it can boast in Europe and preventive
action as opposed to a salvaging operation, is still efficacious.

D. While WH urges that the efforts of the []
organization be directed to Latin America, WH would not wish an
operation to be carried out on its behalf since, presently, it
has no funds available for this purpose. Should, however, such
activity develop to the point where some support would be needed
for its continuance or expansion, WH would probably be willing to
seek the necessary authorization to provide such support.

2. WH would greatly appreciate your sympathetic consideration of
the foregoing at an early date.

J. C. KING
CWH

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