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I. [] - LATIN AMERICAN CHANNELS

A. [] personnel freely enter Guatemala and make contact with local trade unionists. [] propaganda is hand carried and mailed into Guatemala. Up to the present time [] has adopted a watchful attitude toward the Guatemalan trade union and political situation. While lauding the reforms of the present government they have belatedly deplored the influential positions of control maintained by the communists in labor and political circles. As yet an aggressive attitude on the part of [] has not been displayed. However, as a result of the report of [] submitted to the [] a new awareness has come over [] concerning the Guatemalan situation.

This awareness has been stimulated by two factors:

1. [] was dispatched to Guatemala by the [] The [] is the largest single contributor to [] offers.

2. The fear of the [] that the influence of Communism will spread to neighboring countries where [] affiliates exist.

B. In addition, the general influence of the United States affiliates of [] who called for a strong denunciatory statement on Communism in Guatemala on the part of [] could not be overlooked by the Executive of []

C. A denunciatory statement was not issued due to the continued balky nature of many of the left wing elements of [] which still persist in a hopeful attitude and have more fear of a return of an Ubico type

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LABOR OBJECTIVES: PEGUCCESS

A. To capture and control the Guatemalan labor and peasant movement through HISSON action.

1. Through training of qualified individuals well conversant with management of union activities and the place of the union in the economic and political complex of the nation.

2. Through the further training by individuals mentioned in (1) of cells within the Guatemalan labor movement to work for peaceful capture of the unions.

3. Through the manipulation of [] labor organizations along lines of positive political and economic action.

4. By creating an atmosphere of hemispheric and world-wide support for the anti-Communist Guatemalans through the use of the facilities of the [] complex.

B. If necessary, to utilize trained labor people for HISSON action.

1. Along lines, to neutralize the labor militia of the Communists.

2. To supplement the general HISSON activity of PEGUCCESS.

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regime than of the present Guatemalan situation. The leader of the balky elements is [], an exiled leader of the Accion Democratica party of Venezuela and an [] for Central America. The activities of [] bear careful watching. A report from Cuba has indicated that he visited Communist leader Blas Roca in his offices in Havana last year. No further information has been obtained on other []-Communist contacts. [] maintains his position with [] because of his close contacts with Romulo Betancourt, Accion Democratica leader who is a close friend of Luis Alberto Monge of Costa Rica, militant anti-Communist []

D. As a result of the [] indecision, [] [] Monge will ascertain the opinions on the Guatemalan situation from the organization's affiliates while making a hemispheric trip in the near future.

II. UTILIZATION OF [] AND LATIN AMERICAN ^{channels} FOR PBSUCCESS

A. Despite the indecision of the [] within the structure of the organization are the most militant of the anti-Communist labor elements in the hemisphere. It is believed that [] offers KUBARK many potential assets for development by PBSUCCESS.

1. The [] has advocated the establishment of a Committee of Latin American Trade Unionists in Exile. A meeting will be convened in the near future composed of representatives of Exile groups. It is suggested that the anti-Communist Guatemalan trade unionists in exile in contact with PBSUCCESS and other KUBARK facilities take the initiative in the formation of this committee. In this manner the Guatemalans could ally

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themselves with those anti-Communists of the left which heretofore have believed that it was only the forces of the right that opposed the Arbenz regime. It is believed that by participating in such a committee the Guatemalans would do much to dissipate the fears of the Latin American left as to the nature of the opposition to the present Guatemalan government. In addition, the committee could be used as a sounding board for PBSUCCESS purposes and aid the Guatemalans in developing the confidence of [] in their cause, sincerity, and dedication to trade unionism. In this manner a much desired close working relationship with the more militant anti-Communist elements [] could be developed. Participation in the work of the committee could furthermore tend to give the Guatemalan exiles a more-anti-totalitarian complexion rather than an exclusively anti-Communist one.

2. Since [] people enter Guatemala freely, a proper relationship could be made to utilize their contacts and others known to PBSUCCESS within the country. It does not necessarily follow that the Committee per se would be aware of the activities of the Guatemalans in exile in relationship to clandestine activities, but that participation in the work of the Committee could develop important contacts and agent possibilities to further the work of PBSUCCESS.

B. Basic to any labor plan, however, is the training up of a cadre of militants to work within and without Guatemala for PBSUCCESS. The following method for achieving this task is advocated:

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1. Simultaneous with the efforts of Guatemalans in exile to establish themselves in the good graces of the [] the services of [] should be utilized for ~~PRO~~SUCCESS. [] is now placed within the [] [] tenure in Guatemala has made him familiar with the labor situation and labor personages of that country. Reports submitted to KUBARK, although of an academic nature, show that he is not adverse to "dynamic secret cells for specific purposes." He has worked for the Guatemala station and is no novice to clandestine work. Contact has been established with him [] through [] and instructions for his continued development have been forwarded []

2. [] has the additional advantage of being an exile. []

[] is now the Organization and Press/ Propaganda Secretary [] Actually it is [] who exerts the most influence in organizational matters [] because of his position and past successful efforts of defeating the Communists wherever he has met them. The organization of strong anti-Communist labor organizations in [] and [] attest to his ability. In addition, it was [] that was suggested for a job with [] by militant [] elements early in the reorganization [] in late 1952 and early 1953.

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3. The [] plans to establish a series of courses in the instruction of the techniques of labor organization and administration. It is not believed that any effective training for PBSUCCESS purposes can be conducted within the ^{PURVIEW} ~~purview~~ of an overt trade union school such as advocated []. According to [] [] desires that four Guatemalans be selected for the initial training course. The time of such training is yet undetermined and it may be many months before the cumbersome international procedures allow the [] school to get underway. ^{- will not be initiated before 1954} Among the four Guatemalans previously mentioned, [] advocates that two be selected from the officially recognized unions within Guatemala and two from the anti-Communist opposition. This situation is fraught with security hazards for PBSUCCESS purposes. The individuals selected for training will be in a position to be closely scrutinized by the intelligence facilities of the opposition with the consequence that later utilization of their services within Guatemala will be negated.

4. In addition, an overt school would be subject to the inspection of the [] parent organization []. Therefore it is suggested that for PBSUCCESS purposes, training of Guatemalans in labor for KUGOWN and KUHOOK be conducted covertly. While the attentions of the opposition are concentrated on [] overt training of Guatemalans, a safe site could be procured where individuals of PBSUCCESS selection could be given training in labor techniques [] and in addition KUHOOK training by individuals made available through KUBARK.

5. [] could utilize materials made available to him by reason of his position [] and support materials for

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training purposes could be made available through KUBARK. In general the course outline could be that of [] It is believed from the information now available that [] would accept such a proposal.

6. Selection of individuals for training up cadres of leaders in Mexico to go into Guatemala and train and build up an organization to counter the Communist led labor ^{or} militia can be through existing PBEUCCESS facilities, through spotting by [] and can be accelerated by developing the close contacts [] mentioned previously.

7. Field investigation should determine the best method of funding this operation. Some possibilities are:

a. Through [] cover story.

b. Through the RUFUS [] complex since it has now been determined that the anti-Communist labor front (Union Nacional de Trabajadores Libres) UNTL has been [] through this channel.

8. The cost of a covert training establishment can best be determined through []. Additional costs of training within Guatemala by the KUHCOK staff.

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