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Weekly PBSUCCESS Meeting with ID/P

19 Jan 54

Present: Mr. Wisner (DD/P), Mr. Helms (COP), Mr. King (CWH), [ ] DC/WH),  
Mr. Tofte (C-PP/Ops).

1. Black Flight:

DD/P asked for detailed information concerning the recent black flight to RUFUS. No one present was in a position to provide the answer.  
ACTION: Tofte to procure details from [ ] and AMD.

Saw [ ] /19/54 1230 hours.  
CAT plane and crew due home anyway on 1000 hours check.

2. Venezuelan Aid:

The reported offer of support from the President of Venezuela to RUFUS was discussed in general. It was agreed that, provided this was handled under our supervision and monitoring, this issue might serve as one of the "local smoke screens" that could protect PBSUCCESS.

ACTION: WH/LINCOLN to work this out with [ ] and RUFUS.

3. ARENAS/OCANA Visit:

Recent reports concerning the movements and contacts of ARENAS and OCANA in the U.S. were discussed. Concern was expressed regarding their approaches to Congressional figures including Senators Mundt and McCarthy. It was agreed that WH/LINCOLN should

Wrote report 1/21/54 after checking draft with DD/P. Report forwarded to DCI via CWH and DD/P.

establish a measure of control over ARENAS and OCANA via [ ] and RUFUS and their representatives in the target country.

ACTION: Tofte to prepare summarized report from ID/P to DCI. (DD/P to see draft.)

5. Discussion with British Rep.:

CWH reported on a meeting that he and [ ] recently had with [ ] the British Embassy here. [ ] expressed concern about the target country and appeared to be "fishing" for information as to Agency activities. CWH hedged and discussed generalities based on recent publicity in American press and magazines. [ ] as queried regarding British reaction to possible curtailment of oil deliveries (Shell Co.). He stated the British are ready to assist in action against target country including curtailment of oil shipments.

ACTION: [ ] to provide copies of Cabot's (State) recent statements, Senator Wiley's official remarks and Senator Hickenlooper's speech for [ ] indicating that this represented in part U.S. official attitude. At the same time, British views should be solicited in light of above official statements and British outlets should be encouraged to support said U.S. attitude wherever possible.

6. Canadian Business Issue:

Recent report about American businessman in target country contacting Canadian firm concerning ammunition

(said firm possibly a Du Pont subsidiary) to be investigated and counteracted by CWH.

ACTION: CWH to handle and report at next week's meeting.

7. Psywar Material:

Certain material in the latest "psywar barometer report" to be brought to LINCOLN's [ ] attention for psywar use. This material includes alleged Soviet aid of \$15,000,000 as well as planting and expanding rumors concerning dissatisfaction within target country's army vis-a-vis Government.

ACTION: CWH to handle.

Discussed with [ ] at LINCOLN  
1/23/54 by [ ]

8. Reaction to Nicaragua Pact:

DD/P discussed UP news item dated 18 Jan 54 concerning military pact negotiations with Nicaragua and reaction to same on the part of National Convention of pro-Government Party of Guatemala revolution, General Labor Confederation and National Peasant Confederation (the latter two protesting against Alexander Wiley's charge.)

ACTION: Tofte to ask [ ] (C/IO) to arrange for official American labor/ICFTU denunciation of Guat labor organizations based on above protests. Furthermore, [ ] should be informed of above reaction regarding military aid.

[ ] to inform [ ] (a) to invite his attention to immediate result of Nicaragua pact news within target country and (b) encourage Dept. of Defense to make statement that pact not necessarily directed against anybody but part of over-all U.S. policy to assist deserving people all over the world.

ACTION: WH to obtain text of adopted resolution from Guat station.

Saw [ ] 1/19/54 at 1400 hours. He will arrange matter for AFofL meeting scheduled soon in Miami. Emphasized real need CIFTU to carry ball.

Saw [ ] at 0930 hours 1/21/54 re briefing [ ]

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