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CONTACT REPORT

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DATE: 11:30, 30 November 1953

PERSONS PRESENT: Mr. Tofte, [ ]

PLACE: T-32

DISCUSSION: Contemplated Interview of [ ]

1. Transfer of control from [ ]

[ ] is to be introduced by [ ] cover to be that of a public relations specialist who has been assigned by a group of businessmen to assist [ ] in the carrying out of the project. Mr. [ ] acting as the executive secretary of the group of businessmen, will advise [ ] that he will be with him till the finish of the project. Purpose of their meeting now is to have a review and orientation of the project as it stands and actions which will take place in the near future.

2. Explanation of organization now being formed.

[ ] was to be advised of all the facets of operation which will take place, including intelligence, PsyWar and Para-military activities. Will give him the impression we have now made up our minds to carry out the activities which he described generally in his general plan and we wish to extend our appreciation for his work in these preliminary plans which he has drawn up. However, at this point, we want to advise him that it is necessary for us to obtain all the facts from him as is humanly possible so that we can concentrate our efforts and the more information we know, the more facts we know, the more assistance and help we can provide to the group. Therefore, it behooves him to supply all the data we request.

- 3. Security.

We will advise him that we have a great deal of personal confidence in him and RUFUS but that the communist-penetration danger must always be considered and that all security risks must be studied very carefully. We will point out various examples of communist penetrations which we can show even in the US government. Therefore, it will be necessary for us to compartmentize our operation. Each operation will be divided, segment by segment. After these general remarks on security, we will advise him that it has been decided that in view of the physical dangers of establishing a headquarters in Tegucigalpa, it is thought to be in the interest of security that headquarters be [ ] We must stress to him that he will

tell no one about this idea at the present time; we will advise RUFUS about the matter and that inasmuch as we contemplate arranging a meeting between RUFUS and himself in the very near future, we do not wish him to communicate with his present system of couriers about this latest information. We wish to advise him that one of the reasons for this set up in [ ] the primary one, is to provide RUFUS with service for his propaganda campaign that will have the aspects of a syndicate press service. We will tell him that particularly during the covert stage RUFUS will be so busy with the reproduction and distribution of propaganda that he will have little time to prepare this material. We will have excellent facilities in [ ] for courier and communications and this, together with the physical security, we believe, makes this site much more advantageous than [ ] [ ] We will hint that the material will be available to us in [ ] if we have the base there. Also, this offers more possibilities to have additional people because we envision that possibly more propaganda organizations in the field can be organized if we have sufficient material. Because of this great activity it will be necessary that [ ] be in [ ] It will be necessary for him to assist us in securing the staff personnel as soon as possible. We will ask him for names of individuals whom he can furnish us. [ ] will be told that he will be the adviser and counsel of this group and that all of this material which they develop can be adapted, if necessary, in the field. There will always be latitude of action in the field itself.

#### 4. Intelligence.

We expect to have a man working with Don Pablo. We want to know of the separate sources of [ ] apart from RUFUS.

Courier arrangements... These will be changed as soon as possible and our system definitely will improve his system of communications with the field. This will, of course, be laid on with RUFUS at a later date and will be discussed undoubtedly by you with him at a conference that has already been mentioned.

#### 5. [ ] Program.

We will point out to him that our idea is that the program will not be carried out on the specific time schedule which he noted but rather will progress as our specific objectives are achieved and that each time we achieve an objective - intelligence, propaganda - para-military - we will make a thorough analysis before proceeding to the next objective. Currently we consider the program in the breathing stage, 30-60 days. This period is particularly necessary for the minute preparation of all details and the building of our assets. We will convey to him that this is a period of hope and preparation and he should make this specifically known to his followers so that no overt incidents will take place and cause a premature action by any of his followers. No inflammatory propaganda should be prepared at this point.

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Each media will carry its own particular objective and theme although coordinated from an over-all base. Each newspaper, each propaganda group will be called upon to achieve a specific propaganda goal. In this same line, he will be advised to concentrate all of the PP activity in Guatemala and not to worry about propagandizing there because in other Latin American countries, such as Venezuela, Panama and Habana. We can advise him that propaganda going to Guatemala will be actually distributed to these countries via other methods. We will advise him that a more specific outline of his program will be necessary so that we can more closely ascertain the needs of personnel. We will ask him for names of 6 different people who are known to be extremely loyal to him and trustworthy and who will be used [ ] These people will be tentatively 2 radio operators, press and editorial writers. We will consider Stage I of his plan as period 1-15 December and it is expected that during the discussion of his plan, the matter of finances will take place. We will advise him that finances are to be used to their maximum advantage and that unforeseen circumstances undoubtedly will call for large expenditures of funds. Therefore, we must be extremely careful in our allotment of funds now available. We will advise him that we want a specific and detailed outline of money already sent, given to him, and that [ ] is to be held personally accountable for this money and for other even larger amounts which will be forthcoming IF results and accountability can be obtained for money as it is given to him. We will ask him also as to what channels he has available for obtaining national Guatemalan currency. We will ask him how he obtained Guatemalan currencies in the past and through what sources can be securely obtain large amounts of same in the future.

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