

CONTACT REPORT

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM  
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

DATE: 1615, 23 November 1953

PLACE: Col. King's office

PERSONS PRESENT: Cols. King, [ ]

COVER USED: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Col. King informed [ ] that he had already asked Mr. [ ] to speak to Pres. Galvez about the \$500,000 arms delivery and to tell Pres. Galvez that Mr. [ ] would be down to see him on it shortly. Mr. [ ] has been told by Col. King to leave on 2/3 December.
2. Location of Headquarters in [ ] was discussed. [ ] reported that the Navy would probably allow by Tuesday or Wednesday whether they could provide space and quarters there. [ ] were mentioned as possible places for the location of DON RAMON.
3. [ ] said that on Tuesday he would present to Col. King a memorandum on the acquisition and use of an aircraft for the project.
4. Col. King reported on his luncheon with FOA officials at which Sheffield Edwards was present. FOA has offered to provide cover if necessary: to list key businessmen in the Caribbean; and to provide a financial study of Guatemala.
5. Col. King briefed Messrs. [ ] on the progress of the project.
6. Mr. [ ] reported briefly on the situation in Guatemala. He said that Ambassador Peurifoy was extremely friendly and had lifted all previous restrictions on CIA operations in the country. Reporting on Guatemala moves, Mr. [ ] said that the Guatemalans fear an invasion from their Pacific side and from the Salvadoran frontier. They are running plane patrols along the Pacific coast. The airport in Guatemala City is being fenced and guarded. Commenting on his telegrams re the Arbenz-Army officers' meeting, Mr. [ ] added that Arbenz was also reported to have said that he would resign in favor of Carlos Enrique Diaz.
7. Apropos of prior discussion with Mr. Wisner, Col. King asked Mr. [ ] about the U.S. military personnel stationed in Guatemala and whether they would be cooperative with PBSUCCESS if so ordered. Mr.

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[ ] reported very favorably on the knowledgability and security of [ ] of the Army mission; [ ] of the Air mission is said to have fewer contacts with Guatemalan military personnel but also to be potentially operative and secure. Col. King stated that on Tuesday, a detailed estimate of the mission personnel should be drawn up by Mr. [ ] for presentation to Mr. Wisner and to Gen. Cabell.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the foregoing suggestions be complied with.

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