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TO : LINCOLN

DATE: MAY 18 1954

FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala [ ]

INFO: Chief. WHD: [ ]

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational - K-Program

SPECIFIC— Project SIDERITE

1. A direct approach to SIDERITE is under consideration. We are currently engaged in gathering all available data concerning his person and military background. The U.S. Military Attaché visited him recently and may be able to provide some up-to-date information. All available evidence tends to prove that SIDERITE is uncompromisingly anti-communist and that he has made little effort to conceal his sentiments in that respect. It is believed that his current assignment and its location have been deliberately chosen with a view toward curtailing his freedom of movement and facilitating his observation. In many respects his case seems to resemble that of [ ] Whereas SIDERITE does not exercise effective troop command, he may be in a position to point out to us those among his fellow officers who in his opinion can be relied upon to side with an insurrection against the regime.

The following tentative method of approach is being considered: ESTRAY, by virtue of the nature of his business, would have a perfect excuse for visiting the location at which SIDERITE is stationed. He would make the initial approach, attempting to ascertain the nature and intensity of SIDERITE's current feelings. If circumstances are found propitious, he will be instructed to convey to SIDERITE a message somewhat along the lines of our first approach to [ ] If SIDERITE indicates a desire to meet a representative of the consejo for more detailed briefing, he will be requested to talk with PAGE somewhere in the vicinity of Guatemala City.

3. For your records: ESTRAY was contacted by PAGE on 13 May. He is scheduled to leave Guatemala for good in late June 1954. His wife and child have already preceded him to the U.S. He is anxious to cooperate with, what he may surmise, is a scheme launched by U.S. intelligence.

Graham L. Page

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