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Acting Chief of Station, [] (for Hegarty)
IN FO: Headquarters []
LINCOLN

KUGOWN
Pronto #4

REF: [] 1796 (not sent [])

1. We just received with reference dispatch from [] copies of Pronto #4. On the whole, we believe that it serves our purposes all right. We understand that the "333" campaign will not be continued.

2. We have some doubts however about the front page article reporting the presence of atom bombs in Guatemala. It is undoubtedly true that Guatemala is a center for Communist aggression in the Western Hemisphere and that it may even play a role in specific Soviet plans to attack, among other targets, the Panama Canal. To the extent to which the article speaks of arms smuggling and of the purchasing trip of Senior Martinez, it is perfectly correct. But we feel that the story on the secretly smuggled atom bombs, if believed, would be only too likely to create a panic at the wrong time and for the wrong reasons. We feel that such exaggerated claims may not only reflect unfavorably on the overall credibility of the journal but also indirectly benefit the Communists by creating a war scare.

3. We request that Hegarty pass on the above comments in a suitable manner. No further action by [] appears indicated at the moment.

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JEROME V. DUNBAR

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