

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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PRIORITY
PRIORITY 2418

SHERWOOD

LINCOLN

DIRECTOR

(ROUTINE)

(IMMEDIATE ACTION), [] (PRIORITY)

2003

5 MAY 1951

TO: SHERWOOD
REF: SHERWOOD 043
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1. PENDING REVIEW WITH HQS QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF MSO PLS FOLLOW THIS

LINE:

(A) ON PERSONAL OPINION BASIS WHILE AWAITING REPLY HIS QUESTION
VENTURE THOUGHT THAT IF HE HAS PROOF WSBURNT PARTICIPATION IN ATTEMPT
ON HIS FATHER'S LIFE HE WOULD BE DOING WELL TO PUBLICIZE IT NOW AS
EVIDENCE COMMUNIST MENACE TO ALL CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

(B) ATTEMPT SOFTEN IDEA "RETALIATION" BY EXPLAINING ALL ACTION
TAKEN AGAINST WSBURNT WILL BE BY WSBURNT CITIZENS PRIMARILY WITHIN
WSBURNT THIS STRICTLY THEIR DOINGS. ALL AID RENDERED BY [] IS AND
SHOULD REMAIN COVERT AND DENIABLE INCLUDING SHERWOOD WHICH [] AGREED
HE WOULD NOT ACKNOWLEDGE DESPITE STRONG PROTESTS FROM WSBURNT. REPEAT
SHERWOOD'S CLAIM OF BEING FROM WITHIN WSBURNT.

(C) REPEAT HIS GREATEST SAFETY FACTOR IS EARLIEST POSSIBLE ELIMINATION
COMMUNIST THREAT IN WSBURNT BY SYNCARP AND IN YOUR OPINION MOST UNLIKELY
EXACT DATE SET AS ALL PLANNING TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE IS ON BASIS OF ACHIEVING

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READINESS.

(D.) INFORM [] THAT NO INVASION OF WSBURNT IS CONTEMPLATED BUT TO CONTRARY WILL BE REVOLUTION FROM WITHIN WHICH TAKES TIME AND MUST BE WELL ORGANIZED. THUS REMOVING FURTHER ANY POSSIBILITY "RETALIATION" THOUGHT.

(E) ADVANCE STRONGLY YOUR OPINION ANY OVERT ATTACK BY WSBURNT WOULD VIOLATE "RIO DEFENSE TREATY" AND [] WOULD DEFINITELY RECEIVE EFFECTIVE TIMELY ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER HE MUST BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE AND COUNTER FALSE WSBURNT PROPAGANDA CHARGES WHICH WOULD BE MADE IN ANY EVENT WHETHER HE SECRETLY AIDED ANTI-COMMUNIST EXILEES OR NOT.

(F) QUERY RE TAPES MAY BE PLAY FOR OBTAINING CONTROL OR EXERCISING CENSORSHIP SHERWOOD. THUS VIEWED AS DANGER SIGNAL. ATTEMPT KEEP TO YOUR STORY ALTHOUGH MUST ACKNOWLEDGE IF PLACED UNDER PRESSURE HE WILL BE ABLE IDENTIFY YOUR CUTOUT. ALTHOUGH NOT GREATLY CONCERNED OVER HIS CENSORSHIP AS MOST UNLIKELY HE WOULD OBJECT TO CONTEXT WE DO NOT DESIRE TO SEE SUCH DEVELOPMENT AS MIGHT SERIOUSLY INTERFERE ASIDE FROM ADDED TIME DELAY. IF PRESSED USE TIME FACTOR AS REASON TO AVOID CENSORSHIP WHILE PROFESSING DESIRE TO BE COOPERATIVE.

2. FOREGOING MAY PROVE HELPFUL ON MTG 5 MAY. WILL PROVIDE MORE GUIDANCE AFTER CHANGING VIEWS WITH HQS. IF SITUATION PERMITS BELIEVE EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE DISCUSS MATTER WITH [] PERSONALLY AS REASONS ADVANCED BY [] SEEM VERY OK. YOU MIGHT EVEN INSIST ON SEEING [] SAYING YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO DISCUSS SH MATTERS ONLY WITH HIM AS PER GILLRAY'S TALKS.

END OF MESSAGE