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Lincoln
DISPATCH NO. HGG-A-832

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TO : Chief of Lincoln
FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala

DATE: 30 March 1954

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

INFO: Washington

SPECIFIC— ESCOBILLA Letter to []

1. Attached is a self-explanatory memorandum from RAZMARA relating to a meeting with ESCOBILLA on 29 March 1954.
2. The letter referred to in the attached memorandum is also enclosed, for delivery to [] The personal difficulties mentioned relate to a current labor dispute involving workers at ESCOBILLA's plant.
3. Please note the opinion expressed in para. 5 of the enclosed memorandum. This tends to confirm our opinion, arrived at previously and expressed in our review of the ESSENCE operation, that much of the propaganda now being disseminated serves to bolster the morale of oppositionists.

[]
George D. Tranger

Encl. as noted

30 March 1954

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SUBJECT: Meeting Between [] and ALBERTO

1. A meeting took place between [] and ALBERTO on Monday, 29 March.

2. [] gave ALBERTO a letter for delivery to []. This letter deals with the seriousness of the internal situation of the movement, discussed at previous meeting.

3. [] stated he hopes [] does not believe the letter was influenced by the present difficulties [] company is having with the government. The situation is serious, and has been building up []

4. In discussing these difficulties, ALBERTO asked [] for his opinion of the effectiveness of the anti-Communist propaganda on the people, particularly among the working class such as he employs. [] stated that he does not think they pay much, if any attention to any propaganda. They are mainly concerned with getting enough to eat.

5. The value of the propaganda, according to it that it serves to remind the people that the opposition is still functioning - it keeps their courage up. In this he seems to be in agreement with CARTER's ideas.

6. [] stated that the AGA is willing to undertake some such propaganda effort (aid to homeless as mentioned in previous dispatches from Hqs.) but they do not have any money for same. Also they think it would be more important to help the families of the exiled workers. [] suggests the possibility that it might be more effective to keep these workers families discontented, however.

[]
ALBERTO

att to:
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