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1. This operations was the subject of a discussion between Boyd I. ROLENDER and Graham L. PAGE on 28 March 1954.
2. Assuming that full operational clearance can be obtained on ESMERALDITE I, it is contemplated to put him in direct touch with the K-program labor representative in Guatemala. Certain security problems are bound to arise in conjunction with effecting a secure initial contact between the labor representative and ESMERALDITE I, since it is most desirable to preclude any direct or indirect tie-in with KUBARK.
3. In view of the fact that ESMERALDITE picked and recommended ESMERALDITE I as his successor in Guatemala and preparatory steps (such as recognition signs) were taken in order to assure a smooth transfer, we are now faced with a situation in which an introduction by ESMERALDITE I is bound to reflect intelligence connotations unless elaborate steps are taken to conceal from both ESMERALDITE and ESMERALDITE I that the approach originates with KUBARK.
4. The following method of introduction would commend itself in order to prevent the problem set forth in Paragraph 2 from arising. The labor representative, presumably an official of the CIO, would through CIO channels approach [], and advise him that he is about to be sent to Guatemala on a fact finding mission, requiring the services of a local ~~citizen~~ resident:
 - a. Familiar with labor conditions.
 - b. Well connected in the political sphere.
 - c. Not a citizen of Guatemala.
 - d. Not so far overtly associated with oppositional causes.

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- e. Known to enjoy trust in pro-Government circles.
 - f. Vouched for by ORIT.
5. We anticipate that any approach to ORIT along those lines, whether made to ESMERALDITE direct or through Luis Alberto MONJE, will ultimately result in ESMERALDITE I being suggested as an acceptable choice meeting CIO's stipulations. Should that come to pass, neither ESMERALDITE nor ESMERALDITE I could possibly infer that this is a KUBARK instigated move and are more likely to surmise a bona fide trade union enterprise.
6. Pending choice and clearance of a K-Program labor representative you may wish to give some thought to this problem. If the method proposed strikes you as practicable, please take the necessary steps to brief your CIO contact in order to assure a speedy implementation of the project, preferably concurrent with the arrival of the labor representative in Guatemala. The steps set forth herein are essentially those proposed by Boyd I. ROLENDER, who believes that the scheme is a workable one.

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