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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

FROM : [ ] WH/PP/Labor

SUBJECT : PBSUCCESS  
Latin American Trade Union Committee in Exile

The following is submitted for approval after consultation with Boyd O. Rolender, [ ]

1. It is proposed to support the efforts of the ORIT to promote a Latin American Trade Union Committee in Exile. KUBARK will engage in this support for purposes of concealing ODYOKE interest in covert PBSUCCESS activities and in order to develop closer working relationships with ORIT for PBSUCCESS [ ]

2. To accomplish this operation it is proposed that KUBARK work through ESMERALDITE, [ ] official of ORIT [ ]  
[ ] It has been determined that ES-  
MERALDITE is enthusiastic about proceeding with the operation. In addition ESMERALDITE is well aware of the security aspects of the operation.

3. The core of the operation will be to have WSBURNT labor exiles participate in the work of the Committee which will be predominantly composed of exiles from the local Latin American type dictatorships. In this manner it is believed that the impression will be created for labor and politicians of the left that WSBURNT is similar to other dictatorships which they vehemently oppose. The fear of local dictatorships is far stronger than the fear of Communism to the politicians of the left and the non-Communist labor movement. In addition, the participation of WSBURNT exile leaders in the Committee will tend to make many believe they are to continue in the same category of the other exiles, in more or less of a permanent exile status. This, too, will contribute to some confusion as to KUBARK-supported covert activities.

4. To initiate the operation, the following is proposed for approval:

a. that ESMERALDITE be given approximately \$2,000 to use to work up organizational and propaganda aspects to lead to the Latin American Trade Union Committee in Exile meeting which will be held shortly after his return to Mexico from Montevideo in June.

b. that the remainder of funds requested by ESMERALDITE be released upon his submittal of satisfactory evidence of a successful

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arrangement for launching the Committee into operation via the method of the meeting. In this connection, attached is ESMERALDITE's preliminary rundown of the expenses to be incurred at the meeting including delegates to attend.

5. In connection with PBSUCCESS aspects, it is believed that WSBURNT participation in the Committee should be consistent with its present situation vis-a-vis Latin American Exiled trade unionists generally, in order not to appear to those groups which we wish to influence that the Committee has been rigged for specific purposes inconsistent with the objectives of ORIT.

6. Regarding cover for the operation, ESMERALDITE is witting of ODYOKE interest. L

7. However, the cover story that ESMERALDITE will use is believed adequate for the purposes of this one-shot limited operation. The story attributed to his source of funds will be that they are coming from a high official in the Mexican government. The natural suspicion which would be aroused in labor circles is that the money was coming from the CTM (Confederacion de Trabajadores de Mexico), actually the "left" arm of the Mexican government. Since ORIT is lacking in funds for this type activity and many of the leaders of ORIT in Mexico City are exiles themselves, it is not believed that any detailed questions as to the source of funds will be made.

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