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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH Division

SUBJECT: PF Lines Concerning Guatemalan Communist Refugees

1. Your attention is invited to Department of State's circular 135 dated September 10 a copy of which is attached to the original of this memorandum. It seems to me that our people should be able to develop some useful supporting lines for employment by news media controlled or influenced by us.

2. Although I do not see his name at the foot of the dispatch which was sent to practically all Latin American Embassies, I believe that the inspiration for the most incisive and constructive portions of this circular was Mr. Ray Leddy. It may be that you will wish to discuss certain aspects of our proposed guidance to the field with Mr. Leddy, although I would say that anything which we were to direct the field to do generally within the sense of this State Department circular would be O.K. from a policy standpoint.

3. It is, of course, most regrettable that such a large number of these Communist chickens were permitted to fly the coop and to come to roost in other Latin American areas -- but I am informed by Mr. Leddy that the Department's plans for preventing this simply did not bear any fruit.

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