

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

2003

PB HISTORY TEAMS

1. PRELIMINARY TEAMS

CIA

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STATE

Myron Bergin
Alberto Vazquez

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2. TEAMS FOR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

CIA

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Chairman--Mylkes
- Administrative clerk typist
- FI reports officer (bilingual)
- Micro-photographer from RI
- Clerk-typist (bilingual)
- Intelligence Analyst
- Writer, Author, Propagandist--Paul D. Langevine
(Owner of a newspaper in Santiago de Chile.)
- Intelligence-Reports Officer

STATE

Myron Bergin, Deputy Chief (Note Bergin will probably return
to Washington during latter part
of August.)

John Sturges - biographic duties
Alberto Vazques - Economics and research
Joseph Barager - Historian and Political Scientist

USIA - Kay Keeny

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Myron Bergin

Frank Oram - USIA

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APPENDIX A

Recommendations of 5 July 1954 to COS for Ambassador

1. Energetic anti-communist action is needed urgently and is sorely lacking:
 - a. Communist Party men continue to hold the government positions they held under Arbenz, e. g., Inspectores del Trabajo and of the DAN, etc.
 - b. Communists who took asylum in Embassies have left those Embassies and returned to active life in the city, some under assumed names.
 - c. The frontiers are open and the escape of communists is not blocked.
 - d. Men responsible for the torture and murder of anti-communist under Arbenz have not been arrested even though their identities are known. It is reported that a Col. Prera of the Guardia Civil blocked these arrests.
 - e. The CGTG is still active. The closing of its central office is not enough to curb the activities of its communist leaders and communist members who are accustomed to clandestine activity.
2. The Junta should designate and fully empower a man with whom we can deal in the elimination of communists from all positions of influence in Guatemalan government and society; in their arrest, detention and interrogation; in the seizure and study of key documents in the communist conspiracy; and in the effective denial of the claim of communists to the right of asylum and salvo conducto.
3. There is urgent need for:
 - a. A central repository of information on the Communist Party, its members, fronts and related groups.
 - b. A secure, capable, energetic, anti-subversive squad in the Guardia Civil.

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c. A thorough check of all:

- 1) Offices (headquarters) (national, regional, municipal, etc.) of the CP, the CGTG, the peasant federation, all communist fronts;
- 2) Government offices dominated or strongly influenced by communists;
- 3) The homes and offices of all leading CP members, and of all their relatives and friends where they may have cached documents .

in order to be sure that the Junta has in its possession all important documents and records which will

- 1) Clearly evidence the foreign direction of the communist movement;
- 2) Specifically identify not only all leading foreign and local communists involved but all CP members and collaborators, so that they can be rendered ineffectual and can be prevented from making a renewed bid for power.

PROJECT SUMMARY:
PEHISTORY

Introduction: The following project summary is being submitted in accordance with the verbal request made by Mr. Frank Wisner, DD/P. Your comments and approval are requested for earliest project implementation.

Purpose: To exploit immediately 100,000 Guatemalan Communist documents for intelligence and propaganda motives. To provide record and filing procedure instructions to the Guatemalan representatives of the group, which will serve as the basis for a records and file system of a new Guatemalan Intelligence Service.

The task force will include elements of State Department, USIA and CIA, the latter to hold the chairmanship of the group. The Ambassador will provide general instructions for the group for the joint benefit of the United States and Guatemalan Government. Suitable cover name suggestions have been submitted to the Ambassador for an overt title for this task force.

Tasks: The State Department, USIA and CIA will state concisely their priorities of information. This is necessary to utilize the minimum number of persons and enable the maximum amount of rapid document exploitation. In order to achieve our objective, a complete spirit of cooperation and knowledge of mutual information priorities is absolutely essential. This principle of operation has been agreed upon by the three U.S. government agencies involved. Priority lists of the three groups are attached.

Relations with the Guatemalan individuals, who will be working under the guidance of the task force, will be directed or coordinated by the PEHISTORY chairman. Complete control cannot be openly exercised; however, through demonstration of the services which the task force can perform for the Guatemalans, it is considered that fullest cooperation will be obtained.

All efforts will be made to obtain important data now existing in the Government FORMIN and other Guatemalan Government agency files.

Immediate efforts will be devoted to ascertain any international implications which can be utilized by friendly, neighboring, anti-communist governments for their intelligence or propaganda exploitation.

Procedure: Action will be initiated soonest to ascertain the availability of the documents to the PEHISTORY team and what the restrictions, attitudes of the current Guatemalan Government will be. Immediate requests will be made for the Guatemalan Government to provide clerical personnel who will be needed to assist in the immediate and monumental task of preliminary physical sorting.

Once it is ascertained that fullest support is assured by the Guatemalan Government and the sorting has progressed to the point where analysis is possible, all US task force personnel will commence their scanning activities. From this point on, the highest degree of cooperation will be needed, since the priorities of the groups involved will vary and overlap.

Another factor to be considered in the use of the documents has been the time factor, as opposed to operational needs. The PBHISTORY chairman will endeavor to strike as fair a balance as is possible between these two factors. He has no preconceived intentions to particularly favor either the propaganda or the operational aspect.

For immediate document exploitation by the agencies represented, use will be made of autostat photographic equipment. Microfilm equipment will be used with those documents which lend themselves to mass reproduction. It is considered this process will be used primarily to supply a permanent record of name lists, bound volumes of official correspondence, or a series of chronological papers. RI has been requested to furnish personnel capable of handling this task. They have agreed pending approval C/PI.

Work on the project is to commence with the arrival of the personnel to be indicated in a following paragraph. Pending final project and State Department documentation, PBHISTORY personnel are prepared to leave o/a 1 August. Travel orders are currently being readied and State Department was advised on 28 July of the CIA personnel who would be leaving.

At the end of each week a progress summary report will be submitted to Headquarters. It is not contemplated devoting any of this short period to detailed progress or operational reports since a minimum of secretarial help is planned. It is believed that time is of the essence. Frequent use of cable facilities for operational queries is expected. Interested Headquarters staff members will be encouraged to visit the field unit, particularly if complicated or long and involved problems arise which might unnecessarily hold back the work of the field analysts. These visits could be constructive since additional requests and information priorities could be modified.

At the end of the second month the chairman and various other project personnel will be replaced. A complete summary of progress to date will be written and a recommended modification of the PBHISTORY structure as it is to continue will be suggested.

The attached administrative plan is based on the consideration that the team in itself will be self sufficient. It is felt that best relations can be maintained from an administrative viewpoint with both the Embassy and our station if only emergency calls are for their support and assistance. Therefore from both a personnel and equipment

standpoint the group as planned is thought to be complete enough to accomplish its task without interrupting and overburdening the operational or administrative activities of the Embassy or our station.

SUMMARY: Without the full support of the Guatemalan Government this project will be faced with long "Manana" type of delays. Also it must be realized the Guatemalans themselves will be faced with various political pressures which will cause them to exploit the documents in manner which our team may consider inept or disastrous, from either an operational or propaganda viewpoint. Headquarters must be prepared for such eventualities. The chairman has already warned the State and USIA representatives of this possibility. The reported value of the documents is not being underestimated, however, it is reasonable to suppose that a large percentage of the material is valueless. Every effort will be made to achieve the most rapid exploitation -- keeping in balance the operational-propaganda aspects.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PLAN

Joint CIA-State-OSIA Team

I. The CIA team will consist of the following:

A. Field Team

- 1 Chief of Team
- 2 FI Officers
- 1 PP Officer
- 2 Micro-photographers
- 1 RI Analyst
- 1 Reports-Administrative
- 1 Secretary
- 9 (Sub-total)

B. Headquarters Support

- 1 FI or PP Officer
- 1 Secretary-Administrative

II Total

(Headquarters Personnel to be assigned Guatemala Desk, Branch III, WH Division)

II. Estimated costs of Operations for three months:

Salaries (average GS-11)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overtime (average \$1.60 per hr. 20 hrs. per week per individual)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rental of two automobiles including gas, oil and maintenance-\$45.00 per week per vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travel and Per Diem	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two Auto-Stat machines and Supplies (reproduction)	<input type="checkbox"/>
One portable microfilm Model "F" and supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two Dictaphone machines complete	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local procurement office supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Office furniture (if not available locally from US Government installation)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Estimated costs of Operational expenditures as distinguished from Administrative expenditures which includes purchase or procurement of documents from Government and non-Government sources.	3,000.00

Administrative Support Plan - Contd.

III. Delegations of authority

- A. The Chief of CIA team is designated as the Disbursing and Accountable Officer for all CIA funds expended in the Field.
- B. The Chief Admin., W&A Division, is designated as the Disbursing and Accountable Officer for all expenditures at Headquarters in support of the team.
- C. Any additional funds required over and above those approved herein will be first approved in writing by the DD/P or COP.

IV. Funds for use of CIA team in the Field:

The sum authorized herein for Operational expenditures in the Field will be advanced to the Chief of Station, Guatemala, to be made available to Chief of CIA team. The Station will maintain separate account for these funds, and the Chief of CIA team will submit receipts and/or documents to support his expenditures through the Chief of Station to Headquarters.