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REFERENCE: Memo for the Record, dated 16 July 1954

1. The reference memorandum is not entirely satisfactory in that it contains little indication that we can expect the OCI people to put their hearts into the early preparation of a more objective and better balanced piece. Moreover, there is no indication in the memorandum that various highly significant State Department cables were considered. (You make reference to some 21 cables from "field stations" -- which I assume to be [ ].) I have in mind, for example, a press roundup of reactions from Mexico City -- a State Department communication -- which indicated that the press was almost unanimously challenging and criticizing the position of the Government of Mexico on the issue of asylum, and was saying that that Government had better be careful not to abuse or permit the abuse of the custom and privilege of political asylum by giving protection and aid to criminals, murderers and dangerous Communist agents from Guatemala. This is only one illustration of the kind of State Department traffic which I have been reading for the last two weeks. In view of the foregoing, I recommend another trip around the course with the OCI people, if necessary with Mr. [ ] assistance. I repeat and reiterate that I am interested only in seeing a better balance in the OCI analysis, i.e. a better rounded piece which will take into account the favorable as well as the unfavorable reports available to this Government.

2. As regards the subject matter of paragraph 5 of the reference memorandum, I should like to renew my suggestion that something more be done or attempted through London to squeeze some information out of the Guatemalan Ambassador there -- Aguilar, concerning the identities and missions of the travellers who passed through Paris to and fro between Guatemala and Iron Curtain areas. It will be recalled that Aguilar specified this traffic of persons and his unwillingness to be a party to it as one of the reasons for his departure from his Paris assignment.

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Also in this connection I am sure that there must be something in the material and information brought back by ~~C J~~ and company from Guatemala which will contain information concerning contacts and trips behind the Iron Curtain on the part of Guatemalan Communists and other governmental representatives.

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