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TO : DIRECTOR

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

FROM : GUATEMALA

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GUAT 072 (IN 28180)

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TO: DIR

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FROM: [S] 3
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RE: DIR 08905 (OUT 61835)

GUAT 061 (IN 27098), 063 (IN 27483)

1. OUR FIRST JOB (HERE AFTER REVIEWING MATERIAL IN STATION POSSESSION WAS TO INSPECT LOCKED CP AND FRONT ORGANIZATION PREMISES FOR AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION. TO DO THIS WE HAD TO CUT PERSONALLY THRU GOVERNMENT CONFUSION AND RED TAPE. IN PROCESS DISCOVERED CP HQS AND STUDENTS UNION UNGUARDED AND ENSURED BETTER PHYSICAL SECURITY RECORDS. AFTER INSPECTION REALIZED THAT EXPLOITATION GREAT VOLUME DOCUMENTATION BEYOND OUR CAPABILITIES. IDENTICAL CONCLUSION REACHED BY ODACID TEAM.
2. WE SELECTED FROM STATION MATERIAL INTERESTING DOCUMENTS WHICH WE PLANNING TAKE WITH US TO WASH FOR YOUR INSPECTION AND DISSEMINATION. THESE DOCUMENTS REPRESENT HIGHEST LEVEL FOUND TO DATE.
3. SECOND JOB WAS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR SUPPORT ACTIONS OBTAINED POSITIVE COOPERATION AS FOLLOWS:

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A. CHIEF [] ARRANGED CONTACTS AND FURNISHED
LIST []
B. CHIEF [] FURNISHED VALUABLE CP
MATERIALS AND COMPREHENSIVE LIST CP LEADERSHIP.
C. OFFICERS OF [] ARMY GENERAL STAFF
FURNISHED CONSOLIDATED REPORT CP STRUCTURE AND PERSONALITIES.

4. THIRD JOB WAS TO STIMULATE CREATION FURTHER OPERATIONAL
TOOL THROUGH WHICH INVESTIGATION IN DEPTH COULD BE CARRIED OUT
SINCE OBVIOUS THAT DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED BY LIVE SOURCES,
INTERROGATIONS, DEFECTIONS.

5. HENCE WE PROPOSED ON 5 JULY TO JMBUG VIA BANNISTER
CREATION HIGH-POWERED JUNTA-CONTROLLED INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE
CONTROLLING EFFECTIVE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE SQUAD. THANKS TO JMBUG
AND BANNISTER PRESSURE ON JUNTA, FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS TOOK
PLACE:

A. 7 JULY [] ADVISED BANNISTER AND US THAT
INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE AND ANTI-SUBVERSIVE GROUP APPROVED.

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B. 8 JULY CHIEF OF [] TOOK US TO NEW HQS OF INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE (OLD EMBASSY) WHERE ALL DOCUMENTS TO BE CENTRALIZED.

C. 9 JULY MET [] AND ZPSEMANTIC IN OFFICE CHIEF [] AS MEMBERS INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE AND DISCUSSED BASIC PRINCIPLES, OPERATIONS.

D. GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION CHANGED COMMITTEE .. COMPOSITION AND DELAYED FURTHER DISCUSSIONS UNTIL 14 JULY. THAT DATE WE WERE REQUESTED ATTEND MEETING 15 JULY AND ADVISE COMMITTEE ON HOW TO FUNCTION AND ORGANIZE. IN MEANTIME DOCUMENTS BEGAN ROLLING INTO CENTRAL REPOSITORY CITED IN ITEM B ABOVE.

6. AT MEETING 14 JULY WITH INFORMAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE FOLLOWING ACTION AGREED UPON:

A. DECREE SHOULD BE ISSUED GRANTING FORMAL LEGAL STATUS TO COMMITTEE AND FULL POWERS FOR INVESTIGATION COMMUNISM.

B. COMMITTEE PROPER TO BE COMPOSED THREE MEMBERS WITH TWO ALTERNATES. ONE MEMBER TO BE CHAIRMAN.

C. A JUDGE WITH NATION-WIDE JURISDICTION SHOULD BE

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ATTACHED TO COMMITTEE FOR ISSUANCE WARRANTS, SUBPOENAS.

D. ORDERS SHOULD BE SENT IMMEDIATELY TO DEPARTMENTAL GOVERNORS TO FORWARD PERTINENT FILES PREVIOUS REGIME AND PRO-ARBENZ PARTIES FOR STUDY AT COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS.

E. FUNDS FOR COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY ALLOTTED.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AGREED FORMULATE BASIC WORK PLAN FOR OUR REVIEW AND SUGGESTIONS AT MEETING 16 JULY.

7. AFTER MEETING 15 BANNISTER WENT IMMEDIATELY TO []

[] TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE ACTION PER ABOVE PARAGRAPH.

8. MOST TANGIBLE RESULT SO FAR IS THAT ACCESS TO ALL AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS ENSURED AT CENTRAL POINT AND THAT GUAT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE WELL ON WAY OF BECOMING REALITY. BANNISTER DOING SPLENDID JOB IN NURSING ALONG COMMITTEE AND IS PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF GIVING DAY TO DAY ADVICE TO THIS GROUP. MEMBERS WE FEEL EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE.

9. IN VIEW FACT THAT INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE AND SUBVERSIVE SQUAD WILL NEED WEEKS IF NOT MONTHS TO MATURE, CONSIDER MOST IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL PROBLEM IS TO ENSURE FULL

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KUBARK EXPLOITATION RECORDS. [] ODACID TEAM LEFT 14
JULY TO PROPOSE DISPATCH LONG TERM ODACID TEAM. WE FEEL ODACID
SHOULD NOT GET MONOPOLY IN RECORDS AND RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION
JOINT KUBARK ODACID TEAM FOR 6-10 MONTHS. FEEL SURE BANNISTER
CAN PREVENT ODACID TEAM INTERFERENCE WITH OPERATIONAL ASPECT
SINCE [] PROMISED TO STICK TO STUDY ASPECTS ONLY.

9. TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE PERMISSION TO RETURN TO BRIEF
YOU IN DETAIL.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: TREATED AS PERSUCCESS.

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