

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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1. Send off a message to Lincoln with regard to Linc's reply to Guat City's cable about the train. The Director, Cabell, Bissell and I all agreed that Linc's message of reply was a very bad one indeed and that Linc should be specifically told that whereas some pilot error is to be expected in air ops, we are expecting them to do everything in their power to maintain the necessary degree of discipline in the conduct of the air ops to the end that trains carrying US citizens and the nationals of other countries shall not be bombed or strafed. This applies specifically to the trains running North and South between Guat City and Mexico.

A message should be sent to Peurifoy telling him that whereas we understand that the line between Guat City and Puerto Barrios is not being used for anything other than military purposes, he should make sure (in view of so many reports of air action) that no American personnel or citizens are riding on this particular line without prior notice -- and presumably in connection with a government-arranged evacuation plan.

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3. Send a message to Line disapproving the radio towers as a target. This should be a carefully-phrased message to bring out the following points:

a. Careful study of this target here produces conclusion that radio tower extremely difficult and unprofitable air target. Accordingly this request disapproved on this ground.

b. Other targets more profitable for air

c. Agree that this is extremely vital target but urge that every effort be made to attack by sabotage since this type structure is profitable and relatively simple sabotage job if possible get at it..