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FROM LINCOLN

INFO Washington

SUBJECT { GENERAL  
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Operational Matters  
ERRATIC

REF: HUL-W-380, 24 May 1954 (Not sent to [ ])

1. There is attached a report which represents an interview with the subject of Paragraph 1 of the attachment to [ ] This person appeared at Headquarters on 18 May 1954 and desired to talk about Guatemala. This report is passed on to you in order that you may review the information contained therein and provide LINCOLN with any pertinent comments.

2. LINCOLN has informed Headquarters that the information provided by the subject was on the whole factual. However, it is noted that no mention was made of LAS, and that the purported statements of JUVIA-2 concerning his connections are contrary to all instructions. In the opinion of Headquarters there is a possibility that this approach represented a provocation attempt. Headquarters states that it plans to take no further action concerning the matter.

3. Our position with respect to ERRATIC and the JUVIAS has been discussed in several recent communications. It is believed that the fears of the JUVIAS are greatly exaggerated and that there is some factor involved which is still not clarified. It was admitted in [ ] that ERRATIC himself is not violently inclined. The feelings of the JUVIAS are apparently based on the belief that "many of his (ERRATIC's) followers would kill any person suspected of betraying him". Who are these "followers"? Where did the threats originate? Can they be considered seriously? In this connection it should be recalled that ERRATIC stated on 19 April that in the event the promised support was terminated, or there was evidence of betrayal, that the movement had progressed too far to vouch for control of all of his followers. It would appear from this statement that ERRATIC himself is the one making the threats and that perhaps the violent followers exist only in his mind.

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4. We cannot assume the responsibility of protecting every agent who works for us. This should be made clear during the period of development. It is admitted that we should do everything within reason to help those agents who get into trouble, but our operations must come first. JUVIA - 2 is a PBPRIME citizen. It appears highly unlikely, on the basis of evidence submitted, that he is in any real danger.

5. It is hoped that the status quo can be maintained for the time being. It might be advisable for JUVIA-2 to tell ERRATIC plainly that the only thing that matters to the LAS and its sponsors is the overthrow of the Guatemalan regime by freedom-loving Guatemalans, and that personal feelings should be set aside. If it is felt by the LAS that ERRATIC can help in some respect, he will be so informed. ERRATIC should be told that he certainly will be counted upon for valuable support after the liberation of Guatemala, in the event it is felt necessary for unavoidable reasons that other forces carry the brunt of the actual military operations. He should be told that all elements in Guatemala, which are opposed to the Communist control of the government, will be asked to cooperate, and that it is hoped that the ERRATIC-controlled groups will lend all assistance possible. The talk of "spies" should be scotched at once. It should be made clear to ERRATIC that such comments are not appreciated and that they only cause harm and confusion.

6. Your comments on the suggestions in this dispatch will be appreciated.

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1. The subject appeared at the Administration Building at about 11:45 a. m., 18 May 1954, stating to the receptionist "I want to speak to somebody about Guatemala." He was referred by the receptionist to an interviewer.

2. He is of medium build, strong features, wears horn rimmed glasses, a sprinkling of gray in very dark hair, erect in his stature, speaks English very well but with a distinct accent, seemed to be well balanced and made a very favorable impression.

3. He left El Salvador on 15 April, going to the Mayo Clinic "to get well." He arrived in Washington, checking in at the Lafayette Hotel the evening of 14 May. (He has subsequently moved to the Park Hotel.) On the morning of 15 May he was given a letter which had been held for him from ERRATIC, dated 6 May and stamped as received in the Hotel Lafayette on 8 May.

4. Making frequent reference to the letter, the subject narrated the following story:

He is associated with ERRATIC in an effort to dispossess the present government of Guatemala. A complete plan to accomplish this was furnished to an officer in the American Embassy, San Salvador, on 29 January 1954. No reply has ever been received.

JUVIA # 3 introduced to ERRATIC one JUVIA-2, indicating that JUVIA-2 was a member of an anti-Communist German military group. JUVIA-2 stated to ERRATIC that he was aware of ERRATIC's effort to overthrow the present government of Guatemala and offered him financial assistance in accomplishing his job. ERRATIC asked him if he had anything he could give him at the present time to indicate his immediate good faith. JUVIA-2 furnished him \$2,000 in 10-dollar bills, then "pumped" ERRATIC as to who in the Guatemalan Army ERRATIC was counting on.

The subject stated that since ERRATIC has previously been taken "by CALLIGERIS in a similar manner, causing a shake up in the Guatemalan Army," that ERRATIC was reluctant but did give JUVIA-2 some names. He asked JUVIA-2 what group he represented and JUVIA-2 said he would tell him later. He said he was contacting him as a result of the papers he had given the American Embassy.

ERRATIC then started work on his plan but at a subsequent meeting JUVIA-2 came in to tell him that "his chiefs" had told him to cease helping ERRATIC.

At this time the subject stated that JUVIA-2 told ERRATIC that he represented KUBARK and was backed up by ODIEX. JUVIA-2 said that General M was seeking an interview with President Osorio, of El Salvador, that General M had been denied this interview, and that if ERRATIC could get

In an interview with Osorio that JUVIA-2 would see that ERRATIC got more help "in a limited way." The subject stated that Osorio would see no one.

At about this time ERRATIC's intelligence people told him that CALLIGERIS knew that ERRATIC was trying to get help from KUBARK. This information came to ERRATIC through one [ ] who works for United Fruit Company. ERRATIC asked JUVIA-2 why CALLIGERIS knew of ERRATIC's activities and yet ERRATIC did not know about CALLIGERIS's plans. JUVIA-2 answered that CALLIGERIS kept informed through [ ]

At one time JUVIA-2 told ERRATIC that under certain conditions his group could furnish ERRATIC with arms and anything else he needed through El Salvador. Osorio told ERRATIC that he was neutral but that ERRATIC could pass the necessary arms through El Salvador. The subject said "we knew Osorio was treacherous and would seize the arms. We feel that underneath Osorio has an understanding with the Guatemalan Government. We do not know whether it is because he likes them or fears them.

Later JUVIA-2 asked ERRATIC to arrange an interview with one Canessa, Minister of State, El Salvador, for General M. Canessa was out of the country at the time, but when he returned ERRATIC approached him and Canessa said it would be "suicidal" to get Osorio's help. As a result of this JUVIA-2 told ERRATIC his group could not help him any more.

5. The subject says that ERRATIC feels action must take place quickly and that ERRATIC can accomplish the mission if he is given adequate financial assistance.

6. The interviewer told the subject that he was not competent to make a statement of any kind to him but that he would be contacted by someone at his hotel.