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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT : Questions Arising from Study of LINC 3057 re  
Purchase of Aircraft

1. Why is Brodfrost, a member of the Lincoln headquarters, acting as a SYNCARP representative dealing with [ ] and attempting to recruit American pilots in the United States? It is Headquarters' desire that a legitimate member of the SYNCARP organization make all arrangements re procurement of aircraft and pilots.

2. Paragraph 6 of DIR 01912 stated no further action was required on the part of Lincoln re the procurement of F-47 aircraft by [ ] Why then is Brodfrost going to discuss this subject with [ ] as indicated in paragraph 5 of LINC 3057?

3. Is it Lincoln's impression that approval has been granted for use of the ECHOPEFUL C-47 for overflights-Guatemala? If so, what is Lincoln's reasoning?

4. In view of Department of State's desire that Department officers [ ] refrain from direct contact with heads of Central American states in the interests of SYNCARP, why was Magoffin ordered to make a direct approach to [ ] Our understanding here is that such a move on Magoffin's part is a direct contravention of Department policy.

5. Can Brodfrost even plausibly live the cover of a SYNCARP representative and deal with representatives of foreign governments?

6. It appears to Headquarters that LINC 3057 is a play on words and an attempt to circumvent the limitations placed by the DD/P when he returned [ ] to Lincoln to continue discussion of aircraft.

7. Why is Brodfrost (an American) going to Managua to talk to [ ] about obtaining the use of an A-20 aircraft? Is it not high time that Calligeris stand on his two feet and handle his own deals, particularly if he hopes to emerge in the eyes of Central America as a man capable of organizing a successful movement against the incumbent government and as a man capable of dealing, in his own right, with [ ] and/or any other [ ] in South America that the situation might warrant his negotiating with.

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