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Operational Matters
Handling of Clayton S. Wellbank

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1. In view of existing circumstances it is believed that the subject should continue to be handled by [] for the present. However, the station should continue its efforts to develop PEPRIME citizens who will be able to act as principal agents. The qualifications of such agents must be studied carefully, as few PEPRIME citizens have the necessary interest, a knack for the work, a sense of security, and freedom which will enable them to move about with relative ease.

2. It is felt that the station has been placing too much weight upon the risks which a principal agent faces. We can make no guarantees or promises of any sort to any agent, and this should be made clear. Any agent takes on his duties with the understanding that there are certain risks involved. He should also understand that in the event of trouble he is on his own. The station may be able to furnish some assistance, but this should not be expected or requested. However, if an operation is well set up and carefully planned, there is little chance that an agent will encounter any difficulties which would threaten his livelihood or continued residence in a friendly country such as []

3. With respect to financial requests of Wellbank you as Acting Chief of Station are authorized to advance funds which are believed by you to be necessary from an operational standpoint or which are needed for the carrying out of the agent's specific assignments. Requests for funds for any other purposes should be referred to LINCOLN or Headquarters for approval. Naturally, the station must obtain receipts in all instances, and all payments must be accounted for in monthly financial reports.

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