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ATTN: Graham L. PAGE

1. Attached please find notes for Graham L. PAGE.
2. Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the notes.
3. "B" in Paragraph 2 of the notes is Col. Barzanallana. [

JEROME C. DUNBAR

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Attachment

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Don Ricardo  
Sam  
Roland  
Mac  
Castle  
P  
B  
Charlie

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ESQUIRE  
[ ]  
Castillo Armas

Colonel Barzanallana  
[ ]

May 19, 1954

1. We assume that the letter we sent you several days ago has given you enough to work on for some time. We will not burden you with further suggestions until we see some reaction to those we have already sent. However, there is a new set of problems on our minds which should be explored with Mac.

2. We want to get as good a picture of the shape of things to come before they come. Obviously, during the big days, it is not going to be a walk-away for Mr. Castle. Mac and his friends will be in the act. There may be another group, purely professional and opportunistic. There may be an entirely different faction, perhaps headed by B. There is no telling how many factions there will be. We would like you to lead Mac, no matter how unimaginative he may be, on this tour of the future. Ask him what different people will do when the chips are down; get him to paint his picture. If he is any sort of barometer at all, it could be very useful.

3. Ask him further how the struggle for the big place would go. What would the likely tactics be? You will note that this is another version of our previous request for his plan. But this time, partly to check on his plan, we want to get the point of view of Mac as a bystander, whereas previously we asked for his views from an active role.

4. So much for that. You could lead from that into the problem that really concerns us right now. Given the rivalries between Castle, Mac, P and others, we are wondering whether Charlie might not be the right man to moderate between all these contentious spirits. Mac and Castle and the others might chew each other up, thus helping the foe. However, with the august and non-controversial Charlie presiding, these fellows might compose their differences pro tem, thus assuring success, naturally with the arriere-pensee that they would settle scores afterwards. At least we might gain time to get on our feet. This is certainly clear enough to you so that we don't have to spell it out any further. So, we suggest that you talk to Mac, very discreetly, and sound him out as to how he would feel if Charlie were Castle's superior and, in fact, everybody's superior. We are reminded of your own instincts, some letters ago, that Charlie's presence on the scene—real or not—might be a help in persuading Mac. Well, we are back to that idea.

5. That is all for today, except that we are naturally very anxious to hear of your progress. Please do not let the hubbub going on around you divert you. We do not want you to get cluttered up with any day-to-day work, no matter how pressing the need for your services may be, nor do we wish you to dissipate Mac's time with emergency errands. Keep your eye firmly fixed on the long pull. All the best.