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TO : Chief, Lincoln DATE _____
FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala [] Info: Washington []
SUBJECT: GENERAL— Kugown
SPECIFIC— Operational Report
Reference - HGG-A-1056

1. Essence requests that the information contained in paras. 2, 6, 7 and 11 of Encl. 1 be passed to Calligeris. Razmara passed the information contained in para. 3 to Semantic through Escobilla. Our original plan to send letters to the Judge and the Chief of the Guardia Civil at Salama has been abandoned per the request contained in para. 5. Para. 8 refers to a previous report that a Cuban by the name of PASQUEL (fnu) had approached Escobilla and his brother on/about 27 April 1954 and stated that he was a [] of a [] (fnu), exiled Guatemalan resident in Mexico.

Pasquel said that in behalf of [] he would undertake the violent disposal of anyone selected by Escobilla and his brother. Both Escobilla and his brother pleaded ignorance of opposition activities and said they could not imagine why [] should have told Pasquel to look them up. In the course of the conversation Pasquel expressed his dislike of the WSHOOFs group (presumably meaning Calligeris). You will note that para. 8 of this enclosure now states that Pasquel was believed to be enroute to WSHOOFs to join the group there.

Razmara has been furnished with the Sherwood information requested in para. 9 of this enclosure and told to pass it on discreetly. After essence had reported that he could not securely contact the subject of para. 10, he was instructed to lay off until we received further word from outside (see GUAT 506). Following the receipt of the pessimistic report contained in para. 11 (entry and distribution of CEUAGE and COMBATE), we received your message regarding the transmittal of these publications via pouch. Razmara has renewed his discussions with Essence on this matter, and a secure system can be established for receipt and distribution within WSBURNT (see GUAT 496).

2. We persistently tried to get copies of the materials requested in HUL-A-296 through Essence, but it was not until 5 May that he transmitted the samples of stationery attached to Encl. 2. If Headquarters has not been able to fulfill your request, please advise and we will make another effort to obtain the

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materials here. Essence stressed the information contained in para. 4 of Encl. 2 and Razmara requested that it be transmitted to Sherwood soonest. The subject discussed in paras. 5 and 6 of Encl. 2 was relayed by cable for study and reply. Disregard para. 7 of Encl. 2. As stated above, this matter has been reopened and new methods are being studied.

The subject of para. 8 of Encl. 2 was provided with funds to procure the "32" lapel buttons while in Mexico. The person mentioned in para. 12 is also the subject of LINC 1449 (para. 1). Departure date (9 May 1954) was cabled to Lincoln along with other pertinent information.

Para. 14 relates to your request for biographic data on Essence sub-agents (LINC 2082). Names are forwarded under separate cover. Please advise if such information has in fact been sent to [] and if you can obtain it from there. Essence states it will be difficult for him to obtain it again locally. Copies of issues No. 15 and 16 of EL REBELDE (para. 2, Encl. 2) were sent to Lincoln under separate cover. Issue No. 14 was previously submitted.

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George L. Tranger

Encl: 2 as noted

10 May 1954

Distribution:

- 2 - Lincoln w/encl
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4 May 1954

SUBJECT: MEETING Between CARTER and ALBERTO

✓ 1. A meeting occurred between Oscar H. CARTER and ALBERTO on Monday, 3 May.

✓ 2. [] the locatoria reported to have gone to Honduras (wife of []), has reportedly been arrested in the Oriente on her return journey to Guatemala. CARTER requests that this news be gotten to PANCHO, with request for possible verification. Also, was she told or given anything in Honduras that can be dangerous for the group, either in Honduras, or here in Guatemala?

✓ 3. CARTER has some 10 men who have requested that they be allowed to go to Honduras. In the case of a couple of these men, although they are leaders of black propaganda groups ([]), CARTER feels that perhaps it would be best they be gotten out of the country (since they would like to go) as they know too much about CARTER from having worked with him for some time. If they are picked up it might be dangerous, especially in view of reports that government is planning a round-up very shortly. CARTER does not worry about [] so much, as he is younger and tougher, but [] is 40-50 years old, and his resistance in the face of torture might be slight. CARTER requests that this information be passed along to [] and/or PANCHO. If no objections, ALBERTO will inform ENMO this evening of the availability of these men.

✓ 4. Several more arrests have been made in connection with the "32" campaign, including the Secretario of the Tiquisate anti-Communist filial. In the Tiquisate case, the matter is probably as much to threaten the anti-Communists (in view of the growth of the filial) as it is connected with "32", although the charges read "32". Lawyer and money have been provided.

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✓ 5. CARTER requests that no letters be sent to the Salamá judge or Guardia Civil chief. It seems that an arrangement is being made whereby within the next two or three months they will all be permitted to leave. Furthermore, they have permitted several of the sick prisoners to leave. Threatening letters at this time to these men would probably have the effect of ruining all these arrangements.

✓ 6. C (the brother of C prisoner in Salamá) has been talking rather loosely that C is sending people to Honduras, and that he, C is going also. C is in the group's confidence, but very talkative, and gets carried away.

✓ 7. Secaira (fnu) who works or worked in the Licorera Nacional, left recently for Honduras to join the group. His boss there reports that almost every day a radio patrol car arrived at the plant, and that Secaira would go out and get in and they would drive around the corner and park for a while and talk. It is possible this Secaira is a government oreje.

✓ 8. CARTER again requests that information of Cuban assassin, who arrived here from Mexico, and offered to bump off anyone - who stated he was on his way to Honduras to join the group, be passed along to RANCHO. It is felt there was something suspicious in the way this man has approached members of the group here in Guatemala. This Cuban's name is probably Pasquel, as reported in previous report, either from CARTER or ENNO.

✓ 9. A number of people have mentioned hearing the subversive broadcast. What are the wave channels so this information can be made common knowledge to enable others to listen?

✓ 10. CARTER was advised not to approach Francisco Baaza at the present time. He is considerably busy at the moment, and probably watched by the government.

2. ✓ 11. Concerning the entry of more Combate and Ceuge into Guatemala - CARTER feels that this is impracticable. Many of the persons who were involved in the system of bringing these into the country are now on the outside. Many of those still here are afraid to bring the quantities they have on hand, out of hiding. One person has some

600 pounds of the propaganda on his finca which he refuses to bring out of hiding because of fear. Others know that arms, etc. are being brought into the country, and their attitude is that they do not want paper (risking their security), as that time has passed - if they are to risk their lives, they'll risk them for arms.

12. The next meeting scheduled between CARTER and ALBERTO is for Wednesday night, 5 May.

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ALBERTO

5 May 1954

SUBJECT: Meeting Between CARTER and ALBERTO

- ✓ 1. A meeting occurred between Oscar H. CARTER and ALBERTO on Wednesday night, 5 May.
- ✓ 2. CARTER gave ALBERTO 10 copies each of issues # 14, 15, and 16 of "El Rebelde". These are enclosed.
- ✓ 3. Also enclosed are samples of the stationary used by the office of the Secretaria de Propaganda y Divulgación de la Presidencia de la Republica. CARTER states that in view of the trouble it took to get these sheets which are used (they contain Arbenz' May Day Speech), he is not sure that he would be able to obtain unused sheets of this stationary if the office prefers the unused.
- ✓ 4. Many people are commenting on the clandestine radio programs. However, it is suggested that those who are participating in the broadcasts do not use coarse words or shady jokes - keep the broadcasts on a level that will not offend the listeners, but will convey the impression that the revolutionary group is serious minded and worthy of the sympathies of the public. The programs should not be styled along Cordova Monzón lines (the periodista or radio commentator who was thrown out of the country, and who is noted for his crudeness and vulgarity). The newspaper reporters of "El Imparcial" and "El Espectador" had intended to make a strong attack against the opposition because of its clandestine program scoffing at González Juárez in which vile words and dirty jokes were used - and it was only after CARTER talked with these reporters at considerable length that they consented to forego the attacks.

Encl # 2

✓ 5. PANCHO sent word to the CEUA through ARABELLA that they should send a delegation of no less than 25 persons to the anti-Communist congress in México. The attached list contains the names of those that up to the present time have been chosen to attend this meeting. This is going to necessitate a considerable sum of money - passports, photos, passage, quarters, and board while in México, etc. Probably some \$80.00 each person. CARTIER would like an immediate reply, if possible, if we can and will supply this money. Because of the time involved in getting the photos, passports, visas, etc., a prompt reply is desirable if any delegates are to get to the congress.

✓ 6. CARTIER understands that personnel from the group in Honduras and El Salvador will act as heads and spokesmen of the various delegations that will go from within Guatemala. CARTIER feels that this is an unwise step in view of the vinctulation which the government and the public in general will then be able to make between the exiled opposition and the opposition within the country. Now that the exiles have entered upon a phase of open attack against the Guatemalan government in a more subversive manner, this vinctulation could well cause the arrest of what remaining opposition leaders are still found inside Guatemala. It can also give the impression that the entire opposition movement of any worth is found outside the country, and while this may be true, it could have a depressing or negative effect upon the opposition within the country. It might be best to speak to all the delegations before they go to the congress and reach an understanding whereby the delegations are actually controlled by those from outside, but that this outside control does not show itself. It is understood that [] will go as the representative of CEUA. This will not only give the government strong grounds to attack the CEUA as a subversive political party, but even the independent press is liable to view such a procedure in this light.

✓ 7. It is understood by CARTIER that the group on the outside will no longer send in issues of "El Ceuage" or "El Combate". If this be true, there is no need at the present time, at least, of trying to determine methods of bringing in increased quantities of same, or new distribution systems.

✓ 8. [] is leaving Friday morning for Mexico. He will be gone some 15 days. CARTER would like to have permission to order some 5,000 or more "32" lapel buttons (on the order of the anti-Communist buttons previously ordered in Mexico and distributed throughout the country). This will cost some \$250.00 or \$300.00, but these buttons are eagerly sought by the campesinos and Indians. These buttons will be brought into the country from Mexico through the group's regular channels for such articles. This appears to be a good idea, and I think we should take advantage of MR's going to Mexico to order these buttons. Can you give me an O.K. by Thursday noon, or 1700 at the latest?

✓ 9. The "32" campaign is extending itself through all the country, now more or less without the assistance of the group. It has caught on among the people and people in all the towns and villages are marking "32's".

✓ 10. Radio Internacional is still broadcasting, intermittently, the CEUA anti-Communist program.

✓ 11. This past week groups have been sent out into the country to visit the filiales and give encouragement.

✓ 12. ALBERTO gave CARTER [] to pass on to RL to purchase her passage to New York, etc., and instructions to attempt to leave Guatemala this week-end.

✓ 13. Two persons (names unknown) who are connected with sending people to Honduras have been arrested, in the past few days.

✓ 14. CARTER states that biographic data, including photos, on [redacted] were sent to Honduras some time ago. If this is true, Ego. should have these on file. CARTER will obtain data on Nilo, since he is the only now person who has not had any data submitted on him.

15. The next meeting between CARTER and ALBERTO is scheduled for Thursday, 6 May, at 7:30 P.M.

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ALBERTO