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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH

SUBJECT : Progress Report - PBSUCCESS for the Period 9 - 15 March 1954

I. Operational - The following events of operational significance occurred during the reporting period:

- A. Authorization was granted for [] trip to Mexico City to participate in planning for the anti-Communist congress to be held there in May 1954. A representative of the Office of Security was designated to accompany [] to insure his safe arrival in that city.
- B. Contact was established with Jacob R. SEEKFORD Saturday, 13 March 1954 as planned. SEEKFORD will remain at his present location until contacted by his case officer and issued further instructions. At a meeting held with [] on Saturday 13 March, a firm offer was received from [] re SEEKFORD's future disposition. [] offered to provide SEEKFORD with an engineering position in the northwestern part of the United States. This employment should serve to keep SEEKFORD out of the public eye until active interest in his case has disappeared.
- C. At the meeting referred to in paragraph B above, a decision was reached re the future disposition of RAZMARA. [] through its President, had indicated that RAZMARA's inordinate activity and excessive expenses had created undue interest among his co-workers. The President of [] expressed displeasure at this situation and had requested the early removal of RAZMARA from the Company's payroll. It was the considered opinion of [] and Chief, WHD, however, that RAZMARA should resign from the company on or about 1 May 1954, which date would generally coincide with the end of his normal contract with the Company. RAZMARA will be informed accordingly through Chief of Station, Lincoln.
- D. [] was nominated to be the distinguished American visitor to key Central American countries in the interest of PBSUCCESS. He received preliminary operation briefing at Headquarters by the appropriate people and departed for Central America via Lincoln, Sunday, 14 March 1954. Arrangements have been made for daily communication between [] and Headquarters during the time he is in Central America. ✓

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- E. ^{Graham Page} presented his defection program to ^{Page} Chief, WHD, and higher staff for approval. Generally, ^{Page} proposes to visit Guatemala and other key countries and effect the defection of one or more key officials in the incumbent government. He has placed priority importance upon the recruitment of a high-level figure in the Guatemalan government who possesses current information re the strength and capabilities of the Guatemalan army with particular ^{Page} emphasis on the garrison at Guatemala City. ^{Page} Plan was approved in principle after certain minor modifications.
- F. ^{Iduna of Dir 41914} ^{Iduna B of Dir 41914}, PBSUCCESS support staff, and ^{Iduna B of Dir 41914} of ^{Iduna B of Dir 41914}, departed for Lincoln on 15 March 1954 to firm up plans for the early departure of a polygraph team to Central America. It is intended that this team will polygraph RUFUS, key members of his staff, and any other members of the organization that time and circumstances allow. This operation is of paramount importance in view of a continuing flow of information indicating that the RUFUS group is dangerously penetrated at the highest level.
- G. [] was ordered to Lincoln 15 March 1954 to clarify the status of the ERRATIC operation. ERRATIC, although not important as a PBSUCCESS asset, is important in that he could do considerably damage to the RUFUS organization if not properly controlled. It is Chief of Station, Lincoln's intention to isolate ERRATIC from the PBSUCCESS operation in the immediate future.
- H. The vote on the United States resolution against communism in the Western Hemisphere occurred Saturday, 13 March 1954. Only Guatemala voted against the resolution, Mexico and Argentina abstained. The United States' position at the conference has improved considerably as is reflected by voting on the resolution. Senor Toriello, chief delegate from Guatemala, although he had threatened to reveal documentary evidence of U.S. intervention in Latin America, failed to produce such prior to the vote. It would now appear that he has waited too long to introduce such evidence and that even if he did, the chance for maximum effect would be lost.
- I. The PP effort during the week was intensified considerably in the area with Panama, Cuba, Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, and Uruguay urging their delegates at the OAS Conference to take a firm stand against Guatemala. Other PP programs initiated include:
1. the furnishing of radio scripts to Lincoln to be aimed at women in Guatemala;
 2. investigation of [] facilities for utilization in future PP operations;

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3. three suggested PW operations including labor themes, [
4. the furnishing of "black materials" to Lincoln for use against Guatemala.]

II. Administrative

- A. Logistics - A total of approximately 205,000 pounds of operational supplies and equipment has been air-lifted to date from Andrews Field [One C-124 cargo plane was returned to the Air Force last week and the other C-124 will be returned this week. The balance of tonnage to be lifted will be carried by smaller aircraft. ✓
- B. Finance - The following is a general breakdown of dollar obligations to date for PBSUCCESS:
 1. Salaries (6 months - T/O and detailed personnel)
 2. Travel expenses & per diem
 3. Operational supplies & equipment
 4. Salaries & expenses (sterile pilots for Phase 2, 3 and 4, air support plan)
 5. Cost of airplanes (air freight, Phase 1)
 6. Cash advances - operationsTotal obligation to 10 Mar. []

III. Personnel

- A. Lincoln Headquarters has requested four (4) additional clerical personnel to support operational personnel recently added to the station T/O.
- B. Lincoln has requested that several personnel presently assigned to FJBOPEFUL be retained at that station for the duration of PBSUCCESS.
- C. Personnel presently detailed to PBSUCCESS from other organizational units of the Agency were assigned with the understanding that their detail would be for approximately 90 days. If the main objective of the project is to be put off for 3 to 6 months, the DDP should be asked to approve a memorandum which in substance would state that all personnel on loan or detailed to PBSUCCESS will remain with PBSUCCESS for an indefinite period. Such action will preclude many inquiries and the resulting misunderstandings.
- D. Chief of Station, Guatemala, has been relieved, and has been designated acting chief of station.
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E. Donald Hediger will be recalled from Lincoln for security reasons as soon as a replacement is available.

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