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SUBJECT: Release of Counterintelligence Training Package to Guatemala (S)

TO:

Chief of Naval Operations Department of the Navy Washington 25, D. C. ATTN: Op-922H3

1. The Department of the Army proposes to release, through Chief U.S. Army Mission, Guatemala, the inclosed package of Counterintelligence training material to Guatemala, with the following stipulations:

a. That the U.S. Army Attache, Guatemala concurs in its release.

b. That the material will not be identified as having originated from the United States, and all English text copies of the material will be retained in the custody of the United States Government except for that period of time during which it is necessary to relinquish custody for necessary translations.

2. Your comments and recommendations are requested relative to:

a. This proposed release.

b. That the Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence, Department of the Army be authorized to make subsequent releases of this training package to selected countries without reference to the Department of the Navy.

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MEMORANDUM for Op-921K

Subj: Release of Counterintelligence Training Material to Guatemala

1. Op-921E does not concur in the proposal of the Department of the Army to release to Guatemalan authorities counterintelligence training material.

2. The value of existing liaison and cooperation between the Guatemalan government and U. S. military authorities there is appreciated, and the necessity for the exchange or release of data of a routine nature or low classification is understood. From a security point of view, however, it is the opinion of this Branch that extreme caution should be exercised in the program proposed by the Department of the Army. For example, the release of manuals on the "History of International Communism," or the "Training of a Locksmith" would be of use and value to the Guatemalans and would involve no security problems. However, the release of material disclosing U. S. techniques of investigations, interrogations, surveillances, unwise.

3. It is true that the Carlos CASTILLO Armas regime in Guatemala is definitely anti-Communist and officially pro-United States. However, the unstable nature of Latin American governments in general, the political machinations involved, the opportunism and venality of many officials make it impossible to determine the ultimate destination of material released to

4. It is, therefore, recommended by Op-921E that careful selectivity and extreme caution be exercised in the release of classified material to the Guatemalan authorities.

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MEMORANDUM

From: OP-921K To: OP-922H3D

Subj: Release of Counterintelligence Training Material to Guatemala

Ref: (a) Secretariat, S-D, MICC Secret ltr Case No. 3541, Serial 008714-N of 6 March 1956

Encl: (1) Counterintelligence Training Package

1. Enclosure (1) is returned for reply to reference (a).

2. This Branch appreciates the value of existing liaison and cooperation between the Guatemalan Government and U.S. military authorities. Accordingly, there is no objection to the release, as requested, of data of a routine nature. The release, however, of material disclosing U.S. techniques of investigation, interrogations, surveillances, counterespionage or counterespionage methods, should not be approved.

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