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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY
SUBJECT: ASSUMPTION OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN
LATIN AMERICA

In compliance with the instructions of the National Intelligence Authority as requested by the Department of State, a brief report on the negotiations and plans for the assumption of intelligence functions in Latin America by personnel of the Central Intelligence Group is herewith submitted.

Several communications on this subject have been exchanged by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Director of the Central Intelligence Group, and commencing 13 July 1946 representatives of both organizations have conducted conferences resulting in the following:

1. The FBI has furnished a general outline of existing coverage in Latin America, including the number of personnel and the capacities and titles under which assigned.

2. The FBI has agreed:

a. That FBI personnel in each field station will turn over to representatives of CIG copies of all pertinent reports of investigation current and closed. Specific reports in the Washington office of FBI will be made available whenever it is considered necessary.

b. That all motor vehicles, office and technical equipment, except cameras and certain photographic material, now held in field stations will be transferred to CIG on the withdrawal of FBI.

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a. That all radio equipment and communications in field stations will be preserved and transferred from FBI to CIG.

3. CIG has requested that FBI personnel remain at each field station for an adequate period, to be mutually agreed upon, after the arrival of CIG representatives in order that the new organization can profit by the Bureau's experience in each country and continuity of operation may be assured.

4. a. The FBI has expressed its inability to comply with a request to maintain its personnel in the [REDACTED] after August 16, 1946.

b. By withdrawing an operative from a European post, the CIG has been able to submit to the State Department the name of a representative to be assigned immediately to [REDACTED]. He is awaiting only the necessary State Department designation and clearances prior to his departure.

c. It will be impossible for CIG to take over the coverage and responsibility in any other country in Latin America prior to the dates indicated in attached schedule (Inclosure A).

5. a. The attached tentative schedule (Inclosure A) indicates the dates by which CIG is prepared to assume intelligence responsibility in the various countries of Latin America. This is based on a realistic consideration of the time needed to enlarge the CIG organization and to brief and train personnel for service in this area.

b. This tentative plan was verbally approved by representatives of the State Department 6 August

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1946 and will this date be submitted to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for his consideration.

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C. a. CIG has been informed that due to personnel shortage within the FBI, none of the agents or administrative personnel now assigned to field stations in Latin America can be made available for employment by CIG.

b. FBI has been advised that CIG will not extend any offers of employment to any individual members of the FBI organization, but will employ any capable and desirable individual who has terminated his FBI connections.

In all negotiations and conferences, the representatives of FBI have exhibited an attitude of full cooperation and helpfulness.

For the Director of Central Intelligence:

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ENCLOSURE 1

SCHEDULE FOR SIG FAMILIARIZATION IN LATIN AMERICA

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SIG will assume responsibility in Latin America according to the following schedule. It should be held in mind that this schedule is tentative in nature and presents a set of target dates selected on the basis of operational estimates which are the best currently available:

1) February 15, 1947:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4 officers
5 clerks
1 radio operator

3 officers
3 secretaries
1 radio operator

1 officer
1 secretary
1 radio operator

1 officer
2 secretaries
1 radio operator

2) April 1, 1947:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

2 officers
3 clerks
1 radio operator

1 officer
2 clerks
1 radio operator

1 officer
4 clerks
1 radio operator

1 officer
2 clerks
1 radio operator

1 officer
2 clerks
2 radio operators

3) May 15, 1947:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

3 officers
4 clerks
1 radio operator (if radio is installed)

1 officer
1 clerk

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1 officer
1 clerk
1 radio operator

1 officer
1 clerk

1 officer
1 clerk
1 radio operator

under consideration

1 officer
2 clerks
1 radio operator

1 officer
1 clerk

1 officer
1 clerk

2 officers
4 clerks
1 radio operator

The above schedule does not indicate the full coverage which CIG expects in time to provide in Latin America. It represents only our estimate of the personnel which we will be able to put in place prior to 30 June 1947.

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