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MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel Galloway

SUBJECT : Conversation on Latin America

1. As you suggested, I had a talk this morning with Mr. Frederick Lyon and Mr. Jack Neal on the general subject of Latin America. I acquainted both of them with the decisions of the NIA as you reported them to me. I then insisted that from our point of view, it was essential for [redacted] to get to [redacted] as quickly as possible. Lyon thought that this was unfortunate because it would be impossible to set up standard procedures before [redacted] departed, and he felt that standard procedures were very important for our future activities. However, he was willing to go along with us and he directed Neal that he should expedite [redacted] processing and arrange transportation without delay so that [redacted] would be in [redacted] prior to the departure of the FBI representative. [redacted] will report to Neal this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and Neal has promised to put him through in the minimum possible time.

2. On the subject of property, the State Department has agreed that in those cases where the FBI representative leaves a country prior to the relief by our representative, the FBI man will call upon the Ambassador to designate a property custodian who will take over from them such property as is to eventually come to CIG, including records and reports. (It is hoped that in view of the action taken today, there will be few, if any, of such cases.)

3. Should there be any difficulty in this temporary transfer to the State Department in any country in Latin America, a report of such difficulty should be made to the State Department and they will at once direct their representative in the field to take over the property offered to them for temporary possession.

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