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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In your letter of September 19, 1946, I am pleased to note that you have issued instructions to your representatives in [redacted] to hold in abeyance all plans for closing the FBI offices in those countries.

In a letter dated August 7, 1946, and addressed to you by Colonel E. A. Wright, Executive to the Director of Central Intelligence, there was enclosed a schedule showing tentative dates on or before which CIC will have assumed responsibility for the collection of clandestine intelligence information in the various countries of Latin America. This schedule sets May 15, 1947, as the target date for the establishment of our representatives in Haiti, Honduras and El Salvador. I feel that this date is an entirely reasonable one and should be retained as the time objective for transfer of responsibility in the countries concerned.

Progress in the implementation of the CIC program for Latin America is satisfactory. Every effort will be continued to establish CIC personnel and facilities in these countries of Latin America prior to the date indicated above. As soon as it is possible to determine accurately such earlier date, you will be promptly informed.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

HOWARD S. [redacted]
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Director of Central Intelligence

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