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MEMORANDUM FOR: [] CHIEF, IO DIV.

SUBJECT: Action against the General Labor Confederation
of Guatemala

1. This will confirm our today's conference during which I gave you a rough copy of the following UP item which appeared in the New York Herald Tribune of 19 January 1954:

"Guatemalans Hit U.S.-Latin Pact
Guatemala City, Jan 18 (UP)

The national convention of the pro-Government party of Guatemalan Revolution adopted a resolution today protesting a military aid pact concluded between the United States and Nicaragua. The resolution described the pact as 'imperialist penetration of Central America.'

At the same time, the Communist-led General Labor Confederation and National Peasants Confederation protested the charge made by Alexander Wiley, chairman of the United States Foreign Relations Committee, that Guatemala is a Communist bridgehead in Latin America."

2. As you know, DD/P and Chief, WH are anxious to see some action taken against the resolution of the General Labor Confederation mentioned in the above news item. We are endeavoring to get hold of the record covering Sen. Wiley's statements for your guidance. Meanwhile, I should thank you to go ahead with your plans concerning appropriate reaction against the Guatemala protests on the part of both American and international labor leaders at the forthcoming AF of L meeting in Miami.

3. Any plan you could devise to hit hard at the Communist-dominated, anti-American labor organizations in Guatemala will be most welcome at this particular time in connection with an over-all psywar campaign currently being directed against Guatemala. I would appreciate it very much if you would deal directly with me and/or Chief, WH in this respect, and I wish to thank you for your prompt cooperation relative to the above.

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