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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, WH Division

SUBJECT: Guatemala -- the Kilgore case.

1. You will of course recall how badly scuffed around was the really very intriguing Kilgore case -- i. e. the case of the truck-driver, former pilot, who appeared to get cold feet and spilled his story to the FBI. We started at one time to do something about this story and time overtook us, as well as the rush of other matters. Somewhere around the place there should be a collection of papers concerning this and I should appreciate your trying to get your hands on all of this and drafting up a story for me to look at which would be suitable for the press. Emphasize the angle that the Guatemalan Embassy was engaged in serious shenanigans right here within the United States. Also emphasize the Mexican angle -- just to make things a little more uncomfortable for the Mexican Government, which is still giving shelter and sympathy to altogether too many Guatemalan and other Communists.

2. I feel sure that this story will be snapped up by someone of our friends in the press. I was talking just the other night to our good friend, [redacted] about this and he was most enthusiastic and said that he could guarantee that one of the LIFE or TIME publications would give this a spin if we would only pull together the material and give it to him.

3. You should, of course, bring out the fact that this fellow, Kilgore, was undoubtedly known to the international Communist organization as being a pilot ready to make a fast buck in a shady proposition as the result of their dealings with him at the time he flew arms in to the Israeli from Czechoslovakia.

4. I suppose there are some angles involved in our relationship with the Bureau, etc., and also with the State Department, which would have to be cleared up before we could use as much of the material as we would like. Will you please bear this in mind and deal with it as best you can?

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