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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: PBSUCCESS - Meeting of First Team.

[ ] 1. Present were: Messrs. Leddy, Barnes and Torie; Colonel King

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2. Mr. Leddy reported:

(1) Nicaragua - Military Assistance Pact preliminary approval should be at such point that negotiations will begin in three weeks. It will take several months to complete the Pact. Public announcement of negotiations should be made as soon as they begin, in order to gain the maximum PW effect against Guatemala.

(2) Salvador - They have submitted a very small order for \$46,000 worth of belts and equipment, and inquired about possibilities of purchase of six T-34's and four P-51's. The training planes were ruled out because of the 18 months period required for delivery, and their price of \$48,000 each. In substitution they will get six AT'6's at \$14,000 each. The P-51's are not available because they are no longer made and spare parts would not be available. Mr. Leddy would like to know if the Government of El Salvador has purchased any small arms from Western Arms Company. This should be checked with [ ]

(3) Honduras - There is as yet no decision on selection of new Ambassador to Tegucigalpa. The number two man has been chosen and will be there in two or three months. He is Juan de Zengotita.

(4) Guatemala - Appointment of Peurifoy as Ambassador to Guatemala has been confirmed. He arrives in Washington Monday and hopes to depart to Guatemala City on or about 15 October. There is some question whether the Guatemalans will give an Agreement. He has been given a completely free hand in the selection of his staff and intends to make a clean sweep. Ambassador Schoenfeld is being transferred to Bogota, Colombia, and is scheduled to depart from Guatemala City the first week in October. Bill Krieg, present Counselor of Embassy in Guatemala City, will remain there as Charge D'Affaires until Peurifoy takes over. Mr. Leddy would like suggestions from us for the number two man to be assigned to our Embassy in Guatemala. He may be as high ranking as Class I.

(5) Mr. Leddy is developing an acquaintanceship with Guatemalan Ambassador Toriello, and would appreciate any suggestions from us on

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things that might be sent to him.

(6) Bacteriological Warfare charges are being leveled against the United States again, this time by certain sources under Guatemalan control. This is considered an excellent opening for us to crack down.

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