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1. FOLLOWING INFO FROM WOPACT AND LINFURE FIELD REPORTS:

A. THAYER WALDO REPORTED AS STRINGER FOR DREW PEARSON IN URUGUAY 1948 WHERE HE KNOWN FOR INACCURATELY REPORTING EMBASSY EVENTS. HE ALLEGEDLY FRIENDLY WITH GROUP OF SPANISH COMMUNISTS IN URUGUAY. REPORT FROM URUGUAY ALSO DISCLOSED THAT WALDO MADE DEROGATORY REMARKS REGARDING U.S. POLICY IN LATIN AMERICA AND EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS SYMPATHIZER WITH REVOLVED GOVERNMENTS.

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B. WALDO ALSO REPORTEDLY SERVED AS CORRESPONDENT FOR PEARSON IN ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA. AFTER BEING INVITED TO ECUADOR BY PRESIDENT GALO PLAZA, SUBJECT TOOK OATH IN 1959 TO RENOUNCE U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND OBTAIN ECUADORIAN CITIZENSHIP IN ORDER ADVANCE OFFICIAL POSITION WITH LATTER GOVERNMENT.

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LATER DECIDED RETAIN U.S. CITIZENSHIP. IN 1953 SUBJECT WAS ADMINISTRATOR OF EL SOL, LEFTIST DAILY IN QUITO. IN APRIL 1953 HE LAUNCHED THE PACIFIC POST NEWSPAPER IN EQUADOR. SUBJECT CONSIDERED UNRELIABLE, DISHONEST, AND UNSAVORY BY AMERICANS AND EQUADORANS. JUNE 1953 WALDO DEPARTED FROM EQUADOR BY PRESIDENT JOSE MARIA VELASCO FREYRE FOR WRITING BEROGATORY ARTICLES CONCERNING EQUADORAN GOVERNMENT. HE THEN SPENT ONE MONTH IN CALI, COLOMBIA WHERE HE RE-ISSUED U.S. PASSPORT. WITH HELLEN, A HUNGARIAN NATIONAL, JOINED SUBJECT IN CALI, TRAVELLING FROM QUITO ON INO PASSPORT.

C. JANUARY 1960, HAVANA STATION REPORTED WALDO AS SPHERE TRAVELER FROM MEXICO CITY IN HAVANA WHO MIGHT BE OFFERED EMPLOYMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TIMES OF HAVANA. LATE JANUARY 1960, MEXICO STATION REPORTED SUBJECT DISCUSSED SIX WEEK TOUR OF CUBA WITH EMPLOY OFFICIALS. HAS NOT INDICATE WALDO RESIDED MEXICO CITY TWO YEARS PRIOR LATE 1958 AT CHILE COLONIA DOT, BUENOS AIRES 7.

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D. LATEST INFO AVAILABLE HQS IS MEXICO CITY 9266 INDICATING WALDO PUBLIC RELATIONS HEAD OF UNIV OF AMERICAS AS OF 3 AUG 65.

2. SUGGEST ADDRESSEES PASS ABOVE INFO TO EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO IN TOUCH WITH SUBJECT.

3. FOR MEXICO CITY: REQUEST TRACES ON SUBJECT. ~~SECRET~~

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