

DISPATCH 16-3

Cable Station, [Mexico City]

Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

Operational Message via [KJACETONE-1]

Reference: [MEXICO CITY] 23202

1. In accordance with a policy decision to keep EKHERAL contact with U.S. business representatives discreet, a small luncheon was held in lieu of the customary formal briefings in the Headquarters building.

2. [KJACETONE-1] IDENTITY 1, David C. HIGBY and Floyd N. ALMONET attended the luncheon which was characterized by cordiality and candor.

2. [KJACETONE-1] stated until the conclusion of the meeting to raise his current favorite subject, that of countering the leftist propaganda contained in SIEMPRE. Fortunately, HIGBY was forewarned and effectively turned around the thrust of the effort upon [KJACETONE-1]'s shoulders, without offending him. IDENTITY impressed HIGBY with his interest, intelligence and sincerity. He offered his services of IDENTITY 2 to "do things" on our behalf but was convinced by HIGBY that the best way to approach the problem was through the use of individual members, rather than through IDENTITY 2 as an organization.

2. Discussions were held concerning Mexican affairs as well as Hemispheric trends. In the former category, our guests were most disturbed about the nationalization process in Mexico and enumerated

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 the latest cases with some alarm. **KNACITONE-1** reported his prediction that President ECHEVERRIA would effectively nationalize most private investment in Mexico before the end of his term.

3. The meeting was judged effective and afforded **HICBY** the opportunity to lay the ground work for his future relations with **IDENTITY 2** members, while satisfying the guests' need for reassurances that our goals were parallel. They appeared happy with the conversations despite the informality.

FLOYD E. ARBONET

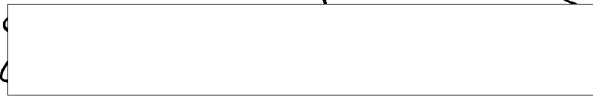


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