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FROM Chief of Station, Mexico City			V. CRD/EM
SUBJECT <b>REDCOAT/LCIMPROVE - Contacts between the Soviet Embassy in Mexico and Latin American Communist Parties.</b>			
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
REFERENCES: A. IHMA-31530, 8 March 1967 B. DIRECTOR-08824 C. MEXICO CITY-1718			
<p>1. Following are the Station's comments on Reference A as requested in Reference B. We have broken our comments down by country. The contacts did not all occur in 1966 but over a period of several years as noted below. However, we wish to point out that contacts between the Soviets in Mexico and representatives of Latin American communist parties is a continuous process year in and year out. Thus we have known for years that Judith FERRETO (Costa Rica), Pierre and Suzy CHARLES (Haiti), and Alvaro CANALES (Honduras) have been in contact with the Soviets on CP matters. Similarly there is no doubt but that Ernesto CAPUANO del Vecchio has replaced Victor Manuel GUTIERREZ as the link between the Soviets and the CP in Guatemala. We just haven't caught him in the act yet. Likewise, the Station believes that Alejandro Bernudez Alegria, a Nicaraguan resident in Mexico, is the current official Nicaraguan Communist Party (PSK) contact with the Soviets.</p> <p>2. Panama - In March 1958 HYAB met Boris A. KAZANTSEV at the Soviet Embassy. On 4 November 1958 he again met KAZANTSEV at a safe house in Mexico. This meeting was arranged by Victor Manuel GUTIERREZ who himself had an interview with KAZANTSEV at the safe house. (Source: HZPA-9219, 4 December 1958). On 26 August, 2 September and 6 September 1963 HYAB met with Oleg M. NECHIPORENKO (known KGB) both in the Soviet Embassy and outside. On 6 September 1963 NECHIPORENKO gave HYAB \$3,572. (Source: HZPA-13728, 27 September 1963). In May 1964 HYAB again met with NECHIPORENKO and</p>			
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and received \$20,000 from the latter. This meeting was arranged by two prominent members of the PCM (Source: HZPA-14415, 2 June 1964.

3. Dominican Republic: On 4 November 1958 two unidentified men from the Dominican Republic had a meeting with Boris A. KAZANTSEV at a safe house in Mexico City (Source: HZPA-9217, 4 December 1958). In April 1967, a courier took \$3,700 to the Communist Party in the Dominican Republic. Gerard Pierre CHARLES, who gave the money to the courier, said that it came from the Soviet Embassy in Mexico (Source: Mexico City-1237, 26 April 1967).

4. Costa Rica: For several years Judith FERRETO Segura (201-42557) has served as a communications and financial link to the Communist Party in Costa Rica. LIFEAT has reported her in contact with an unidentified Soviet. On 27 February 1967 FERRETO had a clandestine meeting with Valentin I. KUCHEROV (201-758017) (Source: HMMA-31679, 27 March 1967).

5. Honduras: Since 1959 Alvaro CANALES Pineda has been the principal contact for the Honduran Communist Party in Mexico. On 21 March 1967 he was observed having a clandestine meeting with Aleksandr M. BROVKIN (201-185114) (Source: Mexico City-1132, 17 April 1967).

6. Haiti: LIFEAT has reported contact between the wife of Gerard Pierre CHARLES (201-350227) and an unidentified Soviet. On 2 February 1967 she had a clandestine meeting with Aleksandr M. BROVKIN (Source: Mexico City-0251, 3 February 1967). In April 1967 a courier took \$4,000 to the Communist Party of Haiti. This money was given to him by CHARLES, who said he obtained it from the Soviet Embassy (Source: Mexico City-1237, 26 April 1967).

7. Guatemala: Victor Manuel GUTIERREZ (201-68248) arranged a meeting between HYAB and Boris A. KAZANTSEV in a safe house on 4 November 1958. GUTIERREZ himself had an interview with KAZANTSEV at that time (HZPA-9217, 4 December 1958). In September 1966 Viktor Hugo MARTINEZ Pantaleon, a Guatemalan, was arrested in a house in Mexico City which contained arms being shipped to Guatemala. In his police interrogation he admitted that he had been in touch with Leonid V. NIKIFOROV (201-756168) but only to obtain books and propaganda. He refused to elaborate. Since NIKIFOROV is the INTURIST representative who has nothing to do with books and propaganda the contact was undoubtedly clandestine (Mexico City-8666, 29 September 1966). Paragraphs 6 through 8 of HCGW-4035, 2 December 1966 report that Ricardo MIRANDA Aldana was in contact with Nikolay S. LEONOV (201-182139) in January 1962. It also notes that Victor Manuel GUTIERREZ contacted the Soviets on 25 January 1962 on his behalf. Also noted was LEONOV's contact on 19 April 1963 with Lorenzo CARDENAS Barajas who was involved in arms smuggling to Guatemala. (See also Mexico City-4309, 24 April 1963).

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