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SUBJECT: JOHN D. MCCORMICK, AKA EDWARD BROWDER JR., EDWARD BROWDER
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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A LETTER FROM EDWARD BROWDER OF E BROWDER AND
 ASSOCIATES, ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, ALVA CERRON NO. 51-A, HELICO D.F., TO
 HENRY R. LUCE OFFERING TIME LIFE INC. FULL COVERAGE FOR FORTHCOMING COSTA
 RICAN REVOLUTION AND PROPOSING SEND A C-47 AIRCRAFT TO DALLAS, TEXAS, TO
 PICK UP LUCE REPRESENTATIVES AND FLY THEM TO REBEL BASE IN COSTA RICA.

MY DEAR MR. LUCE:

FROM THE ATTACHED PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF A RECENT ARTICLE IN VISION
 MAGAZINE YOU CAN GET SOME IDEA OF MY PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE CURRENT
 CENTRAL AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE.

SINCE MY CLIENTS HAVE CHOSEN ME TO BE PRODUCER-DIRECTOR AND PROPERTY MAN
 OF THIS GILBERT & SULLIVANISH MOVEMENT, I AM IN A POSITION TO OFFER YOU
 EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO FULL COVERAGE IN A JOINT TIME-LIFE VENTURE.

I CAN SEND A C-47 TO DALLAS, TEXAS TO PICK UP NO MORE THAN TWO OF YOUR
 REPRESENTATIVES, FLY THEM TO THE REBEL BASE IN COSTA RICA, GIVE THEM
 EVERY FACILITY TO GATHER BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON THE EVENTS AND PERSONS
 INVOLVED, INCLUDING A TRIP TO ONE OR MORE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WHERE WE

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ARE WITHDRAWING MATERIALS. THE BUILD UP AND FINAL PREPARATIONS WILL TAKE ANOTHER 3 TO 5 WEEKS, DURING WHICH YOUR MEN WILL BE FREE TO ACCOMPANY ME AND OTHERS INVOLVED, AND UPON COMMENCEMENT OF THE INVASION, THEY WILL BE PROVIDED LAND AND AIR TRANSPORT PLUS A DAILY FLIGHT TO NEAREST AIRMAIL PICKUP POINT FOR THEIR MATERIAL, AND IF NEED BE, A HALF-HOUR DAILY WILL BE GIVEN THEM TO UTILIZE A RADIO TELETYPE CIRCUIT IN CONNECTION WITH TROPICAL RADIO. THE ACTUAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT WILL LAST A MINIMUM OF 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO SERIOUS ATTEMPTS WITH BOMBER AND FIGHTER PLANES TO TAKE SAN JOSE. DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD CONCENDING WITH THE FALL OF FIGUERAS AND THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW JUNTA, YOUR MEN WILL BE MY GUESTS AND THEIR BED, BOARD, TRANSPORT AND OTHER NECESSITIES WILL BE PROVIDED. MY ONLY REQUESTS, IN ADDITION TO A MONETARY INTEREST, IS THAT YOU AGREE TO WITHHOLD FROM PUBLICATION ALL MATERIAL UNTIL THE MOVEMENT IS ACTUALLY UNDER WAY, THAT YOU ALSO AGREE TO WITHHOLD YOUR SOURCE (E.I. THIS ARRANGEMENT) PARTICULARLY FROM US DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS THEY THINK I AM SOMEBODY OF A PROBLEM BOY ANYWAY. ALSO, NEITHER MYSELF OR MY CLIENTS CAN

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ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELL BEING OF YOUR MEN, ALTHOUGH ALL NORMAL PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN TO INSURE THEIR BEING RETURNED IN ORIGINAL CONDITION.

IF THIS INTERESTS YOU, I WILL APPRECIATE A CABLE STATING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU ARE PREPARED TO PAY FOR EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE AS OUTLINED HEREIN, AND IF THE AMOUNT IS SATISFACTORY I WILL CABLE A REPLY, AND ANTICIPATE A CASHIER'S CHECK OR BANK DRAFT FOR ONE HALF THE AMOUNT BY RETURN AIRMAIL, THE BALANCE TO BE PAID UPON CONCLUSION OF THE MOVEMENT.

UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR CHECK, I WILL DESPATCH A PLANE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FOR YOUR REPRESENTATIVES. THEY CAN CHECK IN AT WESTERN HILLS HOTEL AS MY GUESTS WHILE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF MY PLANE. THEY SHOULD BRING, IN ADDITION TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT, PERSONAL ITEMS FOR MINIMUM OF 6 WEEKS. I WILL SEE THAT THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH TROPICAL CLOTHING, JUNGLE BOOTS, ETC. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THEY TO REQUEST VISA TO COSTA RICA. THEY WILL DEPART FROM THE USA LEGALLY WITH TOURIST CARDS FOR MEXICO THEIR ENTRY TO AND EXIT FROM COSTA RICA WILL BE HANDLED BY MY PEOPLE WITH NO PROBLEMS FOR ANYONE. THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO DALLAS

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IN ONE OF MY TRANSPORTS UPON CONCLUSION OF THE "FIESTA". THEIR MATERIAL WILL BE FREE FROM CENSORSHIP AND DELAY IN TRANSMISSION AS I AND MY MEN WILL CONTROL ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTS.

I DO NOT WISH TO DISCUSS THIS WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN YOURSELF AND ASSUME YOU WILL RESPECT THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE SITUATION REGARDLESS OF YOUR DECISION.

MAY I HAVE AN IMMEDIATE REPLY?

SINCERELY,

EDWARD BROWDER

P.S. IF IT IS ALL SAME TO YOU, I WOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE GEORGE SILK ON THIS ASSIGNMENT. NOTHING PERSONAL JUST THAT I HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO OBSERVE HIS WORK AND PERSONALITY AND THINK ANYONE ELSE WOULD FIT IN BETTER OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

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2. MR. LUOM REPLIED TO OFFER WITH A CABLE AS FOLLOWS:

SORRY CANNOT UNDERTAKE. LEAVING FOR ROME TODAY. IF YOU WISH
COMMUNICATE FURTHER C.D. JACKSON IS MY NEW YORK OFFICE.
CONFIDENTIAL DEPUTY.

3. RECORDS HERE INDICATE THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION HAVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SUBJECT IN THEIR FILES.

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