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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BOARDMAN

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Attached for your approval are letters to AAG Tompkins and to the State Department, cc CIA, QNI, OSI, G-2 and Customs, enclosing a memorandum Summarizing pertinent information received from WF [232]5

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2. Also attached hereto is an airtel to Los Angeles, New Orleans and WFO. (LA, which is cognizant of information furnished by WF [232]S, (C) is being instructed to extend prior investigation involving Maldonado and others to include Flores-Banuet. WFO is being instructed to maintain close contact with its source. A lead is not being set out to have New Orleans interview William Gaudet since the information reportedly contained in his "Latin-American Report" is of a general intelligence nature and does not involve any violations within Bureau's jurisdiction. It is noted that Bufiles reflect that Gaudet was formerly head of the International News Service Office in New Orleans and was employed during World War II with the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Centual America.