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1. FOLLOWING INFO FROM WOFAC AND INFURE 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 GRATEFUL 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 REVISED POLITICAL.

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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 ECUADOR. SUBJECT CONSIDERED UNRELIABLE, DISHONEST, AND UNSAVORY BY AMERICANS AND ECUADORANS. JUNE 1953 WALDO DEPORTED FROM ECUADOR BY PRESIDENT JOSE MARIA VELASCO IBAÑEA FOR WRITING DEROGATORY ARTICLES CONCERNING ECUADORAN GOVERNMENT. HE THEN SPENT ONE MONTH IN CALI, COLOMBIA WHERE HE RE-ISSUED U.S. PASSPORT. WITH HELEN, A HUNGARIAN NATIONAL, JOINED SUBJECT IN CALI, TRAVELLING FROM QUITO ON INO PASSPORT.

C. JANUARY 1960, HAVANA STATION REPORTED WALDO AS JOURNALIST 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 EMBASSY OFFICIALS. HAS NOT INDICATE WALDO RESIDED MEXICO CITY TWO YEARS PRIOR LATE 1958 AT CHILE COLIMA 107, 20710 7 MEXICO 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~~

END OF MESSAGE

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