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Report of PBFRIME Citizen on Connections with Ecuadorean Government

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Please comment on Subject and his statements

1. The following paragraphs are quoted from an ODENVY report resulting from an interview with Identity. The addressess are requested to comment on the Subject's statements and to send to Readquarters information concerning the Subject's activities in Ecuador bearing on his statements.

A. On August 29, 1960, Identity was interviewed by ODENYY at his request. Identity related that he had just returned from a trip to Ecuador where he had been offered a job to represent that country as an agent in PEPRIME and he was seriously considering this offer. While in Ecuador, he had conferred with four individuals who he believed would run the new government which was to be sworn into office on August 31, 1960. These persons were identified as follows: Jaime Mebot Velasco, Minister of Development; Pedro J. Menendes Gilbert, Mayor of Guayaquil, Ecuador; Luis Noboa, an Ecuadorean businessman; and Enrique Ponce Luque, a Senator and partner of Noboa.

B. According to Identity, the new president of Ecuador, Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra, has been elected to that office for the fourth time and is an aged person. The above-listed individuals will control and operate the Covernment of Ecuador with the approval of Ibarra. As a result of his conferring with the above persons, Identity expressed the belief that Mobot will be the strong in the government. He described these individuals as patriotic with a sincere desire to better the plight of the common man in Ecuador. Identity stated that all of them are definitely pro-PBPRIME and Mebot said that all Identity has to do is tell him what PBPRIME

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desires and the Ecuadorean Government will do its best to cooperate with PBPRIME.

- c. Identity was also teld that the Coverment of Ecuador has commenced negotiations with an electronics firm in Dallas, Texas, believed by Identity to be the Continental Electronics Company, for the construction of a 50,000 kilowatt radio station in Guayaquil. This station will be used to combat antigovernment propaganda becaude into Ecuador from Cuba. Hebot felt that PERIME could make use of this radio station. Identity told Nebot that he believed this could be arranged.
- D. It is the opinion of Identity that this is a golden eppartunity for FBFRIME to commence cooperation with a new government in a pro-FBFRIME country. He stated that the Ecuadorean Government would be most willing for HUBARK to utilize the above radio station; however, it would necessitate HUBARK's paying half of the expenses for its construction. Identity was advised that the information he had given ODENVI would be furnished to KUBARK pursuant to his request. He desired to be contacted within a period of ten days if KUBARK is interested in the information he had to offer. He further action concerning this matter will be undertaken by ODENVI.
- 2. OMENT has previously reported at length on the Identity, a public relations counsel. Identity registered as a purchasing agent for various bureaus of the Republic of Micaragus on 15 April 1955; on 22 July 1958, he registered as an agent of the Israeli Military Industries, which was controlled by the government of Israel.
- 3. The Identity appears to be an international businessman with special interest in Latin American Countries. He has previously frequently contacted PBPRIME agencies on subjects he thought appropriate to bring to their attention. A cursory check of his 201 file revealed no derogatory information. Further information can be supplied if the field so requests.

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