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Reference Mexico City airtel 8/24/70 and Bureau airtel 8/4/70.

Information contained in referenced Bureau airtel concerning alleged training of mercenaries in Nicaragua was discussed with [Mr. WILLIAM BONNER and Mr. DANIEL F. SMITH, CIA Station] and Mr. JAMES BRIGGS, Political Officer, American Embassy, Managua, Nicaragua, on 9/17/70. (S)(u)

Neither [CIA] nor the Political Officer professed any knowledge of the allegations and each office stated that it would be impossible to train anywhere near 22,000 mercenaries in Nicaragua without their respective offices being aware of such activity. (S)(u)

Mr. BRIGGS advised that he had received a copy of the communication indicating mercenary training camps were located in Nicaragua and had replied to the State Department that no such training was being undertaken to his knowledge. (S)(u)

[Mr. BONNER] stated only that he had no information regarding such training. It is noted that [Mr. BONNER is the new Chief of Station at the CIA in Managua and reported for duty there, his first Chief of Station post, the week previous to contact by Central American road trip agent. (S)(u)]

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