

TO: Mr. Scott

FROM: Deputy Chief of Mission

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Ambassador Flores  
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cussion with Foreign  
Minister Antonio  
Flores on 22 June 1968

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MEMORANDUM TO : THE AMBASSADOR  
FROM : Winston M. Scott *WMS*  
SUBJECT : Soviet Participation in Colombian  
Subversive Activities

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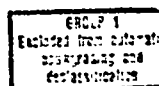
1. On the morning of 16 April 1968 our surveillance of Nikolay Sergeyevich LEONOV, Soviet Press Attache and Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, who is a known KGB officer, determined that he had a clandestine meeting with a Latin American male. LEONOV passed a small bundle to this individual. We followed the Latin American to the Hotel Principal, Bolivar 29. Checks at the hotel revealed that he was registered at the hotel as Feliciano PACHON Chaconta, a Colombian citizen, and that a woman, Librada MORENO Leal, also a Colombian citizen, was registered in the same room with him. Airline checks revealed that PACHON arrived in Mexico City on 6 April 1968 and that MORENO arrived on 12 April 1968. Both came from Bogota. Checks with our representatives in Bogota showed that they were both important members of the (PCC) Communist Party of Colombia. Further checks revealed that PACHON and MORENO had air reservations for 20 April 1968 to return to Bogota on separate airlines. Our surveillance confirmed their departure from Mexico City on 20 April 1968 on separate flights.

2. We informed our representatives in Bogota who informed the Colombian Security Service. Both were picked up upon arrival in Bogota. PACHON was carrying \$70,000 (U.S.) and MORENO was carrying \$30,000 (U.S.).

3. Both couriers broke and provided considerable information, the most important of which is:

a. Identification of the entire clandestine leadership of the PCC and FARC.

b. FARC: personnel and plans.



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c. One courier has made several trips to Mexico to receive money from the Soviets. The largest amount was \$200,000 (U.S.) which he got from LEONOV in June 1967. The smallest amount received was \$75,000 (U.S.).

d. The address and identification of the PCC clandestine printing press. The Colombians raided this installation and captured the operator plus false documents and passports, forging material, presses, etc. He talked and said that he had received 1 1/2 years of training in the USSR in forgery. All equipment and false passport blanks were supplied by the Soviets.

e. All clandestine support and direction to the PCC and FARC comes from the Soviet Embassy in Mexico. The regular contact is Nikolay S. LEONOV. The chief referent for Communist Party matters in Latin America is Boris Aleksandrovich KAZANTSEV, Counselor of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City.

4. This whole affair has been personally very embarrassing to Colombian President LLERAS because he had just agreed to diplomatic relations with the USSR. (The new Soviet Ambassador to Colombia, Nikolay A. BELOUS, presented his credentials on 27 May 1968). LLERAS had already been criticized in the press, when it was learned after BELOUS had been accepted, that BELOUS had been declared Persona Non Grata in Argentina in 1958, for direct involvement in fomenting Communist inspired strikes. (COMMENT: In the official curriculum vitae which the Soviet Foreign Office sent to Colombia on BELOUS, his assignment in Argentina was omitted.) Although LLERAS ordered a forceful prosecution of this matter, he insisted that the blame be put on the Cubans rather than the Soviets in order to avoid personal embarrassment.

5. We have been covering LEONOV thoroughly because he is the principal KGB contact in Mexico for Communist Parties in other Latin American countries. He has been in Mexico for ten (10) years doing very little other than handling Communist Party matters.

6. One of the principal clandestine activities of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico is the support, direction and financing of Latin American Communist parties in those Latin American countries where the Soviets do not have diplomatic representation. The Soviets have diplomatic relations with only six (6) Latin American countries, namely, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Uruguay, Argentina and Mexico. Thus, the importance of Mexico in this matter.

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