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You will recall that a CIG plan for coordinated collection of biographic data was issued as of 1 November 1946 and that a broader plan for coordination of all collection activities in all fields was issued in the name of the NIA as of 2 January 1947.

Both plans provide for coordinators at foreign posts to coordinate the activities of State, War, and Navy personnel attached thereto. In approving both plans, the War and Navy Departments emphasized the fact that field coordination by ambassadors or ministers would be in their capacity of representatives of the President and not as agents of the State Department and that related communications to these chiefs of mission would be issued through the State Department solely because that was the channel established by the President.

In the opinion of CIG it is desirable that brief visits be made to nearby posts by members of the Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff of CIG to survey the impact which the implementation of these two plans has had on the operations of State, War, and Navy personnel at the posts and the reactions of the ambassadors to the coordinating efforts of the Director of Central Intelligence in the collection field.

These surveys are desirable at this time because CIG personnel are now available and will not be later and because it will be helpful to the Director of Central Intelligence in preparing subsequent "Implementations" to learn through CIG channels of any difficulties which may have been or are being encountered in the initial stages.

The desired schedule is:

- Capt. Ethelbert Watts, USN - to Mexico City - May 26
- Mr. Donald Edgar - to Ottawa - June 1
- Col. James E. Briggs - to Bogota - June 9
- Capt. Henry C. Doan, USN - to Caracas - June 16

It is requested that an appropriate officer of the State Department be designated as the contact point to facilitate the prompt arrangement of the necessary administrative details.

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