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① **Patrick PO HLA**

References: A. DIRECTOR 34594
B. BANGKOK 3988
C. MELBOURNE 6905
D. BANGKOK 3809

Action Required: Please advise if still desired that
Melbourne Station contact subject

1. In response to a brief letter from the undersigned, which queried his general plans, subject has replied per attachment. Please note that he can make himself available after 4 November 1968 for discussions with Melbourne. The Station defers to Bangkok and Director whether it is still desired that we summon subject to Melbourne for talks along the lines indicated in reference D.

2. For **Rangoon**: Note penultimate paragraph of subject's letter in which he indicates that his daughter and family are planning to leave Rangoon permanently. The manner in which this is phrased leaves it unclear whether they are attempting this overtly or working behind the scenes. The Station notes from BANGKOK 9542 of 1 May 1968 that the daughter is married to a Burma Air Force pilot. Since we do not have any names, it may be unlikely that **Rangoon** would have any information on the case.

Leslie N. GEVOLS

Attachment: herewith
Letter

Distribution:

- 2 - COS, Bangkok w/att 1 cy
- 1 - COS, **Rangoon** w/att 1 cy
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10 October 1968.
(8 October 1968)
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10 October 1968

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Patrick Pohlen,
C.M.A. E.
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BOUGAINVILLE,

NEW GUINEA.

24th October 1968

Dear Mr.

I thank you for your letter of 23rd September, re-rented here.

I am sorry I couldn't come and see you on my way here when passing through the islands about a week ago.

I know I have an idea of the subject you wish to discuss with me. I met a friend in Thailand ^{on} en route to Perth and he wanted me to join his business. Anticipating to hear further from this source, I remained without taking up any job for ^{several} ~~several~~ months. I have ^{now} rejoined the ~~Crozier~~ ~~Rice~~ ~~as~~ ~~Assistant~~ ~~Pressure~~ ~~Officer~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~Copper~~ ~~Regime~~ ~~here~~. This job can be terminated on one month's notice on either side although it is on a permanent basis.

I am an ardent anti-communist and dedicate my whole life to combating this enemy who is aiming to destroy our freedom. However, one must make plans for one's future, I am reluctant to take up anything on a short-term basis. I would not like to be in another position like that of the old contract in Viet Nam when renewal was not considered when it expired after two years, despite an assurance when the offer was made, that there would be no break.

Atto FAMA

I am still very keen and will gladly come over to discuss with you after 4th November when the Personnel Officer returns to duty, if you want me to. There is a very important point I wish to discuss concerning a personal matter which can delay my future work by a few months if everything works out satisfactorily after discussion. It concerns my daughter, son-in-law and grandson who are intending to leave Rangoon for good for Australia.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course. Once again I thank you for your letter.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Salvador

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BOUGAINVILLE

NEW GUINEA

24 October 1968

Dear [redacted]

I thank you for your letter of 23rd September, re-routed here.

I am sorry I could not come and see on my way here while passing through Melbourne a week ago.

I think I have an idea of the subject you wish to discuss with me. I met a friend in the en route to Perth and he wanted me to join his team. Anticipating to hear further from this source, I remain without taking up any job for nearly five months. I have now rejoined the Congress Rio Tinto as Arm Presence Officer on the Congress Project here. My job can be terminated by one month's notice on my side although it is on a permanent basis.

I am an ardent anti-communist and can dedicate my whole life to combating this enemy who is aiming to destroy our freedom. However, as one must make plans for one's future, I am reluctant to take up anything on a short-term basis. I would not like to be in another position like that of the old contract in Viet Nam, when renewal was not considered when it expired after two years, despite an assurance when the offer was made, that there would be no difficulty about the extension after the initial two years.

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I worked very hard in Vietnam and my superiors
and the National Police of Vietnam appreciated
my work. The Vietnamese Government awarded me
with the rare award of the National Police Medal
of Honor. I felt gratified though that my work
was found meaningful although I could not understand the ^{terminology of meaning} /

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by a few months if everything works out
satisfactorily after discussion. It concerns my
daughter, son-in-law and grandson who are
intending to leave Saigon for good for Australia.

I look forward to hearing from you in
due course. Once again I thank you for
your letter.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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