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1. Mario SOSA, Chief Inspector of the Guatemalan National Agrarian Department and a known Communist, has recently been making discreet inquiries to find pilots who would be willing to fly Guatemalan Government officials out of Guatemala in case of an outbreak of trouble. He has hinted that he would be interested in discussing a retainer fee for such pilots in some instances.
2. SOSA is also interested in obtaining De Havilland jet aircraft and said that the Guatemalan Government has \$2,000,000 in the United States with which to pay for airplanes. SOSA intimated that these aircraft might be purchased in the United States if the United States Government has changed its attitude toward exporting arms and ammunition to Guatemala since the Berlin Conference.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. This contradiction between bolstering the strength of the Guatemalan armed forces and preparing for flight from Guatemala in case of "trouble" indicates the degree of confusion that may exist in the minds of some Guatemalan officials as a result of the Caracas Conference and anti-Communist sentiment in Guatemala.

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