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SUBJECT Possible Movement of Costa Rican Communist Exiles
from Mexico to Guatemala

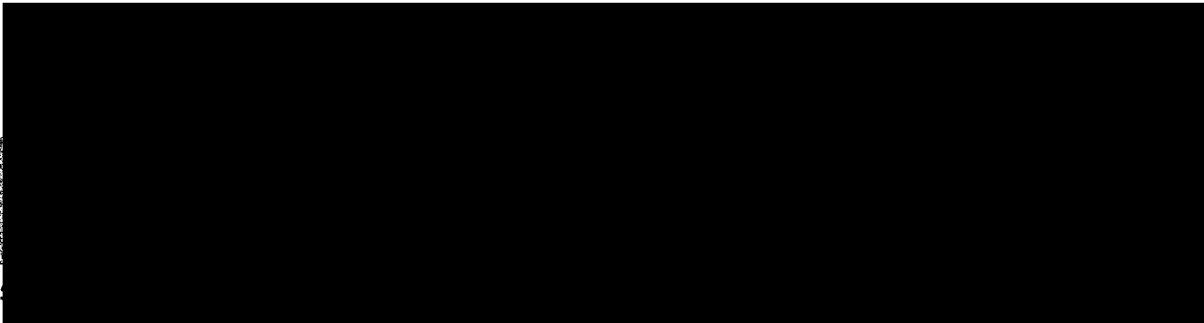
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1. Evidence that Manuel Mora Valverde, Costa Rican Communist leader in exile in Mexico, may be planning a move to Guatemala [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Costa Rican, Guatemalan, and Salvadoran Communists in Guatemala are arranging the trip. [REDACTED] an individual named Matilde, believed to be Matilde Elena Lopea de Valladares, the Salvadoran Communist, "is already in action awaiting the moment of arrival." Another individual described as "Friend Fort.", who has been identified as Jose Manuel Fortuny, Partido Accion Revolucionaria (PAR) leader and Congressional Deputy, is "awaiting instructions to take all the necessary measures."

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3. [REDACTED] Ramirez to travel alone by a prearranged land route, and added that women in the party should travel separately. [REDACTED] The "women" are assumed to include Isabela Carvajal alias Carmen Lyra, who has been in exile with Mora, and Luisa Gonzalez, a Costa Rican Communist suspect.)

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Although the Arevalo Government, through its aid to the rebels under Figueres, was largely responsible for the overthrow of the Picado regime in Costa Rica, the sympathy of organized labor and of the PAR, who are Arevalo's staunchest supporters, was definitely on the side of the Picado government and Manuel Mora's Vanguardia Popular. This may explain why PAR leaders are willing to assist exiled Costa Rican Communists in any way possible.

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