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1. The Independent Liberals are completely unified with our movement and loyal to the Revolutionary Junta. The efforts made by General Carlos Pasos to take over the direction of the movement with credentials which he tried to get in Managua failed and Dr. Rosendo Arguello, Sr. continues to represent the Independent Liberals. General Carlos Pasos took these steps with the knowledge and agreement of the Conservatives. His relations with the Conservatives are managed by his two brothers, Octavio and Guillermo Pasos Montiel, leaders in the party of Chamorro.
2. In Costa Rica a letter for General Pasos, written by Mariano Morales (Conservative leader), has just been intercepted. In it Pasos is called to Guatemala to make plans for the revolution in Nicaragua. He is assured of the complete support of the Conservatives, and it is stated that the group of Arguello and the Patriotic Committee will be expelled from the country as pernicious elements. The truth is that they are the ones who are not going to be permitted to return to Guatemala. This applies to General Chamorro, Toribio Tijerino, et al.
3. Dr. Orue Reyes went to San Jose as Independent Liberal delegate on business related to the pretensions of General Pasos. He has succeeded in rejecting such pretensions.
4. Dr. Gustavo Manzanares, Conservative member of the Revolutionary Junta, continues as such a member but without acting. He has now been in Guatemala for many days although he had promised to return to Costa Rica to occupy his post. This is due to instructions from Chamorro who, during this week, sent a brother of Manzanares to Guatemala with his instructions. This brother has lived for a long time in the United States. The Conservatives, after the defeat which we gave them, intended to publish a Manifesto decreeing the abstention of their party from the struggle, but then came new instructions from Chamorro which caused them to change their course. COMMENT: One Anthony Manzanares, U.S. citizen was a F.A.A. passenger from Managua to Guatemala on 16 August.
5. Everything makes us believe that the instructions of Chamorro were to try to bring about the failure of the revolution by means of the ill-timed skirmishes which are taking place in Las Segovias. It is, by the way, not true that all the persons participating in this movement are Sandinistas. At the present time the directors of this movement have lost confidence in one of the men of greatest prestige, General Raudales, and they have left him in Guatemala. Raudales turned

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out to be difficult to manage. Col. Santos Lopez has also been left behind. Colindres is more malleable and more vulnerable to personal flattery. As we anticipated, Somoza is making much of having crushed "the invasion" but the fact is the invaders were only a handful. All this may still redound in our favor.

6. With regard to the relations of the Conservatives with the Mexican Communist Party, Dr. Alenadro Cesar, Lomas de Chapultepec, Mexico, is the person who manages all of these relations through an intermediary. Some persons who visit Dr. Cesar have been observed to return directly to the office of the Conservative Party and others even go direct to the Soviet Embassy. The activities of Ernesto Solorzano Thompson in New York and Washington are also connected. His address is 709 Hotel Roosevelt, New York. He used to have lunch with Henry Wallace once a week making a special trip from New York to do so. It is probable that this routine has been interrupted due to Wallace's campaign activities.
7. President Figueres went to Guatemala in response to our requests and for the purpose of destroying the intrigues of the Conservatives who had succeeded in having many of our friends displaced from the country. The result was a complete victory for us which has provoked a violent reaction on the part of Tijerino and friends.
8. During Figueres' visit details of the action against Somoza were discussed and agreed upon and the time table was more or less fixed. Among the topics considered was the possibility of developing an action against Honduras in view of the close collaboration of that government with Somoza and Trujillo. But this was a variant which would have caused too many changes in our plans. As I have always maintained, it is not our purpose to cause a revolution in Honduras because we feel it will not be necessary. Once Somoza is out of the way it should be possible to bring about free elections in Honduras.
9. In view of reliable reports which we have about the plans of the dictatorships in Nicaragua, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic to provoke a war in Guatemala and Costa Rica, certain Democratic governments are taking pertinent measures. If this should happen, a conflagration would break out which would embrace the entire Caribbean and whose consequences it would be difficult to predict. At the present time the governments of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Cuba and Venezuela are forming an agreement of mutual assistance in case of revolution in any of the countries. Cuba and Venezuela will shortly make a public announcement of their intention to stand by the governments of Guatemala and Costa Rica.
10. Cuban President Carlos Prío Socarras will go from Guatemala to Caracas and he is also invited to stop over in Costa Rica. Perhaps this last will not be necessary in view of the fact that Dr. Rosendo Arguello arrived yesterday afternoon with full powers from Figueres to treat of all political problems of the Caribbean with Prío Socarras. In Venezuelan President Prío Socarras will endeavor to speed up forwarding \$150,000 to us for the purchase of armaments in New York. If he should succeed immediately, we may launch an attack on Somoza by the end of the month with the material we have and arrange for the rapid shipment of the rest of it.
11. The government of Mexico, which was influenced by the Nicaraguan, Rogelio de la Selva, had been acting so as to give the advantage to Somoza and the other tyrannies; it is now veering about in the other direction and de la Selva is being boycotted in Mexico. He has just escaped being assassinated. In the long run, President Aleman will hardly be able to resist the pressure on himself to expel de la Selva from his government and come out openly in favor of the democratic countries of the Caribbean. This pressure is being exerted by a parliamentary cell of revolutionary tendencies. The Partido Revolucionario Institucional and the nucleus of various state governors, headed by the Governor of Guadalajara, General Cardenas, and by General Pontes Gil, are also working in the same way.

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12. The counter-revolution in Costa Rica is being taken into consideration in the plans of the governments of Nicaragua, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic. They wanted to take advantage of the incident with Panama, but so far have failed. It is still not absolutely sure that they will not achieve their purpose. Federico Solorzano Montiel and Dr. Felipe Arguello Bolanos are Chamorro's agents in Costa Rica with relation to revolutionary projects which would again bring the Communists into power in Costa Rica. Arguello Bolanos was secretary of the Revolutionary Junta, but he is now inactive and finds himself in the same position as Manzanares. There is talk that they have been able to enter some arms into Costa Rica from Nicaragua as well as men who so far have not been detected. We have a Commission investigating this matter in Costa Rica headed by Dr. Simon Delgado.
13. We have always proclaimed that our movement is democratic and aiming toward the abolition of tyrannies in the consolidation of an American policy of respectful relations between all countries. It must be borne in mind that if the conflagration which now appears on the horizon takes place in the Caribbean, it is entirely probable that governments will arise which will be opposed to the policies of the United States. It is true that Cuba and Venezuela would each like to assume the leadership in the Caribbean region as opposed to the policies of the United States. The peoples of these two countries would welcome a policy of this kind because the old-time practices of United States functionaries accomplished little to consolidate the sympathies of these people. They feel that the United States has always looked after the interests of the governments which more often than not were tyrannical and in complete disregard of the desires and interests of the people.
14. Another factor apparently favorable to our movement has arisen recently. The Minister of Argentina in Guatemala has shown himself highly interested in revolutionary activities of Central America and the Caribbean. He has sought contact with us and has requested biographic sketches of all persons who are involved in the revolutionary movements. With regard to Nicaragua, these biographic sketches have been completed by Alberto Ordonez Arguello and given to the Argentine Minister. With regard to the other countries, there are special commissions preparing them. The present Argentine Minister will shortly be removed from his post, and he says he will be succeeded by a person who has made a special study of the problems of this region during the past two years, and when he arrives will be well-informed of our problems and in a position to enter into close relations with us. He quite frankly admits that the Argentine is disposed to assume the leadership in Latin America in political and economic matters. For the time being he has promised us that there will be no money loaned or aid given to Somoza and that the Argentine Government will seek close relations with the revolutionary government of Nicaragua. The Argentine Minister states that the offer made at Habana by the Argentine representative, Dr. Diego Luis Molinari, was not made in jest and that the Argentine has sufficient funds and resources to make good its offer of one-half a billion dollars to aid Latin America.
15. Our group has been systematically denounced as Communists with manifest bad faith as if it were not plain that Communism would still be in power in Costa Rica had it not been for our air. We had to fight against our calumniators (Chamorro, Tijerino, et al.) in order to get armaments to Figueres, armaments which they were always trying to take away from us according to the plan in the famous letter intercepted from Chamorro. One of the difficult things which we had to do was to abandon the territory of Guatemala during the crucial

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time of Figueres' uprising. Since our enemies through the Dominican General Rodriguez were able to make this an indispensable condition before permission was granted for the transportation of a single cartridge to Costa Rica, they insisted that no member of our group be involved in the affair in Guatemala. Thus we found ourselves obliged to work from Mexico and El Salvador. From those countries we carefully and clandestinely arranged the movement of our forces toward the field of operations and it is a fact that the blood which was shed there was that of our men, and our enemies did not succeed in sending a single man to the combat. General Rivers Delgado and Velasquez, who are conservatives, agreed with us and deserted their old master General Chamorro. We were the ones who took all the steps which culminated in the purchase of the armament which has been used up to the present time, operating always with our friend, President Arevalo. We were the ones who succeeded in rescuing this armament when it was practically lost and under attachment in Cuba. We were the ones who succeeded in arranging the transport of this armament to Central America. We have succeeded in learning some of the negotiations of our enemies with the Mexican Communists. We have been able to intercept documents which refer to these relations. On the other hand they have not been able to bring forth a single proof of their scurrilous attacks on us.

16. We cannot swear that within our ranks there is not a single Communist or that in the future Communists will not succeed in penetrating our ranks. We can swear, however, that such penetration will be completely clandestine and of little consequence. Our ideology is sufficiently clear to make it practically impossible for it to be adulterated by the infiltration of Communist elements.
17. There have been attempts to surprise public opinion by exploiting the presence within our ranks of Spanish technicians. Their presence is a fact but we have always taken special care and discrimination in selecting the persons which we have contracted. The global qualification "reds" applied to all Spanish emigres is absurd. For example, we have contracted for the services of Colonel Alberto Bayo. Nobody can call this man a Communist who knows his history. Similarly we have with us Boyo's son, Col. Rovira, Sr. Zouza, and Sr. Lado. With regard to all of these we first carried out a minute investigation precisely in order to avoid the accusation that we have relations with Communists.
18. At the present time election politics in Salvador have no direct relation with our movement. We do, however, feel that the outcome of the struggle for power in El Salvador is of tremendous importance and that should a militarist regime come to power there, it might very well be fatal to the Democratic tendencies of the entire isthmus. Such a regime would immediately support the Somoza and Carias tyrannists and would very likely bring about the fall of the governments of Guatemala and Costa Rica. We have, for example, been informed that Somoza is supporting the campaign of Colonel Osmin Aguirre y Salinas and has sent an agent on a special mission to El Salvador with his private airplane and \$200,000 to contribute to Osmin's campaign. This agent is Nicaraguan Military Attache, Col. Espinosa Altamirano.

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