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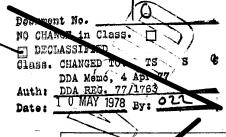
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- 1. On 18 November, a political observer in Guatemala stated that Col. Jorge Barrios, Secretary to Armed Forces Chief Francisco Arana, and Col. Marco A. Merida, a national deputy, would be likely candidates for the military junta to be established after Col. Arana's forthcoming coup d'etat. The junta would rule for the remainder of President Arevalo's six-year term (until March, 1951).
- 2. Source also predicted that Arana would remain in his present position rather than become a member of the junta. He added that Arana would actively prepare for his own election as president when the junta rule terminates.
- 3. Arana incurred general disfavor with organized labor when he recently ordered military police to confiscate several hundred cudgels which were being brought into the city by rail for the SAMF (railroad union) headquarters in Guatemala City, It was generally believed that the sticks were to be used to subdue members of a rival union, the Sindicato de Trabajadores del Ferrocarril (STF).



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