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1. Source reported that on 6 March, Dr. Carlos Castillo Ibarra, Nicaraguan revolutionary in exile, was sought out in San Salvador by Dr. Antonio Roman Duran, who arrived from Guatemala. According to Castillo Ibarra, Roman Duran, a Spanish Communist and "theoretical psychologist", brought him a message from President Arevalo of Guatemala\* to the effect that Castillo Ibarra's scheme for the invasion of Nicaragua\*\* had been accepted by collaborators in Mexico and Cuba and that a front would be opened on a small scale against Somoza within a month.
2. Arevalo suggested to Castillo Ibarra that the movement be run by Edelberto Torres as chief and potential president, assisted by Juan Jose Meza, Carlos Castillo Ibarra, with Dr. Virgilio Godoy Gutierrez (Honduran) in charge of logistics and military strategy.
3. Castillo Ibarra followed the directive sent him by Arevalo, and traveled to Guatemala with Vicente Saenz, director of the Union Democratica Centroamericana, in order to consult Arevalo and verify for himself that the plan was really going to be activated.
4. Nicaraguan revolutionists in San Salvador received the following cable in code from Castillo Ibarra, Guatemala City, dated 10 March: "Absolutely certain we shall go into action in short time. Await my letter."
5. Saenz, who came to El Salvador at the invitation of Carlos Llerena, Rector of the National University, failed completely in his efforts to get a promise of funds from the Salvadoran governing junta in behalf of the Nicaraguan revolutionary movement. Contrary to previous reports, Dr. Galindo Pohl of the junta did not change his original stand against the granting of funds, and turned out to be the principal stumbling block in the negotiations.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Castillo Ibarra had been in Guatemala himself about 21-23 February, presumably to consult with Arevalo, after which he planned to return to El Salvador. Cf. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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