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Country - El Salvador  
Subject - Cement Factory at Acajutla - Access for Commercial Traffic  
to Atlantic  
Place Acquired - [REDACTED]  
Date Acquired - [REDACTED]  
Date of Information - 15 Jun 53

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1. A \$10,000,000.00 cement factory located at the port of Acajutla is [JUNE 1953] now in production, and it is estimated that it will produce 1,000,000 quintales per year, more than sufficient to cover the country's needs. The excess will be exported and it is estimated that a saving in exchange of approximately US\$1,500,000.00 will be obtained thereby.
2. Guatemala officially has offered El Salvador highway facilities for commercial traffic to the projected Port of Santo Tomas on the Atlantic Coast. At present, El Salvador has no access to the Atlantic, except via the International Railway of Central America, which takes a roundabout route through Guatemala City. Guatemala is now constructing a highway between Guatemala City and Santo Tomas, and the highway connecting Guatemala City and San Salvador already exists and is in fairly good condition. A Guatemalan Government official said that in offering highway facilities to El Salvador, Guatemala wishes to demonstrate its "desire for friendship and collaboration with the other Central American countries." Relations between these two countries have been rather strained of late, as El Salvador has been very open about its anti-Communist feelings, which Guatemala has interpreted to be directed at its internal policies.

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