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I. Guatemalan Communists in New Orleans

1. Saturnino Ruano and Lic, Ysidro Lemus, from Guatemala, both believed to be Communistically inclined, were seen in New Orleans together recently /early 1955/ with a New Orleans resident believed also to be Communistically inclined, and one Roberto Bianchi, a resident of Guatemala characterized by the source as "likeable, unstable, and having many connections". Roberto Bianchi is the son of Dr. Julio Bianchi, Minister of Public Health in the first cabinet under President Arevalo, who was exiled to Ventura, California, for 12 years; the cousin of Alfonso Martinez, rumored to be one of the assassins of Colonel Javier Arana; the husband of a Honduran girl; and the brother-in-law of Roberto Fanjul, who is now in exile in Mexico and who married Roberto Bianchi's sister and was Minister of Economy under ex-President Arbenz. Guatemalan Communists, names unknown, now in exile in Mexico City are rumored to have met with the above four persons in New Orleans during the greater part of January 1955.

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2. Alfredo Castaneda, [REDACTED] the kingpin of the pro-Communist pilots of the Empresa Guatemalteca de Aviacion (Aviateca) while ex-President Arbenz was in power, is believed to have smuggled about 500 small arms from New Orleans to Guatemala, a few at a time, on his regular freight run. There has been no reason to believe that this has been for the particular benefit of the Communists, however.

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II. Two Hundred Anti-Communists Executed

- 3. Two hundred anti-Communists were executed between August 1954 and October 1954 by one Colonel Rosendo Perez although a few were saved through the pleas of a United Fruit Company representative.
- 4. During August 1954, while Colonel Rosendo Perez was in charge of the Bananera area, 50 anti-Communists who had joined the Communist Party ~~of~~ behalf of the United Fruit Company were executed. During the month of October 1954, 50 more at Tiquisate were executed by Colonel Rosendo Perez. During the intervening period 100 more were executed in scattered areas of Guatemala. All those killed were anti-Communists who had joined the Communist Party because the United Fruit Company desired some knowledge of its plans, and all those executed were known to the executioners as anti-Communists. Colonel Rosendo Perez is believed to be assigned to the Tapachula area at present.

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