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1. Flagrant Arbencistas are generally believed to have infiltrated the Castillo Armas government at the lower levels, with perhaps as many as 80% of the jobs filled by holdovers. The average person realizes this as is exemplified by the exchange of greetings on the street when one person says, "Good morning, how is everything?" and the second answers, "Arbenz to Armas - no change."
2. Another example of the survival of Arbencistas is Garcia Granados' appointment as envoy to Israel. Even though he had been in jail for two months after Arbenz fled and his lands seized, he landed on his feet, so to speak, after his properties were sold to Castillo Armas' brother.
3. In addition to Cruz Wer and Rosenberg, the Mexico City refugee colony now ~~contains~~ includes Elfego Monzon, Ernesto Viteri, Alfonso Martinez, and Max Salgaro.
4. A recent visit to Poctun found no external evidence of unusual activity at the airfield. There are about 150 to 200 inhabitants but there is housing for from 3 to 4 thousand. There are no signs of asphalt shipments, although barges are still being seen en route north from Puerto Barrios. The airstrip has not been extended. It could accommodate a large transport plane.
4. One Vera Schapoznikov (phonetic), a dressmaker in Guatemala City, has been described to me as being on the fringe on the pro-Arbenz group but she has not been definitely linked to any Communist activities.

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