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TO : DIRECTOR

ON HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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FROM : LINCOLN

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), WH (7), SA/PC/DCI (8)

LINC 4293 (IN 21892)

2330Z 24 JUN 54

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1. SUMMARY OF RO MATERIAL 0800 TO 1700 24 JUNE

A. MOST OF THE TRAFFIC IN THESE HOURS WAS BETWEEN THE FCP AND RO 22, WHO IS NOW PRESUMABLY AT CHIQUIMULA. THE FCP SAID AT 0945 THAT THE BOMBARDMENT OF ENEMY POSITIONS SHOULD CONTINUE. AT 1230 IT WAS REPORTED THAT GUARDIA DE HONOR UNITS WERE IN THE VICINITY OF IPALA, SOUTHWEST OF CHIQUIMULA, AND THAT PLANES WERE LOOKING FOR THESE TROOPS. AT 1305 THE FCP SAID THAT PLANES WOULD RETURN TO CHIQUIMULA AT 1500 24 JUNE AND THAT SMOKE BOMBS WOULD BE SENT TO THE BASE IN ORDER THAT THE LATTER'S POSITION COULD BE CLEARLY MARKED.

B. A MESSAGE FROM CASTILLO AT 1115 URGED THAT PLANES PURSUE ENEMY TROOPS BETWEEN CHIQUIMULA AND ZACAPA IN ORDER TO PREVENT A COUNTERATTACK WITH FRESH UNITS. AGAIN IT WAS STATED THAT THE SHOCK TROOPS HAD NO GASOLINE. CASTILLO SAID THAT THEY HAD ENTERED CHIQUIMULA AT 1000. AN HOUR LATER IT WAS STATED THAT GASOLINE HAD NOT ARRIVED AT ESQUIPULAS AND THAT THIS HAD PREVENTED

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SPEEDILY MOVEMENTS OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT. IT WAS ALSO URGED THAT AIR SUPPORT BE SENT AT ONCE. A MESSAGE AT 1315 SAID THAT THE SITUATION WAS COMPLICATED AND IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE BARRACKS IN THAT TOWN BE BOMBARDED BEFORE REPLACEMENTS COULD ARRIVE FROM ZACAPA.

C. IT APPEARS THAT RO 27 IS ALSO WITH CASTILLO, AS THIS OPERATOR SENT A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER AT 0700 24 JUNE REQUESTING AIR ATTACKS AND GASOLINE.

D. THE FCP INFORMED RO 28, SOUTH OF PUERTO BARRIOS, THAT GOVERNMENT TROOPS WERE MOVING SOUTH FROM THAT PORT, AND ASKED THAT AN OBSERVER BE SENT TO REPORT ON THIS MOVEMENT. NO WORD WAS RECEIVED FROM THIS OPERATOR.

END OF MESSAGE

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