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TO : SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE

FROM : DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

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1. POPULAR ANTI COMMIE UPRISING AGAINST GUATAMALAN REGIME BEING WIDELY DISTORTED BY COMMIE COUNTER PROPAGANDA OUTLETS AND UNWITTING FREE PRESS AS PATRIOTIC DEFENSE AGAINST INVASION FROM OUTSIDE WHICH INCLUDES

- (A) HEAVY BOMBING (INVASION)
- (B) LAND ATTACK LAUNCHED OVER BORDERS.

2. THESE REPORTS CONTRARY ACTUAL FACTS AS RECEIVED THRU KUBARK AND ODACID CHANNELS WHICH REVEAL NO RPT NO BOMBINGS NOR LARGE SCALE INVASION. POSSIBILITY SMALL NUMBER ANTI-COMMIE PATRIOTS WHO PREVIOUSLY FORCED FLEE COUNTRY HAVE RETURNED TO ASSIST INTERNAL FORCES IN OPPOSITION TO REGIME.

3. URGENTLY DESIRE CORRECT NEWS DISTORTION AND PRESENT TRUE STORY TO EXTEND POSSIBLE THRU BEST AVAILABLE KUBARK FACILITIES. (SEE PARA 5 BELOW.)

4. OUTLINE OF STORY BASED ON KNOWN INFO IS AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) PRESENT GUATAMALAN REGIME IS ITSELF BURNING HOUSES AND

COORDINATING OFFICERS  
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DESTROYING PROPERTY IN ORDER GIVE IMPRESSION BOMBING.

(A) FOREIGN MINISTER TORIELLO HAS STATED THAT MENDOZA HOUSE  
 (OR THAT <sup>OF</sup> MENDOZA MOTHER) WAS BOMBED. (MENDOZA HIGH OFFICIAL  
 GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE WHO RECENTLY ESCAPED COUNTRY JOINING  
 PATRIOTIC REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.) KUBARK AND ODACID  
 REPORTS TESTIFY EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS THIS FALSE AND HOUSE IN  
 FACT SET FIRE "PRESUMABLY BY GUATEMALAN GOVT." ABSOLUTELY  
 NO EVIDENCE BOMBING.

(B) TORIELLO ALSO CLAIMS OIL STORAGE FACILITIES BOMBED. THIS LIKE-  
<sup>NOT PROVED BY ANY EVIDENCE</sup>  
 WISE FALSE AND SHOULD BE PUBLICIZED AS FABRICATION IN CONNECTION  
 MENDOZA HOUSE.

(C) RE TORIELLO INVASION THESIS: EMPHASIZE IT INTERNAL REVOLT  
 OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE, POSSIBLY AIDED AND SUPPORTED BY  
 HUNDREDS OF GUATEMALAN ANTI-COMMIE REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN  
 DRIVEN FROM THEIR COUNTRY BY COMMIE TERROR AND WHO ANXIOUS  
 TO RETURN.

(D) ALSO EMPHASIZE FACT MUCH PUBLICIZED DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT WAS  
 SUDDENLY CALLED OFF "ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN". INFER REAL REASON

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FOR CANCELLATION WAS THAT WHOLE AFFAIR SURE TO HAVE BEEN TOTAL FLOP DUE CONSPICUOUS LACK ANY PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OR ENTHUSIASM. GOVT REALIZED NO AMOUNT PRESSURE OR RECRUITMENT WOULD PREVAIL UPON PEOPLE TURN OUT IN PRO-GOVT DEMONSTRATION.

5. SUBJECT CONCURRENCE WE REGARD BOWNER. BEST OUTLET THIS STORY ON WORLD WIDE BASIS, PARTICULARLY IN THIS CONNECTION SHOULD KNOW CALLED ON ASCHAM IN LATE APRIL AND STATED WOULD LIKE TO BE OF HELP. DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SPEAK WHAT HE MEANT BY THIS. ~~RECENTLY~~ HQS CHECK WITH REVEALS EXTREME RIGHTIST. SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY MIGHT EVEN BE UNION AGENT. NEVERTHELESS DIVISION RECOMMENDED IF WORTH-WHILE ATTEMPT DEVELOP WITHIN COMPARTMENTALIZED LIMITS. ASCHAM APPROVED AND WE NOW PREPARING FULL BOSSIER AND REQUESTING POC.

6. VIEW URGENCY HQS BELIEVES. SUBJECT CONCURRENCE, THIS APPROPRIATE TIME APPROACH ALSO POSSIBLE MEANS EVALUATING HIS POTENTIAL USEFULNESS. SINCE HESTON KUBARK RELATIONSHIP KNOWN, HQS DEEMS FEASIBLE HE APPROACH PRESENTING ABOVE OUTLINED STORY. HESTON SHOULD REMIND OF HIS VISIT AND OFFER TO ASCHAM AND STATE ASCHAM KEENLY

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INTERESTED HAVING TRUE FACTS REVEALED, RECOGNIZE MAY INTERPRET  
APPROACH AS TACIT ADMISSION PLOT KUBARK INSPIRED, BUT CONSIDER RISK LESSEMED  
IN VIEW TRUE FACTS ALREADY RELEASED U.S. PRESS AND RADIO.

7. EVEN THOUGH PRECISE STORY MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY USABLE THIS TIME  
IF ALREADY APPEARING PRESS, NEVERTHELESS FEEL HIGHLY DESIRABLE  
BCOWNER INTENSIVELY BEK PUSH LINE OF REVOLT WELLING UP FROM WITHIN.  
SINCE WILL KNOW KUBARK SOURCE OF TRUE FACTS AND STORY ALSO BEING  
SPREAD BY OTHER ASSETS WORLD-WIDE BASIS, CONSIDER USE OTHER COVERT  
ASSETS INADVISABLE.

8. CABLE ANY ACTION YOUR AREA AND STATUS GUATEMALA STORY.

END OF MESSAGE

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\*CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: TREATED AS KAPOK

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