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1. THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED LABOR MACHINE IN GUATEMALA IS LARGELY INTACT SINCE THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MORE PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLE THAN CLEANING OUT THE COMMUNISTS. RESULT IS THAT SECRET COMMUNISTS ARE STILL IN KEY POSITIONS ENABLING THEM TO BLOCK INVESTIGATIONS BY DESTROYING INCRIMINATING DOCUMENTS OR OTHERWISE DENYING ACCESS TO THE PRECEDING GOVERNMENT'S RECORDS.

2. THE GUARDIA CIVIL, WHICH WAS THOROUGHLY PENETRATED BY COMMUNISTS DURING THE REGIMES OF PRESIDENTS JUAN JOSE AREVALO AND JACOBO ARBENZ, IS NOT CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT ANTI-SUBVERSIVE DUTIES AND CLEANING OUT COMMUNISTS REMAINING IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

3. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF COMMUNISTS WHO TOOK ASYLUM IN VARIOUS EMBASSIES HAVE BEEN LEAVING SECRETLY AND NO STRICT CONTROLS ARE YET EVIDENT AT BORDERS TO PREVENT THEIR LEAVING GUATEMALA. (B-2)

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