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COUNTRY GUATEMALA

SUBJECT MILITARY OVERTHROW OF GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT

DATE OF INFO. 30 MARCH 1963

PLACE & DATE ACQ. APPRAISAL

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

DATE DIST. 31 MARCH 1963

PRIORITY PRIORITY

REFERENCES

BRUNSTAL  
BROOK  
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1. AN ANTI-AREVALIST MILITARY GROUP, LEAD BY THE TWO PRINCIPAL ARMY GARRISONS IN GUATEMALA CITY, THE GUARDIA DE HONOR AND MARISCAL ZAVALA, OVERTHREW PRESIDENT MIGUEL YDIGORAS FUENTES IN AN APPARENTLY BLOODLESS COUP IN THE LATE HOURS OF 30 MARCH 1963. AMONG THE TOP LEADERS OF THE COUP WAS MINISTER OF DEFENSE COL. ENRIQUE PERALTA AZURDIA.

2. COL. CATALINO CHAVES, FIRST PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNATE, IS ACTING HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT.

3. YDIGORAS WAS LAST REPORTED ON HIS WAY TO THE AIRPORT WITH THE APPARENT INTENTION OF LEAVING THE COUNTRY. HE REFUSED TO

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4. [REDACTED] <sup>BRIEF</sup> ALTHOUGH A PERIOD OF MACHINE GUN FIRE AND EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD PRIOR TO [REDACTED] THE COUP, IT IS NOT CERTAIN THERE WAS ANY CONNECTION WITH THE COUP. AS OF 0100 HOURS ON 31 MARCH THE CITY WAS / <sup>OUTWARDLY</sup> CALM WITH THE STREETS BEING PATROLLED BY ARMY UNITS.)

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR CINCLANT CINCARIB.

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