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PERSONS PRESENT: [ ] and BOB FORD

SUBJECT: Clarification and addition to Paragraph 2:  
El Salvador, of PANCHO Letter to [ ] dated  
26 February 1954. (See: C/R No. 43)

The following information regards the clarification of the status of DON PEDRO.

1. PANCHO reminded [ ] that when Guillermo DAVILA Cordova was arrested in Guatemala, he had on his person a letter from Don PEDRO. (Note: DAVILA Cordova was DON PEDRO's Chief of Intelligence in Guatemala). In this letter, DON PEDRO advised DAVILA that BOLANOS, the secretary of President OSORIO in Salvador, had been conspiring against President OSORIO and that he had the moral assistance of ARBENZ and his followers in Guatemala. Later DON PEDRO was called upon to clarify this charge which involved the President and his Secretary of Salvador where he is now residing as a political exile.

2. Clarification: In a second letter DON PEDRO reaffirmed the fact that BOLANOS had been conspiring against OSORIO and that BOLANOS had connections with the ARBENZ Communist government. This letter had been written in answer to a request that he rectify and clarify his first letter which, it had been alleged, had been produced by the Communists.

3. BOLANOS advised PANCHO that DON PEDRO does not have his support nor the personal support of President OSORIO in El Salvador. Furthermore, BOLANOS told PANCHO that he was to tell his important supporters that serious consideration is now being given to the idea that DON PEDRO be evicted from El Salvador in the near future. This would be done on the basis of Don PEDRO's second letter which is construed as intervention or participation in internal Salvadorean matters. BOLANOS said that this lack of support from OSORIO was a result of this second letter which has been printed in the newspapers in El Salvador and which meant that DON PEDRO was no longer entitled to any right as a political exile in that country.

4. In his final note, PANCHO said that BONILLA, the Honduran Ambassador in El Salvador and a strong supporter of Don PEDRO, had been advising everybody in that country that DON PEDRO had a considerable amount of prestige among many people but not in the high government circles of El Salvador.

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