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1 Feb 1954

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH

SUBJECT : "Declaration of Col. Castillo Armas"

Attached is a translation of a proposed "declaration"
by Col. Castillo Armas.

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J. D. ESTERLINE

ATT: 1 (in triplicate)

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THE DECLARATION OF COLONEL CARLOS CASTILLO ARMAS

Fellow countrymen: My attention has been called to the news that the Office of Publicity of the Government of Guatemala has made a statement to the press on the existence of a conspiracy in which I am named as its leader. The people of Guatemala are already familiar with the acts of a government which, supported by international communism, has betrayed the nation, delivering itself to the dictates of Soviet Imperialism.

What other lies are found in this white paper? What is the government driving at with the invention of this other [plot of neighbors] fantastic conspiracy? What aims are pursued by constantly inculcating our neighboring governments and people with responsibility for imaginary conspiracies? What is the reason for all those shouts of foreign intervention and invasions of mercenary armies on our [Guatemalan] soil? What does this frenzied Arbenz-Communist propaganda seek? Are they perhaps manifestations of a strong government that relies on the support of our people? No. Absolutely not.

The declaration that makes up the white paper, far from intimidating the great masses, as intended, strengthens its faith in the fact that the hour for the salvation of Guatemala is near. The government is showing its weakness, its pathologic fear, its terror at the thought of its downfall drives it to insanity, and in its madness it conceives and senses great threats from all sides.

This white paper is the white flag which the government is raising before its downfall which approaches more and more each day. Fellow countrymen: It is true that there is a great conspiracy against the communist government in our country. But such a conspiracy resides in the heart of each honorable citizen, that is to say, in more than 95% of the Guatemalans, that cannot submit to the treachery of the men that govern us and have given the country to the control and domination of international communism. It is a medal of honor that they call us conspirators because: we conspire against Soviet imperialism; we conspire against a regime that is destroying the country; we conspire against those who steal our rights and dignity as free men in order to enslave us; we conspire against those who try to destroy our moral and religious principles in order to impose atheism and barbarity on us; we conspire, finally, against all that represents the absurdity and the negativeness of communism.

The firm purpose of defeating the communist government that enslaves our nation is not inspired by foreign nations, it is harbored in the innermost recesses of our country, in the hearts of the men and women who make up the masses. Let us remain standing, ready to fight. Let not the accusations, nor the insults, nor the tortures, nor any other savage act against our physical

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and moral integrity make us afraid or divide us. The salvation of the country requires sacrifices and we all should be ready and willing to be sacrificed in our struggle for national liberation.

Fellow Countrymen: The government has raised the white flag, trying to cover with it, its betrayal of the country. Let us not be fooled by the lies and tricks behind which the government tries to hide the great tragedy that the Republic is undergoing.

As I already said, let us maintain ourselves firm in the struggle, each one in his own place of combat and resolved to any sacrifice. Let not false accusations, nor arbitrary acts break our spirit. Let us have faith in ourselves and if we maintain that faith during the struggle for the liberation of Guatemala, we can be assured that, very soon, the country will be saved. Let our motto be: All for the salvation of Guatemala.

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