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CLASSIFICATIONDATE: DEC 21 1953TO : Chief, WHD
ATTN: Harold S. WHITING
FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala

SUBJECT: GENERAL— PBSUCCESS

SPECIFIC— Interview Between President ARBENZ and Ambassador
PEURIFOY, 16 December 1953

Reference: GUAT 940

1. Ambassador PEURIFOY had his secretary privately deliver to me on 18 December 1953 ~~one copy~~ of his memorandum of conversation, dated 17 December 1953, relating to an interview he had with President ARBENZ in the presence of Mrs. ARBENZ and Mrs. PEURIFOY on the evening of 16 December 1953.

The Ambassador had advised me in advance that he was having this copy delivered to me in order that I might make proper arrangements to have it specifically called to the attention of Harold S. WHITING.

2. Prior to his conversation with the President the Ambassador advised me of the contemplated meeting of the two and sought any suggestions that I might have with regard to the line he should take. I made some suggestions to the Ambassador, pointing out that they were strictly my personal views and were being furnished personally to him as a result of his request. I advised him in advance that probably any line he took would in no way change the President's mind. I note from reading the memorandum of conversation that it appears that Ambassador PEURIFOY was guided somewhat by my recommendations and I think the particular value of the line taken by Ambassador PEURIFOY is that of creating more worries for the President, who is definitely known to be a hypochondriac, putting things in his mind which possibly, as pressure increases, may bring about a realization on his part that he cannot continue as head of this government. Nevertheless, I think he is stubborn enough never to change his views.
3. Time did not permit before pouch closing time the copying of this memorandum in order that one copy might be attached to each copy of this dispatch. A copy of the memorandum in Embassy files is available to this station.

Enclosure:

Memo as noted

Kenneth S. Givloch

18 December 1953

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