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TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
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1. Col. King				[]	Credited as per interest of DCI []
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17 December 1953

TO: Chief, WH Division

FROM: RQM/OIS []

SUBJECT: Loyalty to ARBENZ of Col. Enrique PERALTA

The following was received yesterday afternoon from Contact Division:

1) At the suggestion of [] of the New York Herald Tribune Washington Office, a CIA representative talked with [] for the Pan American Union, where he has worked since early in World War II.

2) [] told the following story:

"On several social occasions in the past six weeks, Col. Enrique PERALTA, Military Attache of the Guatemalan Embassy, has made a point of being friendly with me, and on occasions when I have been with him alone, he has spoken very freely of his worries about his country.

"He said that Guatemala was in very bad shape and that in the past three months things had gotten much worse. Communism, he said, is becoming stronger every day, and something must be done. The Colonel is violently anti-Communist and much less violently pro-Arbenz. He said he has known Arbenz intimately for years and had at one time been his instructor at military school. He thinks that Arbenz is probably willing, and possibly able to put down Communism, but he hinted strongly that he himself would take action if Arbenz did not.

"I understand that Peralta is a former General and that his influence in military circles, in addition to the fact that he is completely in the confidence of Arbenz, makes him a powerful figure politically.

"He said nothing definitely, but certainly by implication, made it very clear to me that he is willing to take any required action and would welcome any help from the US."

3) [] said that for obvious reasons he did not want to take the initiative in pursuing this line of conversation with the Colonel. However, he is planning to ask the Colonel for lunch in the near future and hopes that more information will be forthcoming as to what the Colonel has in mind. He will call this office (Contact Division) to report further developments.

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FROM: RQM/OIS []

SUBJECT: Ambassador TORIELLO

The following is from Contact Division:

1) [] states that it is ^{his} understanding that Colonel Enrique PERALTA has been sent here, replacing WEYMANN, to "keep an eye" on Ambassador TORIELLO, whom Arbenz does not fully trust.

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