

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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18 May 1954

FROM:

NO. [ ] 566  
DATE

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1. [ ]		18 May		[ ]	
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TO : Chief, WED

DATE

FROM : Chief of Station, [ ]

INFO: LINC

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational  
SPECIFIC— PBSUCCESS

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REFERENCES: [ ] 1205 (Not sent [ ]  
[ ] 1207  
SLINC 2294 (Not sent [ ]  
SLINC 2295 " [ ]  
SLINC 2301 " [ ]

1. Attached is a literal translation of the report given to the undersigned by [ ] on 30 April 1954.
2. We will continue to press [ ] for any details now in his possession, and which he might obtain in the future, utilizing the cover story mentioned in Paragraph 4, [ ] 1207.
3. It is suggested that if [ ] able to identify any of the agents working for [ ] in Managua, that extreme care be taken in getting rid of them since their sudden demise might be attributed to the writer. It is believed that piecemeal expulsion from the country would be best solution to the problem unless circumstances necessitate stronger action.

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Incl: Translation of Report

2 May 1954

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In the farm [ ] which is located on the bank [ ] for a considerable length of time there have been heard the firing of machine guns and rifles in such a form as to indicate that marksmanship practice was being conducted in that place. Also heard were grenade and demolition charge explosions. No one is permitted to enter or leave this farm, and no workers are employed for work on the farm. One of the foremen of a neighboring farm, passed along its edges and had to run away because the bullets were coming very close to him. In the last few days, 4 farmers hunting iguanas (Comment: an edible lizard) along the boundary of the farm were surprised and taken to one of the clearings of this farm, which according to the informants resembles a training camp. The farmers saw hundreds of individuals dressed in khaki, most of them colored, but many white, "as the country people are accustomed to call the Ticos" (Comment: Costa Ricans). The 4 farmers were beaten and threatened that if they said anything about what they had seen, they would be killed because they were the only ones who had arrived at that place.

There are many other proofs that this is one of the training sites of an armed movement which is said in that locality to be against Guatemala and to have the knowledge and approval of the Government of the United States.

The farm is an ideal site because of its location. It is a plain surrounded by mountains which is known as [ ]

[ ] From that place to the [ ] is a distance of [ ], and navigation and transit is prohibited on the waters and edges of this river. In the river and near the farm are various big launches of "ferry" style, and other launches and tugboats, which at a given moment could go through the river to the great lake (Comment: Lake Nicaragua), cross it at night without being seen, and make a landing on the coast of our frontier; or enter one of the rivers which are navigable in part such as the Sapoa, the Papaturro which is navigable up to part of our mountains, the San Carlos, the Sarapiquí which may be entered to Tres Amigos, Parisima, Barra del Colorado, and the San Juan, -- and could travel up the coast to Limon in about two days.

our informants state literally:

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"At a given moment, and if the movement which is said to be against Guatemala is made as was reported last year, that they will make simultaneous movements against Guatemala and Costa Rica for the purpose of not focusing attention on this country. The aforementioned rivers are navigable in the main well into our territory, which would be ideal for them, and furthermore that there are farms of Calderonistas (Comment: Followers of Rafael Angel Calderon, ex-president of Costa Rica and an enemy of Figueres) on the Rio San Carlos where they could rest and give the appearance of a Calderonista movement and later -- when this gentleman was blamed (Comment: Somoza) he could say that he did not learn of the matter and wash his hands of the whole thing."

The launches and tugs mentioned are ordinarily used by Somoza for the transport of cattle from his farm San Juan to his Haciendas on the islands of Solentiname at the mouth of the Rio San Juan or at the junction of the Rio San Carlos and Nicaragua and his other farms in the vicinities of Los Chiles, Upala, Zapoa, or Gardenas. That is, they can pass as cattle boats and be camouflaged as such in order to avoid attention. The plains of this farm are suitable for an emergency landing field; to pick up the people there and leave them at one of the farms of the Calderonistas, or to transfer them to other landing fields better situated to send them on their final trip to the south or north.

There are confirmed reports also that in the early morning hours and at night when the city is quiet, there is a great traffic of jeeps, the occupants dressing in khaki. The chauffeurs of the trucks which pick up the milk on the farms near [ ] have seen them.

We have a series of reports which confirm visits of Paco Calderon (Francisco Calderon, brother of Rafael Angel Calderon) to Managua and also to these training camps. We know that Roberto TINOCO, is the liaison man between Somoza and the Calderonistas here (i.e. San Jose); that he was in Managua and was not seen for more than 15 days. We also know that Diego LOPEZ, Carlos Alberto CASTRO, and other renegade Costa Ricans with whom we Costa Ricans have to settle some accounts and who are engaged in subversive activities, have also disappeared.

For some time in certain circles of Nicaragua it has been said that "they are going to give bullets to the Costa Ricans".

We also have reports from other places and countries

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concerning these movements and which we are investigating.

We know, for example, that the Guatemalan officer, Castillo Armas is in Honduras giving training to a number of enlistees totalling approximately 1,800.

We know that the wife of a diplomat travels in connection with these movements and as a liaison agent for these same.

The Government of Costa Rica does not care what happens from Nicaragua north and has maintained and will maintain the most absolute discretion concerning this matter as long as it does not prove that within this movement there is hidden a movement against this country.

These data are confidentially personal from [ ] who believes in a sincere and opportune intervention by the Government of the United States in that which might affect the tranquility of this country.

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