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Chief of Station, Guatemala []

Operational

Jet Aircraft in Possession of Guatemalan Government

Reference: SGUAT-399

1. Major Vernon INGRAM, Assistant Air Attache, advised on 28 April 1954 that the information in paragraph one of reference regarding 10 jet aircraft held in readiness by the Guatemalan Government is probably false.

2. He based his evaluation on the basis of non-availability of jet fuel in the country. It would be necessary for such fuel to be brought in by tank truck from San Jose, Puerto Barrios, or Mexico. Checking on movement of tank trucks has a high priority with INGRAM's office. He states that there is no jet fuel in the country. He also stated that jet planes could conceivably enter the country but they couldn't take off again.

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