

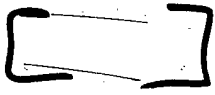
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Police Check Points on Road from Guatemala City to Salvador

Reference: SLINC-1885

1. ESPERANCE made the trip from Guatemala City to Salvador via automobile on 21 and 22 April 1954 to obtain information requested in reference cable and HULA-454.

2. Between Guatemala City and the Salvador border, police check points are located at the following places:

- (1) Guatemala City to Guilapa. On left side of Calle Real de villa de Guadalupe at junction with Calle de Las Conchas (la. Calle de la villa de Guadalupe - point approximately A/B-8.7 on the "PLANO AEROFOTOGRAFICO DE LA CIUDAD DE GUATEMALA" November '45 map which CADICK had on the east wall of his office on 17 April 1954.)

A new road to Salvador leaves Calle Real to the left a few blocks before its junction with Calle de Las Conchas and thus bypasses the present police check point. This road is closed during the daytime when men are removing rocks from a recent landslide but it is usually open at night. (See sketch, attachment # 1).

- (2) The second check point is at the western entrance to Guilapa. Another point is on the eastern side of Guilapa. These are round cement structures. Cars are not stopped but license numbers are taken as the cars drive by. (See sketch for location, attachment # 2).
- (3) Guilapa to Jutiapa. There is a police check point on the western entrance to Jutiapa on the road from Guilapa. There is another at the exit from Jutiapa on the road to Progreso. According to ESPERANCE, the latter point was formerly a search point but on his latest trip, his car was waved on without being searched. (See sketch, attachment # 3).
- (4) Progreso. On his way to Salvador, ESPERANCE saw a policeman sitting on the steps in front of the Guardia Civil station in the center of town. On the return trip, there was no one at this point.
- (5) Asuncion Mita. There is a police check point in the center of town. This can be bypassed by the route shown on sketch (attachment # 4).

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- (6) Asuncion Mita to border. There was no police check point between Asuncion Mita and the Salvador border.
3. The attached sketches were prepared from rough drawings ESPERANCE made from memory as he was forced by circumstances explained in a separate despatch to destroy his notes and hide his film.
4. ESPERANCE is locating the police check points in Guatemala City and with luck, we may get him off on a road trip to Gualan next week.

Attachments: 4 sketches

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