

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE IN FULL

2003

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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TO : DIRECTOR
 FROM : GUATEMALA CITY
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CITE: SGUAT

TO: DIR

PB HISTORY

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RE: DIR 12215 (OUT 67539) PARA 1

1. ALL DOCUMENTS NOW MADE KNOWN TO COMITE. REGIME ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY FROM PB HISTORY. THUS HAVE GIVEN GREEN LIGHT TO OVERT AND COVERT EXPLOITATIONS. SOURCE OF DOCUMENTS IS "COMITE DE DEFENSA NACIONAL CONTRA EL COMUNISMO" TO BE TRANSLATED AS "NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE AGAINST COMMUNISM". THIS IS A GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT GROUP ASSAYING RECORDS OF PAST REGIME TO STUDY METHODS OF OBTAINING FUTURE COMMIE OPERATION. SUGGEST YOUR RELEASES DO NOT STRESS COMMIE-HUNTING ANGLE OF DOCUMENT RESEARCH OVER MUCH TO AVOID GESTAPO LABEL. IN FACT COMITE WILL REVEAL AND REWARD ANTI COMMUNISTS, PROVIDE BACKGROUND FOR FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. HAVE TOLD COMITE THAT GRAY BOOKLET DOCUMENTS WERE SENT PBPRIME 7 AUG FOR IMMEDIATE PREPARATION OVERT RELEASE.

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OK WITH REGIME.

3. SUGGEST YOUR RELEASE BE TIMED WITH LOCAL PRESS CONFERENCE SUGGESTED BY PBHISTORY TO BE HELD 12 AUG. AT THIS TIME DOCUMENTS AND GENERAL PITCH WILL BE GIVEN LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS. THUS YOUR RELEASE SHOULD BE 12 AUG FOR 13 AUG PUBLICATION WILL ADVISE EXACT LOCAL RELEASE.

END OF MESSAGE

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