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When and if  
Station verifies  
Carrera story.

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re sending  
Carrera's statement  
to Congresswoman  
Bolton. [ ]

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9 August 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR:

[ ]  
c/o New York Herald Tribune  
National Press Building  
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT:

Guatemala; fabricated arms-cache plot.

Dear [ ]

In line with our conversation of last week, I am sending to you herewith a photostatic copy of the signed statement of the Guatemalan officer, Fernando A. Carrera, purporting to give the details of the fabricated plot in Guatemala. Assuming these facts to be accurate, it would appear that the so-called plot was cooked up by Arbenz and his Communist pals for the dual purpose of discrediting the Fruit Company and manufacturing evidence in support of the then Arbenz-Toriello line -- viz., plots against the regime.

Also attached is a memorandum which rounds out the background of this affair and which serves to identify a number of the individuals who are mentioned by name in the Carrera statement. If, as and when I receive further evidence with regard to this fabricated plot, I shall, of course, forward it to you.

Sincerely yours,

DD/P-FGW/bjm

Orig. to addressee w/1 photo of Carrera statement in both English and Spanish  
w/1 copy of [ ] memo of background.

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