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 FROM : GUATEMALA CITY
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GUAT 082 (IN 29751)

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TO: DIR

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RE: GUAT 073 (IN 28546)

1. AM SORRY DELAY SO LONG IN FURNISHING FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMITTEE MENTIONED PARA 4 OF REF BUT UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON AND NIGHT 20 JULY NOTHING DEFINITE HAD BEEN RESOLVED. I CONSIDERED IT BEST AWAIT DEFINITE INFO RATHER THAN REPORT EMPTY PROMISES.

2. THOUGH DATED 19 JULY 54, THE DECREE ESTABLISHING THE COMITE DE DEFENSA NACIONAL CONTRA EL COMUNISMO WAS SIGNED AND BECAME LAW ON 20 JULY AFTERNOON. THE FOUR FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS OF THIS DECREE ARE:

A. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS AND TWO ALTERNATES. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE IN CHARGE OF LIAISON WITH OTHER GOVT ORGANIZATIONS.

B. THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE RIGHT OPERATE THROUGHOUT NATION AND ORDER ALL POLICE AND OTHER AUTHORITIES TO ARREST COMMUNIST SUSPECTS.

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C. THE COMMITTEE IS AUTHORIZED TO DRAW UP ITS OWN INTERNAL REGULATIONS AND WORK PLANS AND IS ANSWERABLE ONLY TO THE JUNTA AND PARTICULARLY TO CALLIGERIS.

D. MILITARY AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES OF THE NATION WITHOUT EXCEPTION ARE OBLIGED TO GIVE FULL AND PROMPT AID TO COMMITTEE IN ITS LABORS.

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4. THE DECREE EMBODIES ALL THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY BANNISTER AND ALL CONNECTED WITH NEW ORGANIZATION BELIEVE THEY WILL BE AFFORDED SUFFICIENT OPERATIONAL FREEDOM AND SUPPORT TO ENABLE THEM CARRY OUT TREMENDOUS JOB FACING THEM.

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] BELIEVE REAL PROGRESS CAN BE EXPECTED

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7. IMPORTANT THAT ALL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE AND CALLIGERIS-
SECANT HAVE STATED THEIR FIRM INTENTION UTILIZE COMMITTEE AND
FORTHCOMING STRINGENT DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY LAW TO CLEAN OUT
GOVERNMENT AND COUNTRY OF ALL COMMIE INFLUENCE. COMMITTEE HAS
BEEN ENCOURAGED TO INVESTIGATE EVERY GOVT ORGANIZATION WITHOUT
EXCEPTION AND HAS CALLIGERIS PROMISE ABSOLUTE SUPPORT IN AIDING
COMMITTEE CRACK DOWN.

8. REALIZATION APPARENTLY HAS ARRIVED THAT ONE IMPORTANT
ODYOKE YARDSTICK OF MEASUREMENT WILL BE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH
COMMUNIST PROBLEM ATTACKED.

9. IMPORTANT POINT BROUGHT UP IS THAT GOVT ABSOLUTELY
BROKE AT MOMENT AND COMMITTEE WILL NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT UNTIL
GOVT ABLE TAKE UP SLACK. IN PRINCIPLE AGREED SOME ARRANGEMENT
DESIRABLE BUT WARNED THAT THIS BASICALLY LOCAL PROBLEM AND GOVT
CANNOT SHOULD NOT EXPECT ODYOKE OR "GROUP" PAY FOR THIS ACTIVITY.
ZPSEMANTIC AND CALLIGERIS AGREED THAT SUBSIDY WOULD BE TEMPORARY

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AFFAIR. ADVISED THEM WOULD PRESENT THEIR PLIGHT TO HIGHER AUTHORITY AND ADVISE WITHOUT DELAY. SINCE IMPERATIVE WE MOVE WITHOUT LOSS OF TIME, REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION ADVANCE MINIMUM [] FROM FUNDS MENTIONED LINC 4732 (IN 26604) AND LINC 4745 (IN 26900). (NOTHING HAS YET BEEN ADVANCED BECAUSE GOVT UNTIL NOW FAILED TAKE ANY POSITIVE MEASURES AND SUSPECT THAT HOLD OFF PLAYED CONSIDERABLE PART IN FINALLY OBTAINING DESIRED ACTION)

10. FURTHER SUGGEST THAT BANNISTER BE AUTHORIZED CONTINUE ADVANCES ON MONTHLY BUT QUID PRO QUO BASIS UNTIL NATIONAL GOVT CAN TAKE IN SLACK. BELIEVE MINIMUM EXPENDITURE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY [] WHILE MAXIMUM SHOULD BE SET AT [].

11. FURTHER BELIEVE THAT THIS SHOULD BE MATTER FOR ARRANGEMENT FOR DECISION BY HQS AT HQS AND THEREFORE REPEAT SUGGESTION PARA 3 OF GUAT 063 (IN 27483) IN THAT [

] WHERE DEFINITE AND FINAL ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE.

12. WOULD SUGGEST THAT ANY FUTURE ODYOKE LOANS GIVEN WSBURNT GOVT SHOULD INCLUDE UNDERSTANDING THAT PART WOULD BE USED TO SUPPORT COMMITTEE IN ITS ACTIVITIES.

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13. REQUEST REPLY TO PARA 10 SOONEST.

14. BIOGRAPHIC OTHER INFO CONCERNING KEY FIGURES IN COMMITTEE BEING PREPARED.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

MR. [] WH, NOTIFIED OF THE RECEIPT OF THIS
MESSAGE AT 2145, 21 JULY 54.

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