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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)
SUBJECT : Disposition of Guatemalan Communists
REFERENCE : DIR 07823 (OUT 59911)

1. The problem posed by reference cable is allied in many respects to those we have formerly encountered in connection with agent disposal. Not having much detail available, we can only comment in a theoretical vein. While the problem is a pressing one, it seems we may be considering a group of Guatemalan Communists as a disposal problem separate and distinct from the larger issue of Guatemalan or Latin American Communism. This opinion stems from the assumption that any type of forcible repression or imprisonment of a group of people will pose serious management and administrative difficulties for this Agency or this Government, as well as international political and psychological consequences, which might or might not be favorable.

2. Practically speaking, we feel that the problem of Guatemalan Communists should be left, by and large, to the Guatemalans. The Guatemalan Government might be encouraged to deal with these persons on almost an individual basis in the traditional Latin American method. If the few talented and dangerous individuals involved are adequately inhibited, we do not think that the dangers from the rest are particularly hazardous or forbidding.

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Chief, FE

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