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REF: A. [] 1106 (IN 26761)

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1. WE ARE MORE MYSTIFIED THAN EVER AS TO WHY THIS APPARENTLY SIMPLE MATTER HAS GOTTEN ITSELF SO TANGLED UP IN HIGH-LEVEL POLICY AND MORE PARTICULARLY WHAT UNDERLIES FOREIGN OFFICE DOUBTS AS TO WISDOM OF A STATEMENT FROM IDEN A REF. ALONG LINES WE SUGGESTED. IN REF B YOU REPORTED TO US THAT IDEN A HAD CALLED ON EMBASSY JULY 2 AND QUOTE VOLUNTARILY OFFERED TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO COUNTERACT REPORTS, ETC. UNQUOTE.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER AT LENGTH WITH [] HERE WHO LIKewise CONFUSED AND INCLINED AGREE WITH US THAT IDEN A STATEMENTS ALONG LINES INDICATED WOULD HAVE TENDED TO RELIEVE PARLIMENTARY PRESSURES. THEY SUGGESTED THAT IF MATTER HAD BEEN REFERRED IN FIRST INSTANCE TO [] ALL MIGHT HAVE BEEN ARRANGED QUITE SIMPLY AS ROUTINE OPERATIONAL MATTER BY TIP-OFF TO ONE OR MORE PRESS MEN THAT IDEN A MIGHT BE ABLE PROVIDE AN INTERESTING STORY.

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3. WE APPRECIATE THAT IT MAY NOW BE TOO LATE TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING USEFUL BY A CONTACT WITH [] ESPECIALLY IF PARLIMENTARY QUESTIONS ARE SATISFACTORILY DEALT WITH AND GUATEMALAN ISSUE THUS PUT TO BED. ACCORDINGLY LEAVE IT YOUR JUDGEMENT WHETHER APPROACH [] STILL ADVISABLE IN LIGHT OF LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS.

4. FOREGOING WAS DICTATED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REF C AND WE STILL FEEL DISCREET [] HANDLING WOULD BE PREFERABLE SINCE AVOIDS ~~CONF~~ IMPLICATIONS O DYOKE [] INSPIRATION

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