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RE: DIR 07296 (OUT 58770)

1. ON 2 JULY A PBPRIME OFFICIAL RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING VERSION OF THE ATTITUDE OF SUPPORTERS OF COL. CASTILLO ARMAS TOWARD THE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN CASTILLO AND THE MONZON JUNTA FROM A PERSON WITH FAIRLY GOOD CONTACTS AMONG THE SUPPORTERS

A. THESE SUPPORTERS DISTRUST MONZON COMPLETELY. THEY CLAIM HE WAS NEVER ACTIVE IN THEIR CAUSE, HAS NO STATUS OR PRESTIGE WITH ARMY OFFICIALS, AND WAS A TOOL OF ARBENZ.

B. THEY STATE THAT MONZON IS NOW "SUPPORTED AND MANEUVERED BY THREE CLEVER, UNSCRUPULOUS POLITICIANS," EUGENIO SILVA PENA, ERNESTO VIEIRA AND "TOTO" GONZALEZ.

C. THEY ARE BITTER THAT CASTILLO DID NOT OBTAIN FULL POWER. SOME OF THEM FEAR HE WILL BE ELIMINATED. OTHERS BLAME HIM FOR MAKING A POOR BARGAIN AND ARE CONSIDERING WITHDRAWING THEIR SUPPORT UNLESS HE MAKES A POLITICAL COMEBACK.

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D. AT PRESENT THEY BELIEVE COL. JOSE LUIS CRUZ SALAZAR WILL VOTE WITH MAJOR ENRIQUE OLIVA FOR CASTILLO AS HEAD OF THE JUNTA. BUT THEY FAVOR EARLY RELEGATION OF MONZON TO A DIPLOMATIC POST ABROAD. (C-3)

1. AT 0200 HOURS OF 3 JULY SOURCE SAW COL. JOSE LUIS CRUZ SALAZAR, MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL JUNTA HEADED BY COL. ELFEGO MONZON. CRUZ STATED THAT THERE WERE NO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN VADO HONDO OR QUEZALTEPEQUE AND GUATEMALA CITY, BUT SAID HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO ORDER THE ZACAPA OPERATIONS COMMANDER TO SEND OFFICERS IN JEEPS IMMEDIATELY TO ARRANGE FOR CESSATION OF ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT FORCES IN THE VADO HONDO AND QUEZALTEPEQUE AREAS. CRUZ STATED HE WAS ALSO SENDING SIMILAR WORD TO OTHER AREAS.

2. CRUZ STATED HE WAS VERY NERVOUS TO AVOID BLOODSHED. HE SAID THERE MIGHT BE ISOLATED INCIDENTS ON BOTH SIDES. BUT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT ALL WOULD BE WELL. HE SAID HE WAS ARRANGING TO HAVE THE GUATEMALAN OFFICIAL RADIO HAMMER THE THEME OF PEACE AND CESSATION OF ALL HOSTILITIES.

3. CRUZ STATED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN ON 2 JULY WITH MANY ARMY OFFICERS WHO WERE VERY HAPPY WITH THE THOUGHT THAT COL. CASTILLO ARMAS WOULD BE

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ASSUMING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND THAT CASTILLO HAD MADE A FINE IMPRESSION BY SENDING FOOD TO GOVERNMENT TROOPS IN THE CHIQUIMULA AREA.

(A-1)

1. COL. ELFEGO MONZON, CHIEF OF THE SECOND JUNTA AFTER ARBENZ' RESIGNATION, PROMISED AT THE TRUCE MEETINGS TO VOTE FOR COL. CASTILLO ARMAS FOR JUNTA CHIEF WHEN THE JUNTA IS REORGANIZED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS. (3)

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