

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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Forwarded → July 3
(1610)

MEMO = to Mr. Leddy

SUBJECT: Intelligence received from Guatemala City re
Prospects of cessation of hostilities in Guatemala;
attitude of Guatemalan Army officers toward
Col. Castillo Armas.

1. [] left instructions that a brief resume should be
hand-carried to you or to Mr. Holland today, of a cable the substance
of which is as follows: Quint 022

At 0200 of 3 July the writer of the cable -- a U.S. official
with excellent contacts with the Monson junta-- saw Col. Jose Luis
CRUZ Salazar. CRUZ stated that there were no communications
between Vado Hondo or Quezaltepeque and Guatemala City, but in
the presence of the writer of the cable he dictated a message
ordering 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.

CRUZ stated he was very eager 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.

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 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.

(Priority)
2. Preliminary Dissemination of the above information has just
been made, omitting the fact that CRUZ dictated a message in the
presence of the writer of the cable.

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