

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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PP Jones
26 June 1954

2003

Classified Items of Possible KUCOWN Interest

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Linc 4350

1. Guatemalan Colonel Orosco is in Tapachula, Mexico, organizing a column to enter Guatemala from Mexico for support of Arbenz' Commae-controlled government.

2. The Guatemalan Ambassador to Mexico is attempting to buy gasoline, fighter planes, and bombs in Mexico, and to recruit trained soldiers for Guatemala.

Guat 965
Sher 400

3. Matamoros was bombed and strafed. Explosions and fire from inside the fort followed. The people in Guatemala City ran for cover and closed stores.

4. Armas' "Voice of Liberation" promised more bombing.

Linc 4346
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5. The Chiquimula population received the liberation forces joyfully. Three troop trains from Guatemala City were stopped by aircraft, and a number of troops joined the liberating forces.

6. The gas in Guatemala City is low due to bomb damage.

7. The CGTG had no volunteers for giving blood in the first 24 hours after an appeal to all members to donate.

Sher 395
25 June

8. The rebels are in possession of Chiquimula, where there had been heavy fighting.

9. Government reinforcements were stopped at El Jicara by air strikes at trains carrying them.

10. Both transport and communications from Puerto Barrios to the capital are cut off.

11. The next fight is to be for Zacapa.

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12. Puerto Barrios is without provisions for the population.

13. Antonio Ardon is in charge at Puerto Barrios.

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