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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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FROM:

WHC J

NO.

DATE

26 June '54

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		REC'D	FWD'D		
1. WHC J				[]	<p>FYI 2003 CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM RELEASE AS SANITIZED</p> <p>1 to 4: This was sent to USIS in Mexi-where [] due to security reasons which I had previously talked to you about. Mr. [] should have been cautioned not to release in [] []</p> <p>file "Askenz coffee story"</p>
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RE: [] 271, [] 283, LINC-4024

The following was typed up yesterday, on plain paper, to be handed by Mr. Esterline to Mr. [] —he did so, and [] said he would play it— on June 26. On recommendation of Mr. [] it sticks closely to the story suggested by [] 283, in order to protect their agent.

From Mexico City it has been learned that President Arbenz of Guatemala has at long last seen the hand-writing on the wall, and is actively engaged in making arrangements to flee the country with \$8,000,000 worth of loot.

ARBENZ's partner in this enterprise is Roberto ALVARADO Fuentes, the Guatemalan ambassador to Mexico. ARBENZ and a group of his supporters will very shortly send by rail to the Mexican town of Tapachula, near the Guatemalan boundary 100,000 bags of coffee, valued at \$8,000,000, whence it will be transported under bond to the Mexican free port of Coatzacoalcos by the Tapachula agent of the Mexico City firm Jose R. Villasana and Company.

ARBENZ and his supporters are using as a pretext for this shipment their desire to barter the coffee for gasoline and weapons —gasoline now being very scarce in Guatemala... but their real purpose is to establish personal dollar accounts in Mexico. Arrangements for these accounts are being made by ALVARADO with the BANCO Internacional, S.A., in Mexico City.

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cc: Mr. Esterline's file
WH/PP []
WSS "Arbenz coffee story file"

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