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25. Guatemalan Communists reported planning attack on American embassy: Communists in Guatemala City claim they will attack the embassies of "unfriendly" governments in Guatemala City, according to a usually reliable source. They reportedly expect to seize documents in the American embassy proving collaboration between the United States government and Castillo Armas, leader of the opposition forces. (S CIA PD 463, Guatemala City B-2, 23 June 54)

Comment: The departure on 19 June of the bulk of the army forces usually stationed in Guatemala City has rendered the city vulnerable to Communist-incited mob violence. The Communists have charged repeatedly that the United States was implicated in the Castillo Armas "invasion" and the American embassy may become the target for Communist "reprisals."

Communist-led labor and youth groups in Guatemala City are believed to have been armed by the government.