

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 23 JUNE 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : GUATAMALA CITY

ACTION : WH (PBS) (1-3)*

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), WH (7), SA/PC/DCI (8)

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TO: (OPIM) DIR

INFO: (OPIM) SLINC

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WOULD YOU PLEASE DISCUSS WITH HOLLAND AND ADVISE THROUGH YOUR CHANNELS OR INSTRUCT THROUGH DEPARTMENT, DEPENDING ON DECISION REACHED, THE FOLLOWING PROBLEM:

1. I CANNOT CONSCIENTIOUSLY ORDER THE EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM THIS POST AT THE PRESENT TIME SINCE, WHILE I FEEL THE SITUATION IS DANGEROUS, IT HAS NOT REACHED THE POINT OF CHAOS OR DISORDERS IN THE CITY.

2. HOWEVER, IT IS GENERALLY AGREED HERE THAT IF AMERICANS WERE EVACUATED IT WOULD BE THE GREATEST BLOW WHICH THE GOVERNMENT COULD RECEIVE IN THE PSYCHOLOGICAL FIELD. AT MY LAST TWO MEETINGS WITH TORIELLO, HE HAS BECOME GREATLY UPSET EACH TIME I HAVE MENTIONED EVACUATION.

3. NOT SO IMPORTANT BUT A FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED IS THAT I AM BEING CRITICIZED BY CIVILIANS FOR NOT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT

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THEIR WELFARE. IT MIGHT BE THAT DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO INSTRUCT ME TO EVACUATE THOSE AMERICANS WHO WISH TO GO AND THOSE IN OFFICIAL FAMILY WHO ARE NOT ESSENTIAL. I WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE. 231945Z.

END OF MESSAGE

* CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

A RUN-OFF COPY OF THIS MESSAGE WAS ISSUED TO MR. WISNER'S OFFICE AT 1920 HOURS, 23 JUN 54.

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