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TO : RICHARD M. BISSELL  
FROM : SA/DCI/P  
SUBJECT : 707  
DATE : 19 JUNE 1954

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TO : SE. REP, GUATEMALA CITY

FROM : DIR, CIA

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TO: SGUAT (FOR JMBLUG FROM WHITING) INFO: SLING CITE: DIR  
RYBAT/PRESUCCESS

REFS A. GUAT 906 (IN 19969)

B. GUAT 908 (IN 19973)

1. WE ARE READY AUTHORIZE USE OF BOMBS MOMENT WE ARE CONVINCED WE WILL  
SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS WITHOUT DISASTROUS DAMAGE  
INTERESTS OF PEPRIME.

[ ] 2. YOU ALREADY FAMILIAR OUR VIEWS CONCERNING DAMAGE LIKELY TO BE DONE  
OUR CAUSE BY WILL DIRECTED OR PREMATURE ATTACKS. WE FEAR BOMBING OF MILITARY  
INSTALLATIONS MORE LIKELY TO SOLIDIFY ARMY AGAINST THE REBELLION THAN TO  
INDUCE DEFECTION AND WE ARE CONVINCED ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIAN TARGETS,  
WHICH WOULD SHED BLOOD MEN OF INNOCENT PEOPLE, WOULD FIT PERFECTLY INTO  
COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA LINE AND TEND TO ALIENATE ALL ELEMENTS OF POPULATION.

3. AS TO EFFECT OF BOMBING ON [ ] DECISION, WE WILL NOT REPEAT  
ARGUMENT THAT HIS PLEA FOR BOMBING IS IRRATIONAL NOW THAT CAPABILITY TO  
BELIEVER HAS BEEN CONVINCINGLY DEMONSTRATED. A CRUCIAL QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER  
HIS REQUEST IS RATIONAL OR MORAL BUT WHETHER GRANTING IT WILL ACTUALLY

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INDUCE HIM TO MOVE. MUST RELY HEAVILY YOUR JUDGMENT ON THIS POINT BUT  
DISTURBED REPORT REF B THAT YOU HAVE HAD NO CONTACT [ ] SINCE  
1500 HOURS 18 JUNE.

4. REF A DOES NOT RECOMMEND ANY SPECIFIC TARGET. IMPLIES PALACE MIGHT  
BE DECISIVE TARGET BUT THIS SEEMS TO US OPEN TO SECOND OBJECTION PARA 2  
ABOVE. EARLIER SUGGESTION OF RACETRACK MIGHT AVOID BOTH OBJECTIONS PARA  
2 ABOVE BUT BE SAME TONES BOMBING WOULD NOT DIRECTLY AFFECT CAPABILITIES  
OF REGIME. WOULD FACILITATE OUR FURTHER CONSIDERATION FINAL DECISION THIS  
ISSUE IF YOU WOULD RECOMMEND SPECIFIC TARGETS.

5. PENDING RECEIPT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND FURTHER ASSESSMENT OUR  
CAPABILITIES FOR ACCURATE BOMBING MUST WITHHOLD AUTHORIZATION.

END OF MESSAGE

[ ] [ ]  
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