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Points for Ambassador Lodge and/or the U.S. Representative
in the Inter-American Peace Committee

In connection with the UN debate, and also for possible use within the OAS, it seems extremely important that we should insist upon the procedural points previously stressed, i.e., the first place of call would be Guatemala where the alleged crime is claimed to have occurred; and if the Guatemalans refuse they should be challenged and belabored for their refusal to allow an objective inspection of the evidence there; As the next line of defense we should insist upon Honduras as the second place of call by the investigating body. Honduras is the place from which the alleged invasion is claimed to have been launched and, moreover, it the the country which itself has filed complaints of bombing of its territory. The last place to be visited is Nicaragua and under no circumstances should the investigating body or any representatives be allowed to go there first or at the outset or until the other two places have been thoroughly looked into.

In the debate and particularly if Guatemala and others resist the selection of Guatemala as the first place of call, they should be sharply challenged by assertions of misrepresentation of fact and the fabrication of claims and evidence in support of claims. Their charge of the bombing of open cities and the killing of citizens should be the first thing looked into. They claimed in the opening session of the UN debate on Sunday that two Americans in a bombing plane which had bombed Guatemala had crashed in Mexico. This is known to be false and will be demonstrated to be false. It appears to have been a deliberate concocted falsehood.

Also the claim of bombing in Guatemala City and the fabrication of evidence there should be brought up sharply. Toriello's repeated claims of bomb damage to houses should be cited or referred to and there should be a flat statement made with regard to his claims in this regard that it is known that the Guatemalan Government deliberately fabricated the evidence of bombing. The house of Colonel Mendoza is reliably reported by many eyewitnesses to have been set fire to by the Guatemalan police. *The Mexican figure*

The last two paragraphs give only two examples of the kind of material which Ambassador Lodge can use most effectively and which can be used and repeated in any other forums, including the OAS Peace Committee in connection with our insistence upon correct terms of reference.

Finally, it is recommended that the British and French representatives be asked whether they have not now repeated reports from their respective diplomatic representatives in Guatemala giving them evidence of false claims of the bombing of Guatemala City and of the fabrication of evidence of bombing by the Guatemalan Government. If they acknowledge this privately they should be willing to state it publicly in support of the statements of our spokesmen.

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