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REF: A) HUL-A-700  
B) HUL-A-932  
C) HGG-A-1208  
D) HUL-A-1064

1. The following two items are quoted verbatim from the Communist Party organ, Tribuna Popular, Guatemala City, 10 June 1954, because they are specific reactions to PBSUCCESS Operations.

2. Item number one appeared in a front page editorial, The Conspirators: Traitors to the Homeland:

"And it is clear not only that such individuals ( i.e. the conspirators), among whom corrupt politicians of the Ubico dictatorship and landowning families affected by the Law of Agrarian Reform are prominent, subordinate all their activity to the aims of the Yankee imperialists but equally that in a barefaced manner they have permitted the claws of the criminal hands which directs them to show forth. Recently, for example, the Partido Guatemalteco de Trabajo ( the Communist Party of Guatemala) denounced the clumsy maneuver which had attempted to disrupt its central organization, publishing a photostatic copy of a falsified "communication" which it was easy to determine had been prepared by an English speaking person who is not a mater of the Spanish language. . ."

This letter was drafted at LINCOLN and translated by members of the editorial staff of SHERWOOD who are native born Guatemaltecos; it was then distributed in Guatemala through the Essence net. ( See reference A, B, and C).

3. Item number two appeared in a regular column, Palo Volador, by the sarcastic Juan de La Feria.

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(Palo Volador by Juan de La Feria)

"Recently some leaflets were distributed around here which attempted, by devious means, to gain the unobtainable support of the people for its cause with an impudence that leaves one ashamed, at best; ( these leaflets ) claim, for example, that the quetzal is going to be devaluated " to a tenth part of the present value". Thus it can be plainly seen that those who affirm such a thing might have some knowledge about how to dynamite the railroad but they have not studied even the first lessons of political economy. Don Meme Noriega, on the other hand, who is "a pillar" of the Bank of Guatemala and is familiar with the bank notes, has said authoritatively that our money is more solid than ever before. And no one can deny that he understands such things better than any frustrated dynamiter. . ."

This threat of the devaluation of the quetzal appeared in a SHERRWOOD script, forwarded to Headquarters in reference D, and it was mentioned in a leaflet dropped in Guatemala ( see Code # 185). Since this article, radio TOW has also answered this charge, denying it completely.

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