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[] EVAL: B-2 DIST: EMBASSY.

1. [] COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR GUATEMALA JOSE PABLO QUIROS [] CONCERNING AMBASSADORS INTERVIEW WITH TORIELLO ON MORNING 5 JUNE.

2. [] HIGHLIGHTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON BEHALF FIGUERES QUIROS OFFERED TORIELLO GOOD OFFICES COSTA RICA IN ARRIVING AT SOLUTION OF GUATEMALAS DIFFICULTIES. TORIELLO ACCEPTED IN ARBENZ NAME. QUIROS COMMENTED HE BELIEVED TORIELLO'S ACCEPTANCE SINCERE AND THAT GUATEMALANS ARE ACTUALLY WAKING UP TO REALITY.

B. TORIELLO COMMENTED THAT LIKE COSTA RICA HIS COUNTRY NOT IN FAVOR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. THAT GUATEMALA HAD RATIFIED RIO AGREEMENT WITH RESERVATIONS CONCERNING BELICE AND THAT MATTER

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NOW IN OTHER HANDS.

C. TORIELLO STATED ARMS AMOUNTED ONLY 1600 TONS PACKING ADDED 400 TONS. ARMS SUFFICIENT FOR FIFTH PART ONLY OF 12,000 MAN ARMY AND BALANCE EQUIPPED WITH ANTIQUATED ARMS.

D. TORIELLO OPPOSED TO IDEA OF PRELIMINARY MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AT PANAMA DUE FACT NICARAGUA WOULD ALSO BE INVITED. SAID HE PERSONALLY WOULD PREFER HAVE COSTA RICA CALL FOR MEETING FOREIGN MINISTERS MEXICO, EL SALVADOR, COSTA RICA, CHILE, ARGENTINA OR BRAZIL, WITH TWO DELEGATES OF STATE DEPARTMENT AND TWO GUATEMALANS INVITED TO ATTEND. TORIELLO CONSIDERS COSTA RICA APPROPRIATE COUNTRY TO BRING ABOUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GUATEMALA AND STATE DEPARTMENT.

E. TORIELLO EXPRESSED HIMSELF KEENLY INTERESTED TERMS COSTA RICAN-UNITED FRUIT CONTRACT STATING GUATEMALA TOO WOULD ENTER INTO "DECOROUS" AGREEMENT IF UNITED FRUIT WOULD SHOW WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE. QUIROS COMMENTED SITUATION APPEARS TO BE CHANGING AND THAT FORMER OBSTINACY TORIELLO HAS DISAPPEARED. QUIROS FEELS TIME RIPE FOR UNITED FRUIT MAKE NEW APPROACH TO GUAT GOVERNMENT.

F. TORIELLO REMARKED IT WOULD DO NO GOOD KICK OUT THREE TOP COMMUNISTS BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE REPLACED BY OTHERS PERHAPS WORSE AND THAT THEY WERE USEFUL IN KEEPING LABOR UNDER CONTROL.

G. TORIELLO STATED GUATEMALA PREPARED REPEL ANY ARMED ATTACK BUT NATURALLY WOULD PREFER A PEACEFUL BUT DIGNIFIED SOLUTION FOR GOVERNMENT.

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H. QUIROS SUMMED UP CONVERSATION SAYING HE FRANKLY OPTIMISTIC SITUATION CAN BE SAVED AND THAT DOOR WIDE OPEN FOR COSTA RICA TO STEP IN AND MEDIATE.

3. [] COMMENT: WHILE [] APPARENTLY FEELS [] CLEAR INDICATION COSTA RICA ON GUATEMALAS SIDE OBJECTIVE READING DOES NOT WARRANT THIS INTERPRETATION.

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