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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : LINCOLN

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TO: (PRIORITY) []

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FOR ONTRICH AND CADICK

1. FOLLOWING INFO RE WSBURNT SITUATION FORWARDED FYI. REPORTS INDICATE GREAT MAJORITY WSBURNT ARMY OFFICERS OPPOSED TO REGIME AND THAT ULTIMATUM HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT ASKING THAT HE CHANGE POLICY RE COMMUNISTS OR FACE REVOLT. POSITION OF CHIEF OF STAFF DIAZ UNCERTAIN. COL JOSE GONZALEZ SIGUI REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN REMOVED AS COMMANDER CENTRAL ZONE.

2. POLICE WATCHFUL AND APPEAR TO BE USING CURTAILMENT CIVIL LIBERTIES AND NEWS BLACKOUT TO INSTITUTE NATIONWIDE SEARCH AND SUPPRESSION OPPOSITION. REIGN OF TERROR REPORTED IN PROVINCES. ISOLATED CASES VIOLENCE REPORTED. PEOPLE IN TOWN NEAR AMATITLAN ATTACKED POLICE WITH MACHETES.

3. ROADS DAMAGED BY HEAVY RAINS. AIR TRAVEL INSECURE. FOOD SHORTAGE IN CPAITAL OWING TO SCARE BUYING. WSBURNT REPORTED GUARDING PACIFIC COAST AND PBLUGGIE BORDER. GOVT DECREE CANCELS FLIGHTS PRIVATE PLANES. ALL STRIPS OPERATED UNDER STRICT CONTROL

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AIR FORCE. 200 ARMY RESERVES AND SIX TRUCKS ARMS TO PEURTO BARRIOS. FRENTE UNIVERSITARIO DEMOCRATICO ASKS STUDENTS TO JOIN BRIGADES TO SUPPORT GOVT.

4. SITUATION EXTREMELY FLUID. ARMY'S POSITION MOST UNCERTAIN DESPITE INDICATIONS OF ANTI-COMMIE/REGIME FEELING. GOVT WILL PROBABLY ATTEMPT ARM PEASANTS AND WORKERS PARTICULARLY IF OUTBREAKS BUT ABILITY TO DO SO WILL DEPEND ON ARMY'S WILLINGNESS COMPLY.

END OF MESSAGE.

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