

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ROUTING

DATE : 12 JUNE 1954

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TO : DIRECTOR

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

FROM : GUATEMALA CITY

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2003

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), WH (7), SA/PC/DCI (8)

GUAT 818 (IN 17387)

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PRIORITY
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TO: PRIORITY SLING

INFO: PRIORITY DIR

CITE: SGUAT

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1. INSISTENT RUMORS THAT 80 ARMY OFFICERS PRESENTED ARBENZ WITH ULTIMATUM HE EITHER THROW OUT COMMIES AND CHANGE GOVT POSITION OR BE REMOVED. REPORTEDLY GIVEN UNTIL 15 JUNE TO REPLY.

2. KNOWN THAT ARMY LEADERS HAVE EXPRESSED DISMAY AT SITUATION AND THAT GROUPS ARMY OFFICERS HOLDING PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS. NIGHT 11 JUNE SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED OFFICERS HELD LONG MEETING IN HOME [] MOTIVATION RESULTS MEETING UNKNOWN. ESPERANCE B-2.

3. 200 REINFORCEMENTS FROM CAPITAL SENT TO PUERTO BARRIOS LAST COUPLE DAYS PLUS 6 LARGE TRUCK LOADS ALFHEM ARMS. ESCOBILLA B-3.

4. CONSIDER SITUATION FLUID WITH POSSIBILITY THAT ARMY MIGHT MOVE IF HORNETS STIR UP TROUBLE. SHALL TRY KEEP YOU ADVISED ALL TIMES.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

MR. JACOB ESTERLINE, WHD, NOTIFIED OF RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE MESSAGE AT 2315 HRS, 12 JUNE 54.

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