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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : GUATEMALA CITY

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1. CABINET MEETING 7 JUNE WHICH ENACTED SUSPENSION CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ATTENDED BY [ ]

2. NO FORMAL VOTE TAKEN AMONG MINISTERS. MOST INDICATED APPROVAL. SOME SAID NOTHING.

3. PRESIDENT STATED JOB HAD TO BE FINISHED IMMEDIATELY. MINISTER CHARNAUD PRODUCED DRAFT FROM HIS POCKET. NO PRETENSE CABINET DECISION.

4. IN COURSE MEETING PRESIDENT MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: "THERE ARE SOME ALARMISTS ABOUT, WHO EVEN SAY I MIGHT RESIGN" (LAUGHING AT OWN JOKE). "WITH THIS MEASURE WE ARE CANCELLING OUT THE INTERNAL FRONT AND THUS CAN DEVOTE ALL OUR ATTENTION TO THE EXTERNAL FRONT. WE WILL CATCH THEM AND KILL THEM. IF THEY WANT ME TO BE A DICTATOR I WILL BE ONE." FURTHER STATED WILL KEEP ON RENEWING DECREE AS LONG AS NECESSARY AND ACCUSED

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UNITED FRUIT AS BEING SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR U.S./GUAT DISPUTE.

5. [ ] SUSPENSION A MISTAKE WILL CREATE COUNTRYSIDE ALARM, PROVOKE NEW NERVOUSNESS AMONG PEOPLE, DEMONSTRATE GOVT LACKS FIRM CONTROL AFTER ALL. NOTHING GAINED FROM PRACTICAL STANDPOINT SINCE ARBITRARY ACTS BEING COMMITTED WITH CONSTITUTION IN FORCE. IMMEDIATE EFFECT: PRESS AND RADIO SELF-MUZZLED. ONLY ORGANIZED COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS ALLOWED OVER GUAT NOW.

6. MEETING WITH [ ] 7 JUNE PRIOR CABINET MEETING. [ ] CONSIDER SITUATION GRAVE. NO LONGER CONSIDERS MENACE ECONOMIC BUT NOW CONVINCED MILITARY. PRESIDENT SHOULD BE TOLD THROW OUT COMMIES. SIX MONTHS AGO SUGGESTED TO [ ] BUY SIX PLANES. TOLD BY [ ] ATTEND TO OWN KNITTING. [ ] CONVINCED IRRETRIEVABLE DELAY DUE [ ] ANGLING FOR RAKEOFF.

7. [ ] POINT BLANK REFUSED [ ] REQUEST HE INTERCEDE WITH PRESIDENT. TOLD [ ] RADICAL EXTIRPATION COMMIES ONLY SOLUTION FOR GUAT. [ ] EXCLAIMED HE WOULD TELL PRESIDENT. "I AM NO COWARD. I DO NOT MIND DYING, BUT WE HAVE GOT TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY." [ ] CAUTIONED PRUDENCE BECAUSE PRESIDENT "DANGEROUS MAN".

8. [ ] FINALLY DECIDED TALK TO PRESIDENT IN PRESENCE GUILLERMO TORIELLO. [ ] BELIEVES MEETING TOOK PLACE EVENING 8 JUNE BUT UNAWARE OUTCOME.

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9. [ ] TOLD [ ]: "NI TOMEMOS/EN CUENTA A SANCHEZ Y DIAS", REFERRED TO CHARNAUD AS "PICARARO (ALSO RCVD PICARO)".

10. MENTIONED JORGE TORIELLO JUST RETURNED FROM UNITED STATES "ESTA ASUSTADO" BECAUSE OF EVIDENCE SERIOUS VIEW TAKEN ABOUT EVENTS IN GUAT. [ ] IMPLICATION [ ] SCARED TOO) [ ] CONVINCED PRESIDENT WOULD LISTEN TO JORGE RATHER THAN [ ] IN ACTUAL FACT COMMIES HIS ONLY ADVISORS.

11. [ ] PROPOSAL TO PRESIDENT, SEEK TALK WITH EISENHOWER ON BASIS ECONOMIC CONCESSION AGAINST RIDDANCE OF COMMIES.

FIELD COMMENT: THIS REPORT IN CONJUNCTION VIEWS EXPRESSED SWALLOW DURING 6 JUNE MEETING (SEE REPORT DATED 8 JUNE) AND [ ] REPORT RE ARMY MORALE (DATED 7 JUNE) CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT GUAT GOVERNMENT STILL BESET BY SERIOUS TROUBLE AND NOT FULLY IN CONTROL SITUATION YET. MAIN UNSETTLING FACTOR AVOWED HOSTILITY UNITED STATES TO REGIME AND CONVICTION IT WILL MEET COMMIE CHALLENGE. AT RISK REDUNDANCY WISH REITERATE MY CONVICTION IT IMPERATIVE UNITED STATES PRESS ADVANTAGE ON DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC FRONT. ANY INDICATION OUTSPOKEN OR IMPLIED UNITED STATES IRREVOCABLY COMMITTED LIQUIDATION ARBENZ REGIME IS BOUND TO HAVE MOST SALUTARY REPERCUSSIONS. OFFICERS CORPS OBVIOUSLY TORN BETWEEN CONFLICTING LOYALTIES (OFFICERS SUBMITTING WRITTEN QUESTIONNAIRES TO PRESIDENT THIS WEEK) AND FORTHRIGHT DECLARATION U.S. INTENTIONS MAY SPARK PLUG OPPOSITION.

END OF MESSAGE.