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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : GUATEMALA

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)

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

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GUAT 757 (IN 14684)

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TO: (PRITY) SLINC [] INFO: (PRITY) DIR CITE: SGUAT

RE: GUAT 752 (IN 14682)

RYBAT PBSUCCESS INTEL

1. ROBERT O. SARAVIA, MANAGER ESSO GUATEMALA, WAS CALLED TO PALACE AFTERNOON 4 JUNE. RECEIVED CORDIALLY BY PRESIDENT WHO STATED SARAVIA'S NAME ON SEMANTIC LIST SEIZED BY POLICE BUT PRESIDENT KNOWING SARAVIA HAD ORDERED HIS NAME CLEARED. SARAVIA ASSURED THAT HE NON POLITICAL BUSINESSMAN.

2. PRES QUESTIONED ABOUT ESSO TANK CARS AND WHETHER ANY LEFT COUNTRY. SARAVIA SAID NOT BUT NEXT DAY PHONED ADVISING THAT TEXACO CARS PROCEED DTFROGS. SARAVIA GATHERED PRESIDENT WORRIED CARS USABLE TRANSPORT ARMS.

3. PRES QUESTIONED ABOUT GASOLINE STOCK ON HAND, RATE CONSUMPTION, EXPECTED DELIVERIES. ASKED WHERE ESSO OBTAINED GAS. WAS TOLD ARUBA. WANTED KNOW IF POSSIBLE OBTAIN GAS ELSEWHERE AND AVOID PASS THROUGH PANAMA CANAL. TOLD NOT POSSIBLE. ASKED IF ESSO WOULD POSSIBLY BLOCK SHIPMENTS GAS TO WSBURNT. SARAVIA SAID HE WOULD NOT BUT THIS COULD BE DONE FROM OUTSIDE. PRES ASKED IF

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POSSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT PURCHASE MILLION BARRELS GAS IN DRUMS.
VARAVIA SAID DIFFICULT FOR COMPANY FIND BARRELS SUCH QUANTITY.

4. PRES WISHED BE ADVISED WHENEVER TANKER DELAYED.

SARAVIA REPLIED SUCH NOT UNUSUAL SINCE THEY SERVED OTHER COUNTRIES
TOO. SOURCE: JMBUG-3. EVAL B 2.

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