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28. Guatemalan government claims discovery of new plot against it: On 2 June Guatemalan interior minister Charnaud MacDonald announced to the press that authorities had discovered the "best-organized" plot ever hatched against the government. He refused to supply details, saying that the investigation was still in progress. He said that the plot was superior in equipment and technique to any others, and that those so far arrested were "only the vanguard of forces abroad." (U Guatemala City 873, 2 June; U NY Times, 3 June 54)

Comment: Announcements of the discovery of two previous "plots," in April 1953 and January 1954, were followed by Guatemalan allegations that neighboring governments, private American investors, and former American officials were involved. On these occasions, and again on 21 May, the Guatemalan government threatened to appeal to the UN Security Council if "the attacks against Guatemala" continued.

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Previous reports have suggested that an appeal to the UN might be supported by manufactured "evidence" of United Fruit Company or American government participation in a plot against the Arbenz administration. (~~SECRET~~)