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TO : DIRECTOR

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PRIORITY

TO: DIR

PRECEDENCE

CITE: SLINC

PBUSUCCESS RYBAT

1. ARBENZ OFFERED YESTERDAY PUBLICLY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO LESSEN CURRENT TENSION. THIS THIRD DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE GUAT GOVT IN FEW DAYS, AFTER (1) INTERPRETING ODACID STAND ARMS SHIPMENT AS PRESSURE FOR UFCO 15 MILLION DOLLAR CLAIM, (2) OFFER TREATY TO HONDURAS.

2. THIS SUSTAINED INITIATIVE IMPLIES HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL WARFARE ADVICE TO ARBENZ, PRESUMABLY FROM MOSCOW. CONTRAST TO INITIAL FUMBLING AFTER DISCLOSURE ARMS SHIPMENT CONSPICUOUS (TIME LAG FOR CONSULTATION WITH MOSCOW?). SUCH INITIATIVE GREATLY IMPROVES ARBENZ REGIME STATURE, LIKELY TO INFLUENCE FAVORABLY PUBLIC OPINION GUAT AND ABROAD.

3. LINC SUGGEST YOU IMPRESS UPON ODACID, POSSIBLY ALSO ODAPSE, URGENT NEED TAKING INITIATIVE AWAY FROM ARBENZ. RECOMMEND WHITE HOUSE OR ODACID SPOKESMAN REPLY TO ARBENZ MEETING OFFER SOONEST:

A. LEADERS OF LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS ALWAYS WELCOME

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WASH.

B. WHOEVER PROPOSES MEETING, OUGHT TO INDICATE COMMON GROUND FOR DISCUSSIONS: SUCH BASIS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT GUAT FOREIGN POLICY.

C. POSSIBLE BASIS: GUAT WILLINGNESS TO ACCOUNT FOR ARMS SHIPMENT TO GAS MEETING, TO ARBITRATE UFCO CLAIM, OTHER PENDING CASES.

4. COORDINATION WITH HONDURAS GOVT CONCERNING REPLY TO GUAT TREATY OFFER ALIGNING REPLY WITH PBSUCCESS INTEREST, ALSO HIGHLY DESIRABLE. UNCONDITIONAL REJECTION PRESUMABLY AS UNWELCOME OUR PURPOSES AS EAGERNESS TO SIGN. BEST INTERIM SOLUTION PRESUMABLY DEMANDS FOR OFFICIAL GUAT WITHDRAWAL FROM HONURAN STRIKES, FOR OTHER GUARANTEES, BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS POSSIBLE.

5. ADVISE SOONEST RE ABOVE POLICY GUIDANCE FOR SHERWOOD, OTHER KUGOWN OUTLETS ALSO NEEDED.

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