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My dear Mr. Vice President:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Guatemalan leaders of the anti-communist movement in which they express the desire for an interview with you.

These Guatemalans, now in exile in Mexico, are Rufino Ibarguen, Colonel Arturo Ramirez, and Colonel Enrique Ardon. All have held high posts in former pro-American Guatemalan Governments, and I can recommend them to you most highly. My friendship with them results from service in Guatemala from 1927 to 1944, first in the Legation of the United States and later as Private Secretary to the President of the Republic of Guatemala, General Jorge Ubico.

I believe that the above mentioned Guatemalans have information that may be of value to us in this difficult situation which has come about from Russian influence in Guatemala, and trust that you may be able to grant them the interview they desire. You may obtain information concerning me from Gerald A. Drew, Director General of the Foreign Service, State Department, Washington, D. C., with whom I was associated for several years during my stay in Guatemala.

I shall greatly appreciate anything that you may be able to do in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Irma E. Gentry

The Honorable
Richard M. Nixon
Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

From: []

TIES BETWEEN THE CUBA OF BATISTA
AND THE GUATEMALA OF AREVALO

- (1) Batista has held three (3) secret conferences with President Arevalo of Guatemala since he took over the Cuban Government in March 1952 by a Military Coup d'Etat. The most recent "Conference" between Batista and Arevalo took place in March 1954 just prior to Lazaro Pena's (Vice President of the Cuban Communist Party) departure for Moscow on an official Cuban Diplomatic Passport for "Indoctrination". Pena departed for Moscow on March 24, 1954.
- (2) Batista holds monthly conferences with leaders of the Guatemalan Government.
- (3) Batista has authorized, in recent months, the issuance of an official Cuban Diplomatic Passport to Blas Rocas, a top leader of the Cuban Communist Party and recently nominated by the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party to be their representative on the Communist Politburo for Latin America whose express mission is to Sovietize Latin America. Blas Rocas has his headquarters in Guatemala City and pays monthly visits to Batista at various places in Cuba.
- (4) Three (3) members of Batista's Cabinet or Little Cabinet are official members of the Cuban Communist Party. They are:
 - (a) Raul Lorenzo, Minister of Commerce
 - (b) Arsenio Gonzales, Under Secretary of Labor
 - (c) Dr. Augusto Rodriguez Miranda, Sub-Secretary of Education
- (5) The Communist Communication Center, recently located in Mexico was slated for re-location in Cuba. All equipment was en route via ship to Cuba when the news leaked out of this move. The ship was then not permitted to unload its cargo upon arrival on April 19, 1954. It was then re-routed to Guatemala where the Communications Center is now in the process of being set up.
- (6) Cuban Communist leaders are free to travel throughout the world. Juan Marinello, President of the Communist Party, on official Cuban Diplomatic Passport, made a trip to Moscow in January 1954. He had been in Guatemala for two (2) weeks prior to his departure to Russia. On January 28, 1954, Marinello delivered a violent anti-USA speech in Moscow. He returned to Cuba via Guatemala in late February 1954. Lazaro Pena, Vice President of the Cuban Communist Party is, as of this date, in Russia. He departed on March 24, 1954 for "Indoctrination". This is Pena's sixth (6) official trip to Russia in less than twenty (20) months under instructions from Moscow. He, too, was in Guatemala for ten (10) days prior to his leaving for Moscow.

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Batista, two days prior to his Coup d'Etat of March 10, 1952, held a series of conferences with Communist leaders Blas Rocas and Carlos Rodriguez who had just returned from a three (3) months' series of "Training Courses" in Guatemala.

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