

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 22 MAY 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

FROM : GUATEMALA CITY

RELEASE AS SANITIZED

2003

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)

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

GUAT 648 (IN 10267)

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TO: (PRITY) SLINC

INFO: (PRITY) DIR

PRECEDENCE  
CITE: SGUAT

PBSUCCESS RYBAT

FROM PAGE: [ ] INFO: 21 MAY.

1. ARRIVAL ARMS SHIPMENT KNOWN TO ARBENZ AND MARTINEZ ONLY. ARMY HIGH COMMAND FROM CHIEF ARMED FORCES DOWN UNINFORMED. SMILEX UNINFORMED AND NOT PERMITTED PARTICIPATE UNLOADING.

2. SHIPMENT INCLUDED TANKS TO BE PUT TOGETHER IN GUATEMALA. TROOPS BEING TRAINED IN USE OF ARMS FOUND THE CLOCK.

3. ARMS DISTRIBUTION: 40 PER CENT BASE MILITAR, 40 PER CENT GUARDIA HONOR, 20 PER CENT MAES TRAMZA FORMERLY MATAMOROS. NO ARMS PASSED CIVILIAN ELEMENTS.

4. AT CABINET MEETING "1 OR 2 DAYS AGO" ARBENZ OPENED DISCUSSION STATING: "YA NO PODEMOS IREIS MAS ALLA EN POLITICA". IMPLICATION NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY [ ] COULD MEAN: WE STUCK OUT TOO FAR, OR COULD PRESAGE SOME KIND OF ACTION. PREVAILING ATMOSPHERE AT CABINET MEETING ONE OF DECAEMIENTO (ESQUIRE: MENTAL DEPRESSION BROUGHT ON BY ANTICIPATION DEFEAT).

5. [ ] CITING WELL-INFORMED, SERIOUS ARMY MAJOR

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(UNIDENTIFIED): PBPRIME ECONOMIC SANCTIONS WOULD CAUSE REGIMES COLLAPSE INSIDE 2 MONTHS.

6. [ ] CONSIDERS IMPERATIVE AND PROBABLY DECISIVE THAT PBPRIME GOVERNMENT ALIGN ITSELF WITH RESISTANCE.

7. FIELD COMMENT: STRONGLY URGE RELENTLESS POUNDING GUAT REGIME SUSTAINED ON ALL LEVELS DIPLOMACY AND PROPAGANDA UNTIL CLIMACTIC UNROLLING PESSUCCESS. SUGGEST YOU DEPRECATE CLAIMS UNIMPEDED DELIVERY ARMS SERIOUS BLOW TO RESISTANCE, POINTING OUT ELEMENTS SWAYED BY RELATIVELY MINOR SET-BACKS BEST STAY CLEAR INVOLVEMENT RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES. BASIC FACT, INSISTENT STRESSED BY [ ] OFFICERS CORPS OVERWHELMINGLY ANTI-COMMUN AND UNLIKELY (PORTION GARBLED-BEING SVOD) 'QUELLING CIVILIAN UPRISING PROVIDED IDEOLOGICAL ISSUES CLEARLY DRAWN AND TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THIS NOT JUST ANOTHER DUMP SQUIB. PBPRIME MUST GO TO VERY LIMIT DIPLOMATIC PROPRIETY IN ENUNCIATING POLICY OF UNCOMPROMISING OPPOSITION TO REGIME IMPLYING SHOW-DOWN ONLY MATTER OF TIME. THIS BOUND TO RALLY WAVERING OFFICER ELEMENTS TO OUR CAUSE, CONVINCED SMILAX WE MEAN BUSINESS. POSSIBLY RECONCILE [ ] TO CALLIGERIS ROLE. OUR FRIENDS IN GUAT AT THIS JUNCTURE UNWILLING TO PUT UP WITH DIPLOMATIC SEMANTICS AND TIGHT ROPE ACTS FOR SAKE MAINTAINING FICTION

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GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY WHICH IN GUAT'S CASE CLEARLY INOPERATIVE.  
PROVIDED REGIME NOT GRANTED ANOTHER BREATHING SPELL, ARMS  
SHIPMENT MAY TURN OUT DISGUISED BLESSING.

8. PAGE PROPOSES CONTACT SWALLOW [ ]  
[ ] AND ASK HE ARRANGE NEUTRAL GROUND MEETING WITH  
SMILEX PROPOSE USE BLUNT FISH OR CUT BAIT LANGUAGE, WHICH EVEN  
MORE EFFECTIVE IF IN MEANWHILE UNEQUIVOCAL P3PRIME POLICY  
STATEMENT CLEARLY INDICATES THAT CHIPS ARE DOWN.

9. [ ] PROPAGANDA PAPER IN 25 MAY POUCH.

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