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DATE : 26 JUNE 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

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FROM : GUATEMALA

ACTION: DD/P (L) (1)

INFO : DCI (2), D/DCI (3), SA/PC/DCI (4), WH (PBS) (5-7), WH (8)

GUAT 966 (IN 22393)

0838Z 26 JUNE 54 OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO: OPIM DIR

INFO: OPIM SLING

PRECEDENCE
CITE: SGUAT

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FOR ORDWAY FROM JMBLUG

RE: DIR 06075 (OUT 56509)

FOLL INFO BASED PERSONAL CONTACTS ATTACHES AND MISSION CHIEFS
LAST 24 HOURS:

A. MILITARY MOVEMENT AGAINST GOVT REPORTED IN DARMA S-2-54
SQUELCHED BY CALLIGERIS UPRISING. OFFICERS INVOLVED SEPARATED
LOSING CONTACT. THESE OFFICERS STILL ANTI COMMIE AND ANTI GOVT
BUT TERRORIST AND ESPIONAGE METHODS EMPLOYED BY GOVT PREVENT
CARRYING OUT PREVIOUS PLANS. PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS WITH NUMEROUS
OFFICERS CONFIRMED THAT 90 TO 95 PER CENT OF OFFICERS STILL OPPOSE
PRESENT REGIME BUT LACK LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION. CURRENT
FEELING INDICATES MOST WOULD JOIN SIDES WITH CALLIGERIS IN EVENT
DECISIVE REBEL FIELD VICTORY.

B. SECRETARY GENERAL STAFF STATES "NO WAR PLANS FOR MAJOR
ASSULT. STRATEGY TO BE SERIES OF ENCIRCLEMENTS INTERDICTIONS AND
COUNTERS. STANDEL PERSONALLY DIRECTING ARMY FROM PALACE ASSISTED

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BY MORAZAN AND GROUP COMMIES". [] OTHER OFFICERS REPORTED UNDER GOVT SURVEILLANCE MAKING THEM INEFFECTIVE. FROM OBSERVATIONS AND OTHER REPORTS APPEARS GOVTS ONLY PLAN WAS MEET REBEL FORCES IN FIELD AND ANNIHILATE THEM.

C. EYE WITNESS REPORT OFFICER DESERTED FROM GOVT FORCES STATES WSBURNT ARMY IN STATUS COMPLETE DISORGANIZATION AND CHAOS IN HANK CHIQUIMULA AREA NIGHT 24 JUNE. CLAIMS CHIQUIMULA IN REBEL HANDS AND HANK FALL IMMINENT. STATES ONLY ONE MAN AT CO HQS, UNABLE LOCATE FIELD COMMAND HQS NEAR HANK OR PROCURE INFO ON SITUATION. MANY GOVT TROOPS DESERTING AND OTHERS TRYING DESERT. HE IN COMBAT SIX DAYS WITHOUT RELIEF. REBELS POUNDING GOVT FORCES WITH FIERCE MACHINE GUN AND MORTOR FIRE DAY AND NIGHT PLUS CONSTANT AERIAL ATTACK. ONLY WSBURNT ARMY CO RESISTING REBEL ATTACKS UNDER COMMAND LT OSCAR MORALES DUVALL GRADUATE CLASS 52 WEST POINT. DESPITE RELUCTANCE ARMY OFFICIALS DISCUSS FIELD SITUATION NOW OBVIOUS THEIR PREVIOUS CONFIDENCE NOTICEABLY SHAKEN. 260100Z.

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CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: MR [] (WH) NOTIFIED OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE AT 0600 26 JUNE 54.

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