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GUATEMALA BRIEFING

2003

(1) Entire briefing top secret and more. Danger in relaxing security after operation completed, particularly if successful.

- (2) Last December pursuant OCB action, initiated program to eliminate pro-Communist government in Guat.
- (3) Plan contemplated:
 - (a) Internal revolution, spark-plugged by Colonel Castillo

 Armas, most available Guat exile who together with his
 group had been subsidized by CIA for approximately two
 years.
 - (b) Defection of Guat Army at highest level.
 - (c) Defection of individual garrisons at strong points.
 - (d) Radio campaign from clandestine transmitters.
 - (e) Subversion of individual Guat leaders, military and civilian.



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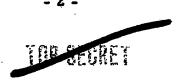
(f)	Program budgeted at approximately 3 million dollars. Actual expenditures of operation will be in this range,			
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	success of re	evolution.		
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(4) In considering operation important remember U. S. government

hand undisclosable. Established theory of fictional group of rich Americans interested in South America and desirous of eliminating Communism (United Fruit). CIA representatives always dealt with Armas and others as representatives of group and still are known by them in this capacity.

(5) Operation presented problems over and above those of usual Banana Republic revolution.

Market Service





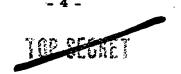
Following fall of Dictator Ubico in 1944mpendulum swang far to left and Guatemala under left wing leader Aravelo 1944 when Arbenz took over. Arbenz able army officer but slowly came under complete influence of hard-core Communists, particularly Fortuny, Pellecer, Gutierrs, and others who trained in Communist school, frequent visitors to Moscow and satellites. Arbenz controlled army; hard-core Communists took over labor unions, radio, major press organs, and dominated Indian peasantry who had little interest in Marx, et cetera. Foreign properties taken over, land divided up and Communist formed fast state/being organized. General feeling time running against us and faced early probability of purge in Army, arming of the

laborers, and further liquidation of the intelligentsia.



(6) Meanwhile through intelligence channels detailed information obtained regarding Arbenz negotiation to purchase approximately 5 million dollars worth of arms from Czechoslovakia. (Refer attempt trace these arms -- ran down wrong vessel -- arrival of Alfhem at Puerto Barrios. This arrival really blessing in disguise since publicity brought entire situation Guat to a head, AND TOWNS OF THE PARTY. Sinterprise properties and However, resulted severe reprisals and due indiscretion one of our main chains within Guatemala completely liquidated and danger that our entire network would be rolled up unless we moved rapidly. Further, summer rains impending which would impede ground and air operations. Castillo forces augmented by defections following Alfhem incident but still the total of his forces on D Day represented less than one hundred bodies trained in guerrilla operations by CIA and approximately

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additional "privates", but obvious necessary move immediately or lose psychological opportunity, and reports from Guat and outlying regions indicated popular expectation built up by our radio and by events so decision made to move.

