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SUBJECT: Information Possibly Connected with the Assassination of Carlos CASTILLO ARCE, Former President of Guatemala.

1. On 1 July 1957 a usually reliable source told the author that during the regime of Carlos CASTILLO ARCE, Former President of Guatemala, who was assassinated on the evening of 26 July 1957, said that he had told him of a Central American residing in New York who was going to Los Angeles to talk with others in Los Angeles about a plot against Central America. Although the source did not indicate exactly when, had given him this information, it is believed that it was sometime in July 1957. The author also said that in Los Angeles the Guatemalan Consul received an anonymous telephone call on 26 July 1957 in the morning, asking the Consul what was happening in Guatemala. The Consul did not know and asked the Guatemalan Embassy in Washington, which did not know either. The Embassy in Washington then sent a cable to Guatemala, asking what was happening there. The cable arrived on 26 July at about 5:00 p.m. CASTILLO ARCE read the cable.

2. During the afternoon of 26 July 1957, a woman by the name of ORZADA (last name) went to the Guatemalan Consulate in Los Angeles and applied for a visa for travel in Guatemala. She asked the Consul what was happening in Guatemala.
3. On 11 July 1933, it was reported that Francisco R. Rodriguez, a presidential guard, shot President Carlos Castillo Armas on 26 July 1933 and then reportedly committed suicide. He previously took a correspondence course in radio from National Schools, Los Angeles. On 14 May 1933, VASQUEZ received a letter from National Schools, 1000 South Broadway Street, Los Angeles 37, California, signed by

4. On 17 May 1957, VASQUEZ received an urgent telegram from the same school. The telegram is quoted below:

17 May 1957

This message is very important for you. We have new study material ready to be sent to you. You will be interested to know that I have received authorization from the accounting department for your account to be considered and brought up-to-date as soon as we receive the payment of a single monthly installment from you.

Do not let any more time pass without acting.

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Dept. of Studies

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This Agency would also appreciate receiving any information obtained which might relate the activities in Los Angeles with the assassination of Castillo Armas.

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