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1. Unknown members of the Guatemalan armed forces are formulating a plot to assassinate Guatemalan President Carlos CASTILLO Armas. Former Guatemalan Army exiles are also plotting against the present Guatemalan Government.

2. The Guatemalan Police Department is corrupt and infiltrated by Communists. Businessmen are complaining of bribes demanded by members of the presidential secretariat.

3. There are reports of plotting against CASTILLO and general public dissatisfaction with his inactivity on basic issues.

On the surface, CASTILLO appears confident but has shown less confidence by reportedly remarking "They can have the Presidency if they want it."
2. It is felt that labor unions are being given too much power, and there is some indication that second-string Communist leaders are still in controlling positions.