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FOR LANGEVIN. INSTRUCTION 3.

1. (GIVE CONSIDERABLE PLAY TO FOLLOWING NEWS WITH COMMENT):

A.P. FROM BONN, GERMANY: 6 TONS SWISS ANTI-AIRCRAFT AMMO TO BE SENT VIA GERMAN SHIP TO GUAT STOPPED BY WEST GERMAN GOVT AT US REQUEST. US AUTHORITIES THROUGHOUT WORLD HAVE ORDERS STOP ANY ARMS SHIPMENTS TO COMMIE-LEANING GUAT REGIME. (COMMENT:) SWISS KNOWN AS INSISTING CASH PAYMENT, ESPECIALLY FOR DELIVERY TO CUSTOMERS WHOSE FUTURE AS UNCERTAIN AS ARBENZ REGIME. GUAT TREASURY VIRTUALLY EMPTY. THEREFORE SOVIET PURCHASING COMMISSION SWITZERLAND PAID PRICE. ALFHEM SHIPMENT WAS GIFT CZECH COMMIE GOVT. INCIDENT PROVES TORIELLO LIED WHEN FORMALLY ASSURING THAT NO FURTHER ARMS SHIPMENT UNDER WAY. RAPIDLY INCREASING REARMAMENT EFFORT SHOWS ARBENZ EXPECTS AGGRESSIVE ACTION SOON.

2. UPON SOVIET ADVICE, ARBENZ ORDERED BUILD HUGE CONCENTRATION CAMP IN PETEN REGION TO CONFINE POLITICAL OFFENDERS, INSTEAD OF EXILING THEM. SOVIET SECRET POLICE OFFICER ARRIVED GUAT CITY TO

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BECOME POLITCOMMISSAR AT CAMP.

3. GOSSIP COLUMN:

A. TORIELLO RECEIVED HUGE SUM, ALLEGEDLY 400,000 QUETZALES, FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR MEXICO FOR PERFORMANCE CARACAS CONFERENCE, INDUCEMENT FURTHER SERVICES. TORIELLO BOUGHT 9 JUNE HOME GUAT CITY, PAYING 100,000 QUETZALES CASH, WAS BROKE THREE YEARS AGO.

B. MEMBER OF ARBENZ FAMILY IS ACQUIRING LANDS OF POLITICAL EXILES AT LOW COST, USING PRESSURE TO OBTAIN SALES.

C. ARBENZ LIVES NOW IN ANOTHER HOUSE WHICH, HE HOPES, WILL AFFORD HIM BETTER PROTECTION AGAINST ASSASSINATION OR KIDNAPPING.

4. FYI: PARA 1 OVERT NEWS, PARAS 2, 3 BASED ON INTELLIGENCE.

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