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ATTEMPT AGAINST GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT ALLEGEDLY IMMINENT

1. ACCORDING TO A BUSINESSMAN JUST RETURNED TO EL SALVADOR FROM GUATEMALA A REVOLT AGAINST THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT IS POSSIBLE DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY 1952. IN GUATEMALA IT IS GENERAL BELIEF THAT CARLOS CASTILLO ARMAS IS NOW IN MEXICO OR EL SALVADOR AFTER A TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE HE IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING HELP FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE ARBENZ REGIME. SOURCE IN EL SALVADOR DOES NOT BELIEVE CASTILLO IS IN EL SALVADOR.

2. CASTILLO ARMAS IS REPORTED TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ONE THIRD OF GUATEMALAN ARMY, INCLUDING FIFTH ARMY DISTRICT AT QUEZALTENANGO. REPORTED TO BE HELPING CASTILLO FROM WITHIN GUATEMALA. ALSO POSSIBLE THAT ~~ARE ALSO HELPING.~~ ~~AND~~

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