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SUBJECT PLAN FOR COUP AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT BY ANTI-AREVALO ARMY OFFICERS

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1. ARMY OFFICERS OPPOSED TO JUAN JOSE AREVALO BERMEJO AND REPRESENTING A MAJORITY OF THE ARMED FORCES OFFICERS DECIDED TO MOVE TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT YDIGORAS BEFORE 1 MARCH 1963 AND POSSIBLY WITHIN A FEW DAYS. THE ARMY PLOTTING GROUP DECIDED TO TAKE THIS ACTION BECAUSE OF THE APPEARANCE OF AREVALO'S RECENTLY PUBLISHED MANIFESTO AND BECAUSE THEY FEEL CERTAIN THAT YDIGORAS IS PLAYING A DOUBLE GAME AND WOULD EVENTUALLY FAVOR AREVALO OVER THEMSELVES. THE GROUP CLANDESTINELY PUBLISHED AND, ON 20 FEBRUARY, DISTRIBUTED A SIXTEEN-PAGE PAMPHLET ENTITLED "AREVALISMO, TROJAN HORSE OF COMMUNISM," ATTRIBUTED TO "ACTION FOR THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY."

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[REDACTED] THIS PUBLICATION APPEARS SIGNIFICANT SINCE IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE ARMY HAS BEEN KNOWN TO PUBLISH ANYTHING OF THIS SORT.) COLONEL ENRIQUE PERALTA AZURDIA, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, HAS DEFINITELY DECIDED TO REMAIN NEUTRAL AND TO TAKE NO ACTIVE PART.

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2. DURING THE PERIOD OF 16 TO 19 FEBRUARY PRESIDENT YDIGORAS FOR THE FIRST TIME APPEARED VERY NERVOUS ABOUT HIS PERSONAL SAFETY AND THE STABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND DREW UP SPECIFIC CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR ANY EVENTUALITY [REDACTED] THAT IS, VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES/<sup>OF A</sup> MILITARY COUP AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.)

3. [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING FACTORS ARE AMONG THE EVIDENCES THAT YDIGORAS HAS LONG HAD AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AREVALISTS:

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A. SOME OF YDIGORAS' CLOSEST ADVISORS (E.G., EUGENIO SILVO PENA, JORGE PALMIERI, ROBERTO ALEJOS ARZV, RAMIRO SAMAYOA, GILDARDO MONZON PUELVE, CARLOS GONZATVZ SEGUI) HAVE HAD A HISTORY OF CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH AREVALO.

B. IT IS KNOWN THAT YDIGORAS HAS RECENTLY TALKED WITH COLONEL PEDRO MEYER [REDACTED] COMMENT: MEYER IS AN INACTIVE COLONEL AND ONE OF THE LEADERS OF AREVALIST MILITARY SUPPORTERS.)

C. GUILLERMO PALMIERI, A STRONG AREVALIST, HAS LONG BEEN ON YDIGORAS' PAYROLL.

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D. YDIGORAS HAS NEVER ATTACKED AREVALO PUBLICLY AND

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AREVALO HAS NEVER STRONGLY ATTACKED YDIGORAS.

E. AREVALISTS HAVE CONSISTENTLY FOLLOWED A POLICY OF MAINTAINING YDIGORAS IN POWER.

F. YDIGORAS AND AREVALO TOGETHER HAVE ATTACKED LIBERATIONISTS AND THE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO.

G. DURING THE MARCH-APRIL STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN 1962, IN SPITE OF A SPECIFIC REQUEST BY STUDENTS TO AREVALO TO BACK THEIR STAND AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, AREVALO REFUSED TO HELP.

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR CINCLANT CINCARIB.

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