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COUNTRY	GUATEMALA MEXICO	REPORT NO.	[REDACTED]
SUBJECT	AREVALO'S RETURN TO GUATEMALA	DATE DISTR.	29 MARCH 1963
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PLACE & DATE ACQ.	[REDACTED]	REFERENCES	IN 97438
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1. JUAN JOSE AREVALO BERMEJO ARRIVED IN GUATEMALA THE NIGHT OF 27 MARCH 1963, FLYING IN BY PRIVATE PLANE FROM MEXICO AND LANDING AT A FARM AIRSTRIP NEAR COATEPEQUE, SAN MARCOS. THE PLANE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO MEXICO, LEAVING AREVALO ALONE ON THE AIRSTRIP, HIS RECEPTION COMMITTEE NOT HAVING ARRIVED ON TIME. AFTER TWO HOURS SPENT IN THE COMPANY OF SEVERAL CAMPESINOS, THE CAR ARRIVED FROM GUATEMALA CITY AND RETURNED TO THE CAPITAL WITH AREVALO.

2. AREVALO IS IN GUATEMALA CITY, STAYING AT FRIENDS' HOMES AND CHANGING LOCATION BY NIGHT.

3. THE PRINCIPAL AREVALIST LEADERS PLAN TO MEET WITH AREVALO

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THE NIGHT OF 29 MARCH, AT WHICH MEETING THEY WILL DETERMINE THE COURSES OF ACTION TO BE FOLLOWED. THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES ARE BEING CONSIDERED:

A. PUBLISH A PROCLAMATION ON 30 MARCH TO THE EFFECT THAT AREVALO IS IN GUATEMALA TO LEAD HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, TELLING ALL AREVALISTS NOT TO GO TO THE AIRPORT ON 31 MARCH AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED, OR SECRETLY TELLING THE AREVALISTS TO MEET AT ANOTHER LOCATION FOR A RALLY AND LETTING THE GOVERNMENT THINK THAT THEY ARE GOING TO THE AIRPORT.

B. TELL THE PEOPLE THAT AREVALO IS IN GUATEMALA BUT HAVE HIM LAY LOW FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, NOT CAUSING ANY PUBLIC DISTURBANCES.

C. ORGANIZE THE AREVALIST SHOCK TROOPS, WHO ARE WELL ARMED, AND START IMMEDIATE ACTION TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT.

D. ASSASSINATE COL. ENRIQUE PERALTA AZURDIA, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, WHO IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MAIN ANTI-AREVALISTS IN THE ARMY. [REDACTED] THE AREVALISTS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN ASSASSINATING YDIGORAS.)

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4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THERE ARE INCREASING SIGNS WHICH INDICATE THAT YDIGORAS MAY NOT ACTUALLY HAVE OPPOSED AREVALO'S RETURN AND THAT HE MAY NOT ACTIVELY OPPOSE HIS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY. SUCH STEPS AS HE HAS PUBLICLY TAKEN AGAINST AREVALO MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN ONLY TO APPEASE THE ARMY AND MAY NOT HAVE

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

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