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COUNTRY: GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA SITREP AS OF 9:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME,
8 JULY 1968

1. MORNING PRESS OF 8 JULY 1968 REPORTED THAT TERRORISTS PLANTED
A TOTAL OF THREE BOMBS THE NIGHT OF 7 JULY, TWO ON WHICH EXPLODED.
UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS THREW AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INTO THE FRONT YARD
OF THE RESIDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO GUATEMALA. THE
EXPLOSION OF THE DEVICE CAUSED NO PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
A SECOND EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN ZONE 12, GUATEMALA CITY AT APPROXIMATELY
8:20 P.M. THE SECOND EXPLOSION CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$2,500 DAMAG TO
THE HOUSE OF ONE RUBEN BAILEY AND AN ESTIMATED \$500 TO THE HOUSE OF
CARLOS ALBERTO AGRUETA.

A THIRD BOMB WAS
DISCOVERED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PEACE CORP. IN GUATEMALA
CITY. THE LATTER BOMB WAS DISARMED BEFORE IT EXPLODED. FINALLY,
THE PRESS REPORTED THAT UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS PLACED TACKS ON
2ND AVENUE AND 9TH STREET IN ZONE 1.

COMMENT: THE ABOVE ACTIONS ARE IN LINE WITH THE
REPORTED PLANS OF THE GUATEMALAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PGT) TO
CARRY OUT TERRORIST BOMBINGS AND TO THROW TACKS ON PUBLIC
STREETS IN GUATEMALA. CF.
AS OF 9:00 A.M. ON 8 JULY, NO FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN
RECEIVED REGARDING POSSIBLE FURTHER TERRORIST ACTIONS BY THE
PGT. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING
PLANS OF THE REBEL ARMED FORCES (FAR) TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST
ATTACKS ON 8 JULY, OTHER THAN THAT REPORTED

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2. THE GUATEMALAN SECURITY FORCES ASSUMED CONTROL OF THE AREA OUTSIDE THE AIRPORT DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 8 JULY. EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF BOTH THE AIRPORT TERMINAL AREA AND THE AREA OUTSIDE THE AIRPORT HAS NOW BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. ENTRANCE TO THE AIRPORT TERMINAL AREA WILL BE CONTROLLED BY SPECIAL PASSES WHICH WILL BE ISSUED THE MORNING OF 8 JULY.

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3. AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 A.M. ON 8 JULY UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS PLACED A LARGE BANNER ON THE BRIDGE OVER ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY IN ZONE 13, GUATEMALA CITY PROTESTING PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S VISIT TO GUATEMALA. GUATEMALAN SECURITY FORCES TOOK THE BANNER DOWN IMMEDIATELY AFTER DISCOVERY. POLICE AGENTS HAVE NOW BEEN PLACED NEAR MAJOR BRIDGES IN GUATEMALA CITY.

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4. MORNING PRESS OF 8 JULY CONTINUED TO CARRY EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S VISIT TO SAN SALVADOR AND HIS EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN GUATEMALA. GUATEMALA CITY APPEARS NORMAL AT THIS TIME. THE WEATHER IS PLEASANTLY COOL WITH A HIGH OVERCAST SKY AS OF 9:00 A.M.

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