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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

**Central America Security Sitrep #3
(As of 5:15 PM EDT)**

1. No new information has been received which would change the conclusion of SNIE 82/83 - 68 "The President's Trip to Central America: Security Conditions", of 2 July 1968.

2. A member of the Rebel Armed Forces (FAR) captured on the night of 2 July has boasted under police interrogation that the FAR has rockets with which to attack the airport in Guatemala City. He added, according to Guatemalan officials, that for this reason President Johnson should not visit Guatemala City. The FAR member refused to supply any additional details regarding the rockets or his activities within the FAR; he has been turned over to the courts as required by Guatemalan law and cannot be interrogated further.

3. The capture of the FAR member had been reported by the Guatemalan press as occurring during a raid by judicial police on a

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Communist training center in Guatemala City the night of 2 July. According to the press, the police confiscated a small number of weapons, military clothing, training materials, and explosives.

4. The FAR has demonstrated a capability in the use of rocket projectiles against military and police installations in Guatemala. In the most recent attack, on 30 June, a rocket projectile was fired into the compound of the Honor Guard in Guatemala City, but failed to explode. As noted in referenced SNIE, the FAR is probably able to attack the airport with rockets and mortars from certain adjacent areas.

5. It was reported on 3 July that in preliminary discussions FAR leaders were against any attempt to attack the airport during President Johnson's visit to Guatemala, but that some party members were discussing the possibility of carrying out acts of terrorism in the City while President Johnson is at the airport.

6.

the Communist Party now is planning to carry out a series of terrorist bombings during the President's visit "in order to frighten and embarrass him". no further details of the action planned.

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the El Salvadoran Communist Party had suggested that the Guatemalan party not send personnel to

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San Salvador to try any action during the President's visit, in view of the Salvadoran government's expected security measures. A Guatemalan Communist leader is said to have stated then that "some type of action" would be prepared in Guatemala.

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