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THERE ARE FOUR MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING THE COL. OSWALDO LOPEZ GOVERNMENT AT THE PRESENT TIME AND IF LOPEZ DOES NOT SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS THEY MAY LEAD TO A COUP AGAINST HIS GOVERNMENT. A) THE POLITICAL DISORIENTATION OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF RICARDO ZUNIGA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY, THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME A POLITICAL TOOL FOR THE AMBITIONS OF LOPEZ AND ZUNIGA. B) THE COUNTRY IS IN DISASTROUS ECONOMIC CONDITION. PUBLIC SERVANTS AS WELL AS MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE NOT PAID REGULARLY AND IN A SHORT TIME THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UNABLE TO MEET ITS

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INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS. C) THE MILITARY OFFICERS AND MEN HAVE SUFFERED A GREAT LOSS OF PRESTIGE DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL ATTITUDE. [REDACTED] THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS BETRAYED THE REVOLUTION BY BECOMING EMBESHED IN POLITICS AND FORMER FRIENDS OF THE REVOLUTION HAVE BECOME DISENCHANTED AND HAVE DISASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH THE MILITARY.) D) [REDACTED] DOES NOT BELIEVE THE STUDENT SITUATION IS BEING PROPERLY HANDLED BY THE GOVERNMENT. HE AGREES THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST ORIENT THE STUDENTS TO DEMOCRACY, BUT SHOULD NOT CONFRONT THEM WITH ARMED TROOPS. ([REDACTED] RECENTLY EUGENIO MATUTE CANZALEZ, MINISTER OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTED A CHANGE AIMED AT CONTROLLING COMMUNISM IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THIS CHANGE, WHICH INVOLVED THE MANNER IN WHICH OFFICERS OF THE STUDENT BODIES ARE ELECTED, WAS MET WITH DISAPPROVAL ON THE PART OF COMMUNIST ELEMENTS AND ARMED TROOPS WERE SENT TO MANY SCHOOLS IN TEGUCIGALPA TO INSURE PEACE.) ALSO, THE GOVERNMENT'S NEGLIGENCE IN CONTROLLING TRAVEL OF STUDENTS TO COMMUNIST-SPONSORED STUDENT CONGRESSES IS INEXCUSABLE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] MAY BE REFERRING TO THE RECENT CONGRESS SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS (IUS) IN BELEM, BRAZIL, THAT WAS ATTENDED BY ONE HONDURAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT.)

2. [REDACTED] ON 1 MAY 1964 LOPEZ INTENDS TO DISMISS TOMAS CALIX MONCADA AS MINISTER OF ECONOMICS, MATUTE CANZAL AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION, AND LUIS BOGRAN FORTIN AS MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] ANY COUP AGAINST THE LOPEZ GOVERNMENT MUST BE APOLITICAL AND MUST NOT APPEAR TO BE ANOTHER COUP AGAINST THE LIBERAL PARTY, NOR SHOULD IT APPEAR TO BE FOR THE LIBERAL PARTY.

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[REDACTED] SO AS NOT TO APPEAR AGAINST THE LIBERAL PARTY, A COUP MAY TAKE PLACE AGAINST LOPEZ PRIOR TO 20 APRIL 1964, THE DATE THE LIBERAL PARTY CONVENTION TO SELECT A NEW EXECUTIVE CENTRAL COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN.) [REDACTED] IN A NEW GOVERNMENT ALL POLITICAL PARTIES WILL BE REPRESENTED AND A QUICK RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONALITY WILL BE MADE.

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