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TO: Chief of Project, PBSUCCESS

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FROM: Acting Chief of Station, Guatemala

INFO: Chief, WHD

SUBJECT: GENERAL—

SPECIFIC— Reporting of Current Developments to Lincoln -
Running Memoranda

References: HGG-A-737

1. Attached for Lincoln and Headquarters is the fourth in the series of running memoranda being prepared and forwarded by this station.
2. The identity of sources indicated in the memorandum follows by separate dispatch.

[Clara M. Heagey]

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Running memorandum

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MEMORANDUM

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1. On 8 February 1954 Identity 1 stated that an informant of his who has contacts in the Confederación General de Trabajadores de Guatemala (CGTG) had reported that CGTG leaders are seriously concerned over the failure of the demonstration that took place before the National Palace on 5 February 1954. The small number of demonstrators and a lack of enthusiasm has caused President ARBENZ to criticize the CGTG for publicly demonstrating its weakness and inability to organize a satisfactory pro-government demonstration. The informant stated that CGTG leaders are desperate because thinking people are obviously turning their backs on them and no longer listen to their lies and propaganda. He concluded by saying: "Desperation is a bad counselor and I have the impression that these gentlemen, in their eagerness to go out in a burst of glory, can wreck more havoc ... create new problems which will harm the government."

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(Immediate source: B; Ultimate source: F; Contents: C).

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2. Identity 2 had what he described as a confidential conversation with Juan ALVARADO Gonzalez, member of the Partido Unificación Anticomunista (PUA), on 7 February 1954. The latter stated that the recent government reprisals against the opposition were not based on facts, that the government was merely trying to uncover information regarding a much-rumored armed movement, and that the government had failed to obtain significant information or disrupt the anti-government movement despite wholesale arrests, deportations, and interrogations. He professed to know the following regarding the anti-government movement: When plans are completed one or two invasions will be launched from El Salvador and/or Honduras; simultaneously internal "commando" groups (each heavily armed and comprised of 50 men) will attack key military and civil government targets; arms for internal forces are already cached at secret sites in the capital; principal communist leaders will be rounded up and later tried for their crimes against Guatemala; the date of the uprising has not been set -- it may be soon or sometime in the future, but it is certain and inevitable.

(Immediate source: C; Ultimate source: F; Contents: 3).

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3. On 12 February 1954 Identity 3 stated (to Identity 4) that according to his contacts in army circles the government of Guatemala received photostatic documents and other information relating to the alleged international armed conspiracy against Guatemala from one Jorge Isaac DELGADO who came to Guatemala from Nicaragua for the express purpose of revealing the plot to the government. Identity 3 further stated that DELGADO had been paid \$5,000.00 (\$5,000.00) for the documents and other information regarding plans, personalities etc. of the alleged conspirators. However, Identity 3 and his informants are of the opinion that the documents sold by DELGADO were falsified and the government has been swindled. DELGADO is believed to have been loosely connected with the alleged conspirators and therefore had sufficient knowledge of the plans being made by exiled Guatemalans to permit him to present a plausible (but untrue) story to the government and thereby enrich himself.

(Immediate source: C; Ultimate source: F; Contents: 3).

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