

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 11 FEB 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : []

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TO: DIR

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PBSUCCESS RYBAT

1. [] INFORMED [] IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT (GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR TO CUBA) ADOLFO GARCIA MONTENEGRO NOW IN CARACAS HAS INFORMED HIGH LEVEL VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES THAT PRESIDENT ARBENZ IS "SICK OF THE SITUATION" AND IS ABOUT TO BREAK WITH AREVALO AND THE COMMUNISTS. [] GATHERED FROM GARCIA'S REMARKS THAT THE GUATEMALAN ARMY MAY STEP IN TO BAIL OUT ARBENZ AND REVERSE TREND. NOT CLEAR [] SAID WHETHER ARBENZ WOULD REMAIN AS PRESIDENT. [] BELIEVES GARCIA'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA HAD ARBENZ APPROVAL AND WAS FOR EXPRESS PURPOSE EXPLAINING TO VENEZUELAN'S POSSIBILITY IMMINENT CHANGE OF DIRECTION IN GUATEMALA AND TO ASCERTAIN VENEZUELAN REACTION. [] SAID ARBENZ OBVIOUSLY WORRIED AND JITTERY.

2. [] CAUTIONED INFO IS TOP SECRET AND ASKED HE NOT BE QUOTED AS SOURCE DUE TO DELICACY SUBJECT MATTER. WHILE [] EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM SINCERITY GARCIA'S STATEMENTS HE NEVER THE LESS FEELS SOMETHING IMPORTANT MAY BE IN THE WIND.

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