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Forwarding of Reports on Revolutionary Activities against
Guatemalan Government

1. Reports []-93, dated 31 August 1953, and []-98, dated 9 September 1953, on Revolutionary Activities against the Guatemalan Government, were received at LINCOLN in triplicate.
2. Attached are the original reports for Headquarters, one copy for Guatemala City; one copy of each report is being retained at LINCOLN.

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JEROME P. DUNBAR

18 January 1954

ENCLOSURE: Copy of []-93 and []-98

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ALFRED C. PERRAH

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[] 0706, 0707, and 0791.

1. [] is unable to evaluate the information contained in the report. Subject appears to be very sincere, but he has a tendency to forget names, dates, and other facts. He is not a clear thinker and it is often difficult, if not impossible, to comprehend him at all times. It is believed that there are more details to the "odor of battle" than given by Source, but he appeared reluctant to elaborate. It is possible, however, that he does not know more than what he told, or just can not remember.
2. Source stated that he would see the Case Officer after he had seen OSORIO and would submit the results of their meeting.
3. It is of interest that the [] has recently received information from two different sources that Mrs. Carmen ALFARO Vilanova, Aunt or Cousin to Mrs. AIBENZ and a wealthy, prominent social worker, may be a Communist. The Station is investigating.

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Intentional Activities Against
Guatemalan Government.

[]-93

Current

28 August 1953

31 August 1953

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An Anti-Communist Guatemalan

1. Source explained that he was representing Clementine ~~MARROQUIN~~ ROJAS, well-known Guatemalan newspaper owner and a leader of the PARTIDO UNIFICACION ANTICOMUNISTA, (PIA) who sent Source to El Salvador to solicit military help of President OSORIO for PUA'S plan to overthrow the Guatemalan Government.
2. Source stated that besides MARROQUIN, the other principal Anti-Communist revolutionary leaders are ~~Fran~~ CARBONELL (Lawyer) and Manuel LISANDRO BERGANZA (Lawyer). Source stated that he knew Colonel Roberto ~~BARTOS~~ Pena was assisting BERGANZA.
3. Apparently the PUA is a recognized legal political party, but the activities of MARROQUIN, CARBONELL, and BERGANZA are two-fold: (a) propaganda against the Communist controlled Government of Guatemala and; (b) subversive plans for an armed revolt against the Government. Source stated that this group has two plans to achieve their goal. The first plan, and the principal purpose for his seeing President OSORIO, is:
 - A. To ask President OSORIO for 300-400 trained soldiers.
 - B. As tourists, sportsman, etc. the soldiers would be taken across British Honduras into the Guatemalan State of PETEN. (One George GOLF, reported to be a U.S. citizen and an ex-run-runner from the Caribbean into Louisiana and Florida, has a cay outside of Belize and he will be, upon payment, responsible for taking the Salvadoran soldiers across British Honduras into Guatemala.
 - C. In PETEN the soldiers will take air strips and will announce via radio the the establishment of a new Guatemalan Government. Via radio they will ask for outside help and internal revolt. Source stated that airplanes will be flown in from Honduras to bomb the airfields outside of Guatemala City and to protect the airstrips taken in Peten. He also stated that about thirty thousand anti-Communist Guatemalans will be in the streets of Guatemala City at the first sign of insurrection. He also stated that MARROQUIN has been approached by representatives of the State of Peten (where a reported twelve thousand people live) with the offer of help when and if a revolt against the Government takes place.

4. The second plan of attack this group is considering is the following:
 - A. Obtain from General Rafael TRUJILLO of the Dominican Republic 500-1,000 trained soldiers who will drift into the North Coast of Honduras in small groups as "agricultural workers" with the "aid of the United Fruit Company".
 - B. The soldiers will assemble at LAGUNA ALVARADO (directly south of PUERTO CORTES). When assembled and ready they will leave in "landing boats we hope to get from TRUJILLO" for Puerto Barrios. Barrios will be attacked between mid-night and dawn. Once Barrios is taken a few boats and men will proceed to Livingston where there are about twenty-five Guatemalan soldiers stationed. From Livingston the others will proceed to Ciudad Izabal on the edge of Lake Izabal. They will then march inland to Quirigua. This strategy according to Source will give their forces an excellent defensive position as the surrounding area is either mountainous or jungle. The cutting off of Barrios and the bombing of the airfields outside of Guatemala City will, Source believes, start an internal revolt against the Government.
5. As with Plan I it is believed that Source did not reveal all details of the projected attack. Source stated, however, that there is one thing that is needed from the United States Government and that is implied moral support must be given to TRUJILLO. Source stated that his group does not believe that TRUJILLO will aid them if he does not receive some encouragement from the United States. He said, "of course, it is understood by all that the United States cannot show any outward sign of interfering in Guatemalan affairs." TRUJILLO will be approached on the above request about the end of September or the first of October by a messenger from the Honduran ex-President Tubercio CARIAS Andino. The messenger may be one Zuniga/DURON.
6. CARIAS has, according to Source, promised that he would use his influence to obtain airplanes. Source revealed that MARROQUIN ROJAS was once secretary to CARIAS.
7. Source stated that there are about five hundred South American Communists, revolutionaries, Caribbean Legionaires, etc. located in and around Pochtun in the State of Peten. On or about 14 August Source heard that in this group there were about 150 Spaniards from Venezuela. He reported that fifty of these Spaniards left Pochtun for Livingston a few weeks before the abortive attempt against Colonel BATILISTA of Cuba and have not yet returned to Pochtun. Source said that it was believed that these fifty Spaniards were to take part in the revolt against BATILISTA.
8. Source emphasized the report he had previously given to the effect that Mrs. ARBENZ was receiving instructions from international Communists. The source of his information is a Lt. Clementino CASTILLO, Officer-in-charge of the Infantry Garrison that guards the Presidential House.

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9. CASTILLO is reported to have shown Source the arms cache in the underground passageway which connects the Presidential Garage to the Presidential House, across the street, and to the National Palace. Source stated that about the first of July he saw about 50-60 Czechoslovakians, several hundred thousand rounds of 45, 50, and 7 mm caliber machine gun bullets, hand grenades, tear and smoke bombs in the the passageway. Source also stated that while the underground passageway connecting the garage with the Presidential House and the National Palace is well known, it is not well known that the passageway extends past the garage into a house numbered either 14 or 16 on 8th Avenue.
10. Source stated that MARROQUIN ROJAS had in his pay one Roca^A COLINDRES who was Chief of the Secret Police, while a student (presumably at the National University). Through COLINDRES it was learned that Major Jose Alberto MEDRANO, Chief of the Salvadoran Detectives, was in the pay of the Guatemalan Government. MEDRANO is believed to have reported directly to ABBENZ. Source reported that a few months ago COLINDRES was dismissed from his job and that shortly afterwards he committed suicide. Source stated, however, that there was some doubt about his death being the result of his own hand.
11. Also through COLINDRES it was learned that General Leonidas PINEDA^T, Minister of Defense of Honduras was being paid three thousand dollars a month by the Guatemalan Government. Source stated that PINEDA keeps only \$800.00 a month for himself, the remainder going to other paid agents of the Guatemalan Government.
12. Source stated that when he saw President OSORIO concerning the request for help in overthrowing the Guatemalan Government, he would tell the President about the activities of his Chief of Detectives, MEDRANO. He also said that he wanted to warn the President about the dangers of the University Student group who are presently attacking the Government on its treatment of Communist students. Source stated that the National University of El Salvador has a large Communist cell which is taking orders from Guatemala.

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Revolutionary Activities
Against Guatemalan Government

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31 Aug - 9 Sept 53

El Salvador, San Salvador

3 September 1953

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9 September 1953

Anti-Government Guatemalan

1. The Source of revolutionary reports against the incumbent Guatemalan Government Stated that he was unable to see President OSORIO during his stay in El Salvador, but that this was not too important as Clemente MARROQUIN Rojas, Guatemalan Revolutionary leader, was working with the Salvadoran Ambassador to Guatemala, Lt. Colonel Jose Alberto TUNES.
2. Source gave the full name of CARSONELL as Federico CARBONELL of Jutiapa Department where he has many followers. Source reported that CARBONELL was one of two men who went to General Jorge UBICO in 1944 to ask to resign from the Presidency.
3. According to Source, MARROQUIN and Manuel BERBANZA come from the Julapa Department where they have 7000 "brave troops ranging from soldiers to Colonels".
4. If the Guatemalan Revolutionaries adopt their second plan of attack which is the use of 500-1000 troops from the Dominican Republic to capture Puerto Barrios, Livingston, Ciudad Izobal, and Quiriguaa the elaborated plan will be as follows:
 - a. Air assistance to ground forces in Julapa, Jutiapa, and Coban to capture Government military bases in those areas.
 - b. To make a concentric drive on Guatemala City from Julapa, Jutiapa, and Coban if the Government has not capitulated resulting from air raids on military objectives in and surrounding the City.
 - c. The Standard Oil Company will be requested to delay shipment of oil to their storage installations in Puerto San Jose. The Texas Oil Company will be requested to give Esso their oil and gasoline needs from the Texas storage installations in Puerto Barrios.
 - d. The United Fruit Company will be asked to stock its' commissary in Barrios.
 - e. Once the Jutiapa Department is taken, it is expected that help from El Salvador will flow into Guatemala.

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