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SUBJECT: General - Operational Intelligence  
Specific- Summary of Local Situation(Interim basis to 2 Feb 54)

1. It is the current DTFROGS public consensus that:
  - a. The WSBURNT white paper is simply another propaganda outburst similar to that of two weeks ago;
  - b. The whole matter will be forgotten in a few more days by the public;
  - c. The WSBURNT charges are wild and irresponsible;
  - d. It is a pity if the WSBURNT opposition assets are not as strong as charged and if PBPRIME is not involved then it should be as the world leader in the fight against Communism;
  - e. If PBPRIME does not soon take some positive action we shall shortly see another Korean situation in WSBURNT.
2. Local businessmen and reliable assets returning from WSBURNT report:
  - a. The political atmosphere there is highly charged and while public opinion for the most part considered the pre-white paper arrests as a fishing expedition arising from fear and frustration, never the less the status of that opinion is in a current state of unbalanced equilibrium which may be shortly expected to resolve itself one way or the other.
  - b. The infection of the heavily proportioned Indian campesinos population by Communist instigations has resulted in a manner of thinking and acting which even after the advent of stable reliable government may present no little problem in control.
  - c. PELLECCER is the most talked-of political entity. He is held in fear because of his hold on the Indian campesinos and the possibility he might turn them loose upon the country. He is reputed to have told them kill-a North American would entitle them to Party advancement. The Army is opposed to him and a possible cleavage exists between them which could develop into administration dissention. The Army has no fear of invasion from without but is afraid the Indian menace.

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