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 FROM : GUATEMALA CITY  
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ROUTINE

TO: SLINC

INFO: DIR

PRECEDENCE

CITE: SGUAT

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RE: GUAT 937 (IN 49965)

1. [ ] <sup>Jose Luis ✓</sup> ADVISES: ARENAS DID NOT SAY HE HAD \$500,000, DID SAY HE WAS CONFIDENT WOULD GET IT. ARENAS ALSO TOLD [ ] HE HAD VISITED CALLIGERIS IN HONDURAS ON HIS RETURN TRIP FROM WASHINGTON AND CALLIGERIS IS REAL HEAD OF MOVEMENT AND HAS ARENAS FULL SUPPORT.
2. [ ] ADVISES: ARENAS IN CONTACT WITH [ ] 17 JAN STATING HE HAD ARRANGED FOR [ ] TO BE THE CONTACT TO RECEIVE THE MONEY AND THAT HE, ARENAS, HAD SUGGESTED TO [ ] THAT [ ] CONTACT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.
3. [ ] ADVISES: [ ] CALLED ON HIM [ ] 18 JAN, EXPRESSED HIS LONG TIME OPPOSITION TO COMMUNISM; SAID ARENAS EXTREMELY COURAGEOUS AND HE CONVINCED ARENAS WORKING WITH CALLIGERIS; THAT [ ] IS STRICTLY BUSINESS MAN NEVER ENGAGED IN POLITICS, HAS SO MUCH AT STAKE BUT SO FEARFUL WILL EVENTUALLY LOSE ALL THAT HE WILLING TO RECEIVE MONEY BUT WOULD TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY AS TO HOW SPENT, WOULD DELIVER MONEY TO

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ANYONE TO WHOM HE IS INSTRUCTED; PROMISED TRY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFO ON ARENAS AND MOVEMENT.

4. [ ] ADVISED [ ] 20 JAN HAD TALKED TO LOCAL HEAD OF CALLIGERIS MOVEMENT (NAME NOT MENTIONED BUT KNOWN TO [ ] THROUGH INFO FURNISHED [ ] BY [ ] (ALSO RCVD [ ]) AND ASCERTAINED ARENAS NOT IN HIGHER ECHELONS, SENTIMENTS ARE GOOD BUT OVERENTHUSIASTIC AND IS NOT TRUSTED FOR JUDGMENT AND DISCRETION; THAT AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO KEEP ARENAS BUSY WITH SMALL JOBS TO GET HIM OUT OF WAY AND TRIP TO WASH SOMEWHAT IN THAT CHARACTER. [ ] SAID MOVEMENT COULD USE SOME MONEY BUT ONE FIFTH OF SUM MENTIONED BY ARENAS WOULD BE ADEQUATE; THAT ARENAS PROPOSED TRIP TO SOUTH COMES UNDER HEADING KEEPING HIM OUT OF WAY; THAT LOCAL HEAD OF MOVEMENT WORRIED ARENAS ACTIVITIES HERE MIGHT CAUSE CONFUSION; THAT ARENAS HAS BEEN TALKING TO TOO MANY PEOPLE IN GUATEMALA IMPLYING HAS FULL BACKING U.S. GOVERNMENT AND EMBASSY; THAT A MOST SERIOUS QUESTION IS HIS CLOSE QUESTION WITH <sup>Joaquin</sup>XOCANA WHO [ ] SAYS) IS KNOWN TO BE A CROOK BY MANY PEOPLE.

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