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TO Chief, Western Hemisphere DATE 20 January 1954

FROM [ ]

SUBJECT { GENERAL New Guatemalan Ambassador to Honduras  
SPECIFIC Coronel Amadeo CHINCHILLA Orellano

1. The local press has announced the appointment of Coronel Amadeo CHINCHILLA Orellano, Military Attache of the Guatemalan Embassy in Mexico, as Ambassador to Honduras.

2. Following is a file summary of information concerning CHINCHILLA:

a. During 1952 and 1953, CHINCHILLA, who was president of the Mexico City Society of Military, Naval, and Air Attaches, is known, through [ ], to have been in contact many times with the Military and/or Naval Attaches of the Soviet Embassy. It is the opinion of [ ] that the contacts by CHINCHILLA were too numerous and under circumstances other than those which could be accounted for solely by CHINCHILLA's position in the Attaches' Society.

b. Reliable information developed during 1952 clearly established CHINCHILLA as the Guatemalan Embassy's director of intelligence activities in Mexico.

c. In November 1952, CHINCHILLA was reliably reported to have been dealing with Hugo FRANK Olvera, a notorious Mexican munitions peddler, to procure ammunition for the government of Guatemala.

d. In November 1953, while in Mexico enroute to Europe, Jose Manuel FORTUNY, Secretary General of the Partido Guatemalteco del Trabajo (PCT) (Guatemalan Communist Party), gave CHINCHILLA's local address as his own local address.

3. Further information, including CHINCHILLA's departure, will be forwarded as it becomes available.

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2 - Files  
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