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ROUTINE
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1. ON MORNING 11 JANUARY GENERAL FEDERICO PONCE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF GUAT, CALLED ON AMB WHELAN AND ADVISED HIM THAT HE HAD 10,000 MEN, MANY FRIENDS IN THE GUAT ARMY AND WAS READY TO START A REVOLUTION IF THE U.S. WOULD FURNISH ARMS. WHELAN THANKED PONCE AND ADVISED HIM THAT THE U.S. HAD NO INTEREST IN ASSISTING SUCH A MOVEMENT.

2. EVENING OF SAME DAY IDEN A SOUGHT OUT MAGOFFIN AND ASKED HIM WHAT HE KNEW OF A MOVEMENT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAT. MAGOFFIN ADVISED IDEN A THAT VARIOUS GOVT EXILES HAD COME TO THE EMBASSY SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR SUCH A MOVEMENT BUT THAT EACH HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THIS GOVT DID NOT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY WAY. MAGOFFIN ADVISED IDEN A THAT APART FROM THIS HE KNEW NOTHING MORE THAN THE USUAL RUMORS.

3. IDEN A THEN STATED THAT HE HAD LEARNED FROM A GOOD SOURCE THAT GUAT REVOLUTIONARY FORCES ARE TO BE TRAINED IN ONE OF THE

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CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN GUAT; HE ALSO STATED THAT THIS GROUP HAS ARMS AND A PLAN FOR GETTING THEM INTO GUAT. HE COULD FURNISH NO DETAILS. WHEN ASKED IF HIS OWN COUNTRY IS INVOLVED IN THE PLAN, IDEN A STATED NO, BUT THAT SHE WAS A YEAR AGO TO THE EXTENT OF \$100,000. STATED THAT HIS COUNTRY WITHDREW AFTER INVESTIGATING AND LEARNING THAT GROUP TO BE ASSISTED HAD NO ASSETS OF ANY KIND. HE BELIEVES PRESENT MOVEMENT IS OF SAME NATURE.

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