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TO: DIRECTOR, CIA
FROM: SR REP GUATEMALA CITY

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

ROUTINE

ACTION: WH (1)

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INFORMATION: DCI (2), D/DCI (3), DD/P (L) DD1 SEL RQM

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TO: DIR INFO: [] CITE: SGUAT
PBFORTUNE — *file* —

1. LOCAL APRISTA STATED 18 APR JUAN CORDOVA CERNA HAD BEEN DISCREETLY PUSHED ACROSS HONDURAN BORDER BY GUAT GOVT (DATE NOT STATED) EVAL B 3. F2

2. ON 21 APR THE DAILY PRENSA LIBRE REPORTED HAD PICKED UP INFO FROM "EXTRA OFFICIAL" SOURCE HERE HE HAD BEEN SEEN IN SANTA ROSA DE COPAN HONDURAS AND WAS POSSIBLY ALREADY IN TEGUCIGALPA. NUESTRO DIARIO SAME DATE REPORTED INFO HAD BEEN SEEN IN TEGUCIGALPA.

3. ON 21 APR HIS BROTHER RODRIGO CORDOVA CERNA MADE RESERVATION GUAT-TEGUCIGALPA FOR FLIGHT SAME DAY. WAS ACCOMPANIED TO AIRLINE OFFICE BY TWO JUDICIAL GUARDS AND SURVEILLED BY THIRD, GUSTAVO ARRIVILLAGA, WHO MADE RESERVATION ON SAME PLANE. BOTH CANCELLED RESERVATIONS LAST MINUTE AFTER RODRIGO BECAME AWARE OF GUARDS RESERVATION. EVAL B 2.

4. SOURCE CLOSE TO CHIEF OF GUARDIA CIVIL STATED HE WITNESSED REMOVAL OF CORDOVA CERNA ON STRETCHER TO RADIO PATROL CAR FROM GUARDIA

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CIVIL HQS NIGHT OF DAY ARRESTED (1 APR). ~~NOT KNOWN BY SOURCE WHETHER WAS LIVING OR DEAD.~~ ESCONSON 2 AND 3. EVAL B 3.

5. SOURCE PARAS 1 AND 3 [] COMMENT: IN PAST "EXTRA OFFICIAL" USED BY PRENSA LIBRE WHEN INFO WAS CORRECT, WAS FROM OFFICIAL SOURCE, BUT NOT DESIRABLE TO ADMIT IT. PUBLIC PLEAS BY GROUPS OF WOMEN TO CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO MRS. ARBENZ AND BAR ASSOCIATION PLEA TO MINISTER OF GOVT FOR EXPLANATION AND PROTEST OVER SHOOTING OF FOUR SALAMA PRISONERS AND TORTURE OTHERS AND DISAPPEARANCE OF CORDOVA CERNA WITHOUT CREDIBLE EXPLANATION HAVE AROUSED MUCH ANTI-GOVT FEELING. //IF ALIVE WOULD RECOMMEND HE KEEP FACT SECRET FOR PRESENT THUS HEIGHTENING POPULAR INDIGNATION.//

END OF MESSAGE.

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