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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 FROM: GUATEMALA CITY ROUTINE  
 ACTION: DEPARTMENT OF STATE 1830Z 31 MAR 53  
 INFORMATION: ~~FI~~ FI/OPS, FI/PLANS, FI/STC, FI/RQM 3, PP/PYD 2, PP/PAD,  
 WH 2, FI/RI 2

NR: 390

CONTROL: 10398

GUATEMALAN GENERAL STAFF ANNOUNCED LATE SUNDAY THAT ARMY HAD CRUSHED INSURRECTION IN BAJA VERAPAZ. IN EARLY HOURS SUNDAY MORNING REBELS SEIZED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUILDINGS IN SALAMA AND SAN JERONIMO, CUT COMMUNICATION LINES AND BLOCKED ROADS. TROOPS FROM COBAN RECAPTURED SALAMA AT 6 P.M. SUNDAY AFTER BRIEF STRUGGLE AND WERE REPORTED IN PURSUIT OF REMAINING REBEL FORCES. ANNOUNCEMENT SAID SITUATION COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY GOVERNMENT WITH PEACE REIGNING IN REST OF REPUBLIC.

PRESS STATES LEADERSHIP OF UPRISING NOT YET IDENTIFIED.

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**Guatemala Army Crushes Uprising in Province**  
 By The Associated Press  
 GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Mar. 30.—The army has declared a nationwide military alert, following the crushing last night of an 18-hour uprising led by undergraduate army officers in lower Verapaz Province.  
 Army chief Col. Carlos Enrique Diaz said about 300 men destroyed bridges around Salama, threw up barricades on the outskirts of the town and then attacked the plaza. They seized the province governor, Col. Abundio Maldonado; his son, a congressman, and other authorities.  
 Army troops retook the center of the city after a brief clash in which two persons were reported killed and several wounded.