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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH [ ]

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1. The meeting was held at 3 p.m., 22 May 1952, at Hotel Carlton, Room 346.

2. Mr. [ ] who returned a few days ago from Honduras, reported that 1,500 rifles and a fair supply of ammunition had been shipped by the Communist-controlled government of Guatemala to Honduras, presumably for the purpose of overthrowing the anti-Communist regime of Galvez and Carias. [ ] reported this to Galvez, who told him that he was informed of such a shipment of arms, that the figure given [ ] was correct, but that there was nothing to worry about. Colonel King suggested that these arms might be seized by the Honduran government and made available to the anti-Communist Guatemalan revolutionaries.

3. [ ] raised a number of questions based on the order of battle report submitted by Colonel Castillo Armas. Some of these were answered by Mr. [ ] The others will be put personally to Castillo Armas by [ ] who will be there early in June. A meeting will be held between [ ] and [ ] to study in detail the revolutionary plan of Castillo Armas, for the purpose of briefing [ ] on [ ] ideas. [ ] will serve as the cut-out between Castillo Armas and [ ] on all military matters. Consideration was given to [ ] meeting Castillo Armas in Honduras. It was decided that the risk of [ ] presence being known was too great. If a meeting is considered essential in the future, it will be set up along the Honduran Coast, possibly in some cove or on some island far away from Tegucigalpa, and at a point where there is no record of entry or exit to or from the country. [ ] yacht might be used for this.

4. Cover for [ ] was discussed. It was decided to be inadvisable for him to apply at [ ] for a position in public or labor relations, because of the presence there of [ ] The latter, who is well known to Mr. [ ] and Colonel King, is considered too great a security risk for him to have any knowledge of one of our people. [ ] will go to [ ] contact another individual [ ] and apply for a position as an accountant. He has had two years training in accountancy, so this will be a logical request. He will be sent to Honduras by [ ] in that capacity. On arrival, he will report to Mr. [ ] who will then, without informing the [ ] office, assign [ ] to labor and public relations activities.

5. Mr. [ ] called everyone's attention to the resentment

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among many Guatemalan landowners created by a recent decree of the Guatemalan Government expropriating many large landowners. Mr. [ ] pointed out that full use should be made by us of the anti-Arbenz feeling currently active. He is afraid that if nothing is done about this for some time and a compromise is reached between the landowners and the Government, their resistance will again become passive.

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