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IDEN A ~~CARRIED CARGO~~ ~~FORWARD~~ AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFO RE GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS:

A. AS OF NIGHT 17 MAY ~~1954~~ ONLY 200 TONS OF ALFHEM CARGO UNLOADED FROM SHIP.

NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE STATED SHIP COULD BE UNLOADED AT RATE 200 TO 300 TONS PER

DAY. IDEN A BELIEVES HOWEVER AS MUCH AS 400 TONS PER DAY COULD BE HANDLED. THE

[] CANNOT DISCOVER NATURE OF CARGO. ~~IN ESTERLINE'S HOLD.~~

B. NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT DEPARTED NIGHT OF 17 MAY FOR PUERTO BARRIOS.

WAS DELAYED ENTERING GUATEMALA HOWEVER AND MAY NOT REACH PORT UNTIL AFTERNOON 18 MAY.

C. THE TEN LOADED FREIGHT CARS INTENDED FOR GUAT CITY MAY HAVE BEEN TRANSSHIPPED TO ESQUINTLA VALLEY BETWEEN GUAT AND HONDURAS FOR POSSIBLE USE INVASION OF HONDURAS.

(NOTE: HEAVY INFILTRATION OF PERSONS FROM GUAT INTO HONDURAS HAS BEEN OBSERVED LATELY.)

D. MUCH INTEREST ON PART OF U.S. NEWSPAPERMEN WHO ARE ANXIOUS TO BREAK STORY.

JULES DUBOIS, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, IS AT LA LIMA, AS IS ROSENHOUSE OF THE TIMES.

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PAUL KENNEDY IS EXPECTED IN PUERTO BARRIOS AFTERNOON 18 MAY. MARSHALL BENNELL IS THERE. GRUBSON WILL BE GOING THERE FROM MEXICO CITY.

E. IDEN A REPORTS STRIKE IN HONDURAS HAS SPREAD AND 40 TO 50,000 WORKERS NOW OUT. PORTS OF LA CEIBA, TELA AND PUERTO CORTEZ NOW COMPLETELY CLOSED.

F. RE UNAUTHORIZED LANDING IN HONDURAS BY A GUAT PLANE CITED REFS, PLANE AND PILOTS HAVE BOTH DISAPPEARED.

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