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Offer of Guatemalan Land to Salvadoran Settlers

1. DIARIO LATINO, San Salvador, 27 April, carried under banner headlines an article of its Guatemalan correspondent which contained an offer by Sr. Martinez, chief of DAN, to settle 2,000 Salvadorans in Guatemala in the framework of the agrarian reform. According to an apparently well placed source, this offer is likely to make a favorable (i.e. for the Guatemalan regime) impression upon many Salvadorans. -- This matter has been mentioned by other papers, too, in the meantime and we saw already a news item according to which at least one Salvadoran settler has already arrived in Guatemala.

2. We suggest that RAZMARA might draw ESSENCE's attention to the above. He might use whatever outlet he considers suitable to attack Martinez' "generous" offer, possibly along the following lines:

- a) Since there are still many Guatemalans without land (we presume), why give land to foreigners?
- b) Is this the first step towards making Guatemala an "international settlement", Soviet style, and do the Communists intend to bring in settlers from other countries, too, undoubtedly selected according to their political views?
- c) The Communists obviously do no longer trust Guatemalan campesinos and they want to play off the Salvadoran settlers against the "natives".

3. The above suggestion must not prevent you from carrying out any higher priority assignments in which you are already engaged, although attacks upon the agrarian reform, apparently considered the most positive achievement of the Arbenz regime, should always be given adequate space and attention.

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