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Operational  
Secret Arms Deposits

REF: GUAT 433(29 April 1954)

1. The question of the distribution of arms and the location of secret caches should not be dismissed lightly. Rather it should be given considerable thought, and you should make regular efforts through all possible sources to obtain definite answers to these questions. If there are sizeable deposits of arms hidden in Guatemala, we want to know where they are and what they comprise. Also, it is important to know under whose control they are.
2. In the reference it is stated that unconfirmed reports indicate that sizeable arms and ammunition caches are located on the fincas of ARBENZ and CHARNAUD McDonald. Such reports have occurred regularly over recent years, but they have never been tied down. The nature of the reports, and the lack of any definite proof, indicates that if such deposits exist, they are probably small, but we cannot take this for granted. Do you have informants who can arrange for thorough investigations of these fincas in an effort to determine whether these reports are true?
3. In a recent report on Communism in Guatemala, prepared by an American, it is stated that the Caribbean Legion exists in name only, but that it does have arms. These allegedly are located in the sawmill owned by Miguel Angel RAMIREZ. It is also believed that the Legion has arms which previously were kept in "El Morlon," the finca on Lake Amatitlan which formerly belonged to UBICO. These arms are reportedly available to the Communists. This report, and the general subject of arms in the hands of Communists and labor organizations, should also be checked carefully. Every source should be asked to exhaust all means available for obtaining information on this matter.

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