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SUBJECT { GENERAL
SPECIFIC } **Guatemalan Military Matters
Troop Movements to Border Areas**

REF: Quat 425 (Not sent to Tegucigalpa)

1. (First Sergeant) Moises RODRIGUEZ and Carlos PEREZ, (of the Guardia de Honor,) have stated that the Second Company (sic) left 15 April for Puerto Barrios. The group was reportedly accompanied by four armored trucks and four tanks, and carried four .37 calibre machine guns, four .30 calibre machine guns, three .75 calibre howitzers, two anti-tank guns, two anti-aircraft guns, and Czech rifles.

2. The Salvadoran Ambassador in Guatemala stated on 27 April 1954 that the Guatemalan government is concerned over the situation on the Honduran border and is sending Army reinforcements to the Zacapa region.

3. The United States Army Attache in Guatemala returned on 25 April from a trip to the Zacapa area in the company of (Col.) Jose GONZALEZ Segui and other high-ranking Guatemalan Army officers. He advised that he saw one rifle company of 100 men stationed at Chiquimula, one rifle platoon of 30 men at Esquipulas, and one rifle platoon of 30 men at Florida. These troops are to patrol roads leading from Honduras. They are to be rotated to Zacapa every three months. The Attache stated that platoons of 30 men each are stationed at Anuncion Mita, Yupiltepeque, Jalpataqua and Guilapa to patrol the roads from El Salvador.

4. Source paragraph one - ESSENCE, Evaluation B - 3; paragraph two - American business man with good military connections, evaluation C - 2.

5. These reports are forwarded for the information of CALLIGERIS and it is requested that they be checked through his sources.

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