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TO : FI/WH  
Attn: Mr. [ ]

DATE: 28 April 54

FROM : Contact Division  
Support Branch

SUBJECT: 00/C Case 15609

1. Attached for your information is a copy of a teletype received from our St Louis office on 28 April 54.

Attach: Copy of Teletype

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SUPPLEMENTING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF TODAY, HERE IS BRIEF RESUME OF [ ] SITUATION RECEIVED AFTER TELEPHONE CALL:

1. HE WILL NOT RPT NOT LEAVE BEFORE 8 RPT 8 MAY UNLESS PLANS CHANGE RADICALLY.
2. HE SEEMS MORE AWARE AND AFRAID OF DANGERS OF COMMUNIST PENETRATION THAN HE WAS IN SEPTEMBER 1952. THIS IS BASED PRIMARILY ON HIS SUDDEN REALIZATION THAT COMMUNIST LED LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ARE OPERATING TOWARD THEIR OWN ENDS INDEPENDENTLY OF FRAMEWORK OF AGRARIAN REFORM LAW. HE SEES THE ORGANIZATION OF THE "SINDICATOS" ON HIS OWN FINCA AS POSSIBLE THREAT TO OWN FINANCIAL SECURITY.
3. IN ADDITION HE RECENTLY READ "EL CAMINO YENNAN" (THE YENNAN WAY) GIVEN HIM BY U.S. MILITARY ATTACHE AT GUATEMALA. AS RESULT HE FEELS GUATEMALA COMMUNISTS ARE USING SAME TACTICS THERE-  
IN DESCRIBED.
4. [ ] CONSIDERS SELF A "PATRON", AND A LOYAL SUPPORTER OF ARBENZ. HE ALSO FEELS THAT THE TWO ARE NOT RPT NOT INCONSISTENT. RATHER THAT THIS IS TYPICAL OF OTHER "PATRONES" WHO REALIZE THAT MANY SOCIAL REFORMS ARE NEEDED FOR GOOD OF COUNTRY AND ARE WILLING TO MAKE SOME SACRIFICES FOR NATIONAL WELFARE. MARGIN OF PROFIT IN COFFEE BUSINESS SO HIGH THAT GROWERS CAN WELL AFFORD TO PAY A SHARE OF FINANCING REFORMS. THEIR FEAR IS THAT LOCAL OPERATION OF REFORM LAWS IS ADMINISTERED OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY. HE BELIEVES ARBENZ IS UNAWARE OF SITUATION OR IS FORCED TO IGNORE IT BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO DISCIPLINE RANK AND FILE. IF ACTIVITIES OF THESE GROUPS ARE OUTSIDE ARBENZ DIRECT CONTROL, [ ] FEELS LOCALIZED VIOLENCE MAY BREAK OUT ON ISOLATED FINCAS, SUCH AS HIS.
5. [ ] PLANS TO STAY IN GUATEMALA EVEN AFTER 1957 RPT 1957, THE YEAR IN WHICH HE IS CERTAIN ARBENZ WILL STEP DOWN FROM PRESIDENCY.

MUCH OF THIS MATERIAL IS BEING PREPARED IN OOB RPT OOB FORM AND WILL BE SUBMITTED SOONEST. ABOVE GIVES GIST APPLICABLE TO THIS CASE.

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