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18 May 1954

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	18 May	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Esterline					3-4: Note comment that Francisco MORAZAN may be head of new great intelligence section. 4 to 9. Is the the guy [REDACTED] talked to security on his last trip. Fake eyes - see [REDACTED]
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LINCOLN

Chief of Station, Guatemala [] INFO: Chief, WHD

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Francisco MORAZAN, Carlos BRACAMONTE

1. Enclosed for Lincoln and Headquarters is one copy of a memorandum prepared by Mr. William L. KRIEG, Counselor of Embassy.
2. Regarding the Captain BRACAMONTE mentioned in the attachment, he is believed identical with Captain Carlos BRACAMONTE Morales who was reported in 1951 to be a protégé of ARBENZ and widely rumored to have been one of the assassins of Col. ARANA in July 1949. In May 1953 this same BRACAMONTE was reported to have purchased the finca Arcos Provincias, located near Escuintla, together with Antonio VILANOVA, brother-in-law of ARBENZ, Francisco MORAZAN and Francisco BARILLAS.
3. This station is inclined to be extremely doubtful with regard to MORAZAN's alleged fall from grace. ESPERANCE has received unconfirmed information indicating that MORAZAN now has a "secret office" somewhere as yet unknown to us. We are inclined to suspect that MORAZAN, an individual with a long record of association with ARBENZ, may be engaged in some special task for the President. It is possible that such a task might be the formation of a new secret service.
4. This station is attempting to obtain further information regarding ARBENZ's relations with MORAZAN and BRACAMONTE and will keep LINCOLN and Headquarters advised.

Enclosure:

Memo as noted
26 April 1954

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MEMORANDUM

April 20, 1954

SUBJECT: Political Gossip

FROM: William L. Krieg, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

Confirming a previous report [] told me this afternoon Major Francisco Morazán, formerly personal secretary to President Arbenz, has fallen from favor and has been relegated to a very minor administrative position connected with the Presidential household. He no longer has personal access to the President.

In contrast, Captain Bracamonte, who was recently dismissed from his position as assistant private secretary to the President, is now reported to be gradually regaining Arbenz' favor. It will be recalled that Major Morazán, Captain Bracamonte and Antonio Vilanova, Mrs. Arbenz' brother, have been associated in a number of business deals involving the purchase of farm properties.

[] said that, in his opinion, President Arbenz is a convinced Communist. Whether he is a card-holding member of the party is incidental. [] went on to wonder whether we could afford to permit Arbenz to fill out his term of office and said that he saw no other solution than an armed uprising. Unfortunately, the Opposition leaders were mostly abroad and those who remained were thoroughly intimidated. He quoted Horacio de Cordova, who used to have an anti-Communist radio program and who was picked up by the police and forcibly deported to Mexico, as saying that he never again wished to have anything to do with politics. He had apparently been very roughly treated by the police.

WLKrieg:fpb