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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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MEMORANDUM FOR: J. D. Esterline

SUBJECT : Material on Guatemalan Communism for Holland

2003

1. Attached is the memo from DD/P to WH re Holland's planned speech on Guatemala which requests that we furnish ~~specific~~ material suitable for use by him.
2. [] and I checked the dispatches and cables from Guatemala to see if any such information as desired could be gleaned for Holland's use, but it was apparent that the meat of CIA information on the subject is contained in the study on Communism in Guatemala prepared by RQM/OIS in conjunction with Staff C and the State Department's ARA for use by the State Delegation to the Caracas Conference. Incidentally, that report contained information from dispatches gotten by RQM/OIS from RI which were based on reports by such Guat sources as ESCROW and the ESCONSON group. The bulk of CIA information on the subject which ~~was~~ may not have been contained in the OAS report ^{already} is/in State's hands in the form of regular CS and CSDB's put out regularly by the desks.
3. I believe that State already has what we can give, and that we could only suggest at this point that the following points, most of them well covered by State Dispatches from Guatemala, be considered:
 - a. the expulsion of the two newspapermen from Guatemala prior to Caracas who was in contact with them,
 - b. the expulsion of the UNTL leaders from Guatemala after Alexander/left Guatemala to report to the AF of L (CIO?) on labor conditions in Guatemala
 - c. the obvious (but so far undocumented) tie-up between Guatemala and the recent uprising in Nicaragua
 - d. the travel of leading Guat communists behind the iron curtain (special report on this recently made by State in Guatemala)
 - e. the jamming of anti-Communist broadcasts by a station, pretty well established to have been located at police headquarters in Guatemala city.

f. the torture and continued imprisonment (with out any trial so far) of the persons alleged to have been connected with the Salama uprising

g. the communist-led uprisings of peasant groups to "expropriate" land regardless of its status under the agrarian law

h. the message of condolence from the Guatemalan Congress on the occasion of Stalin's death

g. the existence of an obviously Communist party in spite of article 32 of the Guatemalan Constitution which prohibit any parties with foreign allegiances (or words to that effect, I believe.)

h. etc., etc.,

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U. S. GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM OF CALL

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Time

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Mr

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YOU WERE CALLED BY—

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TELEPHONE:

Number or code

Extension

PLEASE CALL

WAITING TO SEE YOU

WILL CALL AGAIN

WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

RETURNING YOUR CALL

LEFT THIS MESSAGE:

*You info and return
We probably won't
need this - will you hold?*

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