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For your information we enclose:

- a. A translation of portions of a recent ESMERALDITE report submitted subsequent to Luis Alberto MONJES' return to Mexico;
- b. A list of independent Guatemalan labor syndicates not affiliated to the CGTG (this list is for LINCOLN-- photocopies will be sent to Headquarters at a later date.)

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Luis A. Monge returns:

Luis A. Monge returned to his work as Secretary General of ORIT after touring nine Central and South American countries. He feels that communism is increasing in some countries, effectively aided by obstinate national and foreign enterprises which do not wish to help the worker and which put pressure on the governments so that they cannot carry forward social reforms or economic improvements. Monge is alarmed after speaking to many of his democratic friends who are on the "road to communism" and who believe that the U.S. does not sincerely wish to fight communism since it helps the dictators who protect the Communists and does nothing to aid the exiled democratic political leaders. Monge believes that the Caracas agreements regarding communism were ill-conceived since the greatest protector of communist syndicates is Col. Perez Jimenez in whose country the Caracas Conference was held.

A letter from Belice states that the Union General de Trabajadores is persistent in its determination to obtain complete independence from Great Britain. It denies the charges that the UGT encourages communism. The UGT declared itself Catholic and follows a program of moderate reforms in Belice: betterment of the worker's laws, investments in hygiene, schools, homes, and industrial development through use of the agricultural and forest resources of the country. The UGT will unite with the PP (Nationalist Party) in power and expects to win.

Monge got the impression in Santiago, Chile, that the Peronist ATLAS (Asociacion de Trabajadores Latinoamericanos) will enter into a period of liquidation since it appears that Pres. Peron's government will not grant it more subsidies. Monge met Don Tomas del Pielago, ATLAS Propaganda Secretary, looking for a job in Chile. He also received confidential information from his friend Marcos Hirigoyen. The information originated from Perez Vidal, Cuban Peronist leader and resident in Buenos Aires who passed it on to Hirigoyen. If ATLAS is liquidated, ORIT would be alone in its struggle against communism and would be able to put up a better fight.

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