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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Raymond G. Leddy  
Office of Middle American Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT : Message [ ] Nicaragua

1. Attached hereto is a sterilized paraphrase of a message just in [ ] concerning the attempted coup in Nicaragua. Note especially that we are having difficulties getting Somoza to come across and no indication is given here that he is considering allowing us to get into the act in order to be sure that a completely professional job of "debriefing" is done. Note also the statement that it would be necessary to disclose to Somoza the fact of "an impending 'White Paper' on Guatemala." If possible during the course of the day will you please speak to Mr. Holland and obtain his advice as to what we can or should say to Somoza concerning our (U. S.) intended use of the "evidence" if we can get it in sufficiently precise and definitive form. Otherwise stated, may we suggest to Somoza, or may the Ambassador be authorized to state to Somoza, that if we can produce a sufficient amount of incriminating evidence tying Guatemala directly into the attempted coup it would be our intention to use this for the purposes of indicting, arraigning and hopefully convicting the Guatemalans under the OAS resolution of Caracas.

2. We are of course aware of certain of the implications of this matter, including Somoza's apparent preoccupation with tagging Costa Rica rather than Guatemala. This we must deal with as best we can since our interest is focused on Guatemala. We are further aware of the possibility that Somoza may fabricate or otherwise mislead us with regard to this incident, unless we can get directly into the act of accumulating the evidence.

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FRANK G. WISNER  
Deputy Director (Plans)

Attachment (1)

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