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DATE : 22 OCT 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

**CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE AS SANITIZED**

FROM : GUATEMALA

ACTION: WH (1-2)*

2003

INFO : DCI (3), D/DCI (4), COP (5), C/FI/RQM (6), A/DD/P/P (7),
(SUSPENSE DD/1)

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TO: DIR
(NO NIACT)

CITE: SGUAT

1. POLITICAL FUTURE CALLIGERIS GOVT STILL FAR FROM SECURE.
ONE OF PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR INSTABILITY DUE NON APPEARANCE
ODYOKE AID WHICH COULD DO MUCH BAIL CALLIGERIS OUT.

2. FOLLOWING NEGATIVE FACTORS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO PRODUCING
PRESENT INSTABILITY:

A. FAILURE TO OBTAIN \$5,000,000 GRANT PROMPTLY. THIS
HAS BEEN INTERPRETED IN GOVT AND BUSINESS CIRCLES AS LACK OF
ODYOKE CONFIDENCE IN CALLIGERIS.

B. PROMPT GRANT OF \$6,000,000 ODYOKE AID TO HAITI AFTER
RECENT HURRICANE DISASTER. NO SIMILAR TYPE AID EXTENDED WSBURNT
AFTER ITS RECENT DISASTER.

C. ANNOUNCEMENT OF \$9,000,000 AID GRANT TO BOLIVIA
(SLIGHTLY TO-LEFT GOVT). WSBURNT'S FAIL TO UNDERSTAND THIS
SINCE THEY HAVE STRIVEN SO HARD TO ELIMINATE LEFTIST ELEMENTS
AND HAVE RECEIVED NO RECOGNITION IN FORM OF SIMILAR AID.

D. SUBTLE SCHEMING ON PART OF [] AND BRASH STATE-
MENTS RE FUTURE ENCUMBENT GOVT; I.E., STATEMENTS TO EFFECT THAT

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(A) GOVT WILL NOT SURVIVE MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AND (B) ADVISING POTENTIAL HEAVY INVESTORS TO AVOID PUTTING FUNDS INTO WSBURNT UNTIL THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVT HAS BEEN DECLARED.

3. ABOVE REVIEWED WITH [] (ALSO RCVD []) WHO FEELS THAT SITUATION MOST CRITICAL AND FEELS NEED FOR STRONG SHOW ODYOKE SUPPORT CALLIGERIS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IF GOVT TO SURVIVE. ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS THAT KUBARK THROW ANY WEIGHT IT CAN BEHIND OBTAINING EARLY FINANCIAL AID WSBURNT.

4. CALLIGERIS HAS AGAIN APPROACHED BANNISTER ASKING FOR \$100,000, PLEADING DESPERATION. BANNISTER MADE NO COMMITMENT AND MERELY COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD RELAY MESSAGE TO SKIMMER.

5. BULK OF INFORMATION CONTAINED PARA 1 COINCIDES WITH INFO RECEIVED FROM ESQUIRE 22 OCT. ESQUIRE FEELS [] SHOULD BE DROPPED IMMEDIATELY AND A STRONG SHOW OF SUPPORT MADE CALLIGERIS BY ODYOKE. HE REFLECTS GENERAL THINKING PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANTIAL VESTED INTERESTS WSBURNT. HIS INFO CONSIDERED WORTH B-2 SINCE IT COINCIDES WITH INDEPENDENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY OD-ACID AND KUBARK.

6. UNFORTUNATE SEQUENCE RECENT EVENTS; I.E. DISASTER AND FAILURE TO GET AID ALTHOUGH NOT YET AFFECTING CALLIGERIS POPULAR SUPPORT, HAS SHAKEN CONFIDENCE HIS GOVT IN WSBURNT

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OFFICIAL CIRCLES AND HAS ALSO TENDED VALIDATE BRASH STATEMENTS
MADE BY [] THIS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT WEAKENS POSITION
CALLIGERIS REGIME WHICH IS ONLY HOPE FOR STABILITY FORESEEABLE
FUTURE.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: MR. [] WH DIVISION
NOTIFIED OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE AT 1545, 23 OCT. 54

*CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CABLE
SECRETARIAT DUTY OFFICER THIS CABLE HAS BEEN GIVEN DISTRIBUTION
APPLICABLE TO RYBAT CABLES.

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