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SUBJECT : INFORMATION FROM GUATEMALA

1. In the sifting of Communist documents being undertaken by the Social Research Group, documents have been discovered showing Communist organization, operations, and control techniques. However, little high level Communist correspondence has been found among the documents on hand.

2. Efforts are being initiated to obtain such high level documents from government and private sources in Guatemala.

3. Procuring documents which the Comité de Defensa Contra el Comunismo might have obtained through arrest of Communists and search of their homes has not been possible, because Colonel Elfege Monzon will not approve of arrest and search in private homes by Comité representatives. As a result with the passage of time the chances of obtaining many compromising documents have greatly diminished.

4. High level documents from government ministries, however, are expected to become available from the Comité and will be microfilmed and returned by the Group.

5. Some documents required for the Honduran White Paper on Guatemalan Communist interference in Honduras are now available. Immediate access to the files of the Guatemalan Foreign Ministry has been promised by the Comité and additional documents on the subject from this source are expected. A file of such documents is expected to be ready for delivery to the American Ambassador in Honduras on the weekend of 21-22 August.