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TO: DIR

INFO: SLINC SGUAT

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1. PRO-GUAT SENTIMENT NOW PRACTICALLY UNANIMOUS IN ALL SHADES ARG OPINION, INCLUDING OFFICIAL CIRCLES, PERONIST PARTY, UCR OPPOSITION, ALIANZA AND COMMIES.

2. ALN ESPECIALLY ACTIVE WITH SOUND TRUCKS IN BUEN EXHORTING PUBLIC TO UNITE BEHIND GUAT. INDICATIONS ARE THAT GOVT INTENDS CONTINUE EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN ORDER NOT UNNECESSARILY ANTAGONIZE U.S. SOME CGT HEADS WANTED STAGE 24 HOUR STRIKE PROTESTING U.S. INTERVENTION BUT GOVT PROHIBITED THIS. FEDERACION UNIVERSITARIA DE BUENOS AIRES ALSO TRYING PERSUADE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MAKE 24 HOUR STRIKE DEMONSTRATION FOR GUAT. POLICE WATCHING LEADERS. GUAT STUDENTS WHO TRIED BURN U.S. FLAG IN CALLE FLORIDA 24 JUNE WERE DISPERSED BY POLICE; SEVEN ARRESTED, OTHERS UNDER SURVEILLANCE. COMMIES PLANNING CARRY OUT "LIGHTENING" MEETINGS THIS WEEK. [] B 2).

3. FIELD COMMENT: IN FACE MOUNTING PRESSURE GOVT MAY NOT BE ABLE MAINTAIN DETACHED ATTITUDE. PRESS COVERAGE ALMOST

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ENTIRELY PRO-GUAT BUT EDITORIALS AND PROPAGANDA OF PRACTICALLY ALL ELEMENTS PROFESS ANTI-COMMIE AIM. THIS LINKED HOWEVER WITH ANTI-IMPERIALIST LINE CONDEMNING "INVASION" OF GUAT AND BLAMING UNITED FRUIT OR OTHER U.S. SPONSORED GROUPS. PARTICULARLY DAMAGING IS AGENCIA LATINA DIGEST OF MAX LERNER NY POST COLUMN IMPLICATING KUBARK IN DEMOCRACIA 24 JUNE.

4. THIS [] BELIEVES POSSIBLE DO VERY LITTLE TO REMEDY SITUATION SINCE OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC INCLINED VIEW U.S. AS GUILTY PARTY REGARDLESS OF ASPECT FROM WHICH SITUATION VIEWED. HOWEVER, ALMOST COMPLETE LACK NEWS COVERAGE OF CASTILLO FORCES HAS GIVEN GUAT GOVT FULL PRESS PLAY. UNLESS THIS DUE LOCAL SUPPRESSION, EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE STEP UP NEWS VOLUME FROM REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, WITH EMPHASIS ON RALLYING SUPPORT OF GUATEMALANS LIBERATED FROM COMMIE YOKE. ANTI-COMMIE CAUSE WHICH NOW RAPIDLY BECOMING OBSCURED IN EMOTIONAL OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC WAVE ANTI-U.S. OPINION, NEEDS REPEATED EMPHASIS. QUICK VICTORY WOULD HALT DETERIORATING U.S. PRESTIGE.

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