

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 23 JUNE 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : GUATEMALA CITY

ACTION: DD/P (L)(1)

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TO: (OPIM) DIR

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FROM JMBLUG TO WHITING

RE: DIR 05857 (OUT 56010)

~~MASTER~~

1. I RESTATE FOR PERSPECTIVE THAT A REAL SHOW OF FORCE ON 18 JUNE COULD HAVE TUMBLED GOVT.
2. EVENTS OVER THE WEEKEND HAVE LEFT TWO ALTERNATIVES:
 - A. PROTRACTED STRUGGLE, WHICH WE EVENTUALLY WIN.
 - B. DEFEAT.
3. I FEAR THAT CONCERN FOR SAVING FACE IN THE UN, PRESS AND ELSEWHERE MAY LEAD TO THE INFINITELY GRAVER LOSS OF FACE ATTENDANT ON DEFEAT. THE "FOREIGN POSTURE OF THE COUNTRY" IN LATIN AMERICA WILL BE IRREPARABLY DAMAGED BY DEFEAT IN WSBURNT. IF WE WIN, NOBODY WILL LISTEN TO THE COMMUNIST ORDERS.
4. THE ISSUE NOW IS HOW TO WAGE THE PROTRACTED STRUGGLE:
 - A. GIVE ALL SUPPORT TO CALLIGERIS. WE CANNOT AFFORD DESTRUCTION OF HIS FORCES; BETTER THAT THEY EVADE THE ENEMY THAN BE BEATEN. CALLIGERIS STILL HAS THREE POSSIBILITIES: AT A MAXIMUM,

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HE WILL WIN; OR, HE MAY TRIGGER THE ARMY TO REVOLT; AT A MINIMUM, HE WILL SIMPLY KEEP TENSION ALIVE. SUMAC HAS STATED TO ME THAT THE GOVT CANNOT STAND PROLONGED TENSION. HE REPEATED THIS ONE HOUR AGO.

B. STEP UP THE AIR OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE ARMY, TO INDUCE DEFECTION OR ELSE CRUSH IT.

C. STEP UP THE AIR OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE CAPITAL, TO STIR [] REMAINING TROOPS, ENCOURAGE FRIENDS, FRIGHTEN FOES.

D. REPLACE THE LOST F-47 AND PROCURE AS MANY OTHER FIGHTERS AS POSSIBLE.

E. IF NEITHER CALLIGERIS NOR THE ARMY WIN, CONTINUE AIR ATTACK ON THE CAPITAL UNTIL STANDEL CRACKS.

5. THE QUESTION BETWEEN STANDEL AND US IS ONLY THIS: WHO WILL CAPITULATE LAST? 230100Z.

END OF MESSAGE

GABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: MR. [] WH, NOTIFIED OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE AT 0400 23 JUN 54.

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