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GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA CITY, 15 JUNE 1954; [J]

FROM PERSON PRESENT AT MEETING (F). CONTENT 3.

1. ON NIGHT 15 JUNE AT MEETING OF TOP LEADERS GUARDIA CIVIL AND GUARDIA JUDICIAL, AUGUSTO CHARNAUD MC DONALD AND JAIME ROSENBERG, GUATEMALAN MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT AND CHIEF GUARDIA CIVIL RESPECTIVELY, ANNOUNCED THAT GOVERNMENT INFORMED BY "MOST RELIABLE SOURCE" THAT COL. CARLOS CASTILLO ARMAS PLANS UPRISING TO OVERTHROW GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT BETWEEN 18-19 JUNE.

2. MC DONALD STATED CASTILLO ARMAS GAVE FINAL TALK TO "STAFF MEMBERS" ON 12 JUNE PRIOR THEIR DEPARTURE FOR GUATEMALA TO JOIN "FORCES OF INTERIOR".

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3. MC DONALD STATED HIS SOURCE GOT IMPRESSION CASTILLO ARMAS NOT UPSET BY GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS AND ARRESTS KNOWN ANTI-COMMUNISTS SINCE IT HAD NOT DAMAGED CORE HIS FOLLOWERS. HOWEVER, CASTILLO AT MOMENT CANNOT JUDGE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT THESE ARRESTS

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MAY HAVE ON GUATEMALAN PEOPLE WHO WOULD SUPPORT HIS MOVEMENT.

(WASHINGTON COMMENT: PRESENT TENSION IN GUATEMALA AT EXTREME PITCH FOLLOWING EVENTS OF PAST TEN DAYS. IF INVASION AND/OR UPRISING OCCURS AS REPORTED, POSITION OF ARMY TOWARDS ARBENZ GOVERNMENT WILL BE DECISIVE. REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES TOP ARMY LEADERS INDICATES THEY MAY ATTEMPT OUST ARBENZ. NUMBER OF CASTILLO ARMAS FOLLOWERS IN ARMY MAY EFFECT DECISION OF ARMY LEADERS TO RESIST, STAND BY, OR COLLABORATE WITH ANTI-COMMUNISTS.)

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