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RE: HGGA 1219

1. K PROGRAM. FOLLOWING FURNISHED PAGE BY [ ] VIA  
ESQUIRE REPORT GOING OUT FIRST POUCH.

A. COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WITHIN PAST FEW DAYS  
CALLED ON ARBENZ OSTENSIBLY TO THANK HIM FOR NEW ARMS BUT ACTUALLY  
TO TELL ARBENZ ARMY SOLIDARITY ANTI-COMMUNIST AND TO SUGGEST TO  
HIM HE RID GOVT OF COMMUNISTS.

B. ARBENZ DECLARED WILLINGNESS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS  
SUBMITTED IN WRITING BY ARMY OFFICERS AT MEETING TO BE CALLED  
THIS WEEK. ARMY IN EFFECT ASKING PRESIDENT FOR CHANGE OF FRONT.

C. DURING SOCIAL FUNCTION MILITARY CASINO NIGHT 6 JUNE,  
GENERAL IMPRESSION WAS ONE OF CONSIDERABLE DISSATISFACTION WITH  
STATE GOVT AFFAIRS.

D. COLONEL ALFONS DUARTE STATIONED AT LA AURORA BASE  
MADE STATEMENT HE COULD CLEAN OUT COMMUNISTS WITH ONE PLATOON  
TROOPS.

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E. [ ] BELIEVES LATENT ANTI COMMUNIST FEELING  
COMING TO SURFACE IN ARMY.

F. SMILAX PRESTIGE HAS FALLEN AS RESULT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.  
IS AVOIDING [ ]

G. [ ] BELIEVES CASTILLO WAS SUMMONED BEFORE  
DEFENSE COUNCIL AND REPRIMANDED FOR HIS CIRCULAR TO PEASANT GROUPS.

END OF MESSAGE

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