

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 08 JUNE 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

FROM : GUATEMALA

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)*

2003

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), WH (7), SA/PC/DCI (8)

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PRECEDENCE

TO: PRITY SLINC

INFO: PRITY DIR

CITE: SGUAT

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1. GOVT DECLARED SUSPENSION CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES AT 4 A.M. 8 JUNE. B2.
2. THIS MOST DRASTIC STEP TAKEN IN RECENT TIMES BY WSBURNT GOVT.
3. MORNING EDITION IMPACTO SEIZED.
4. DECLARATION CURFEW POSSIBLE.
5. PLANE REPORTED DROPPED LEAFLETS OVER QUETZALTENANGO NIGHT 7 JUNE. F-2.
6. FEAR PANIC SPREADING IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES AND OFFICES. CONSTANT MEETINGS GOVT HIGH COMMAND WITH FORTUNY RANKING COMMIES ATTENDING. FORTUNY ALLEGEDLY SUCCESSFULLY RECOMMENDING POLICY APPEASMENT TOWARD ODYOKE. B3. BANNISTER COMMENT: BELIEVE GOVT BECOMING DESPERATE ATTEMPTING SHORE UP POSITION. SUSPENSION GUARANTEES AND SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES REPRESSION MAY REBOUND GOVT DETRIMENT RATHER THAN BENEFIT. CONSIDER ARMY KEY SITUATION AND BELIEVE ARMY SITUATION AGAIN BECOMING FLUID. FLIGHT ESODICS

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CAUSED SENSATION SHOWED ARMY NOT WHOLE HEARTEDLY SUPPORTING
GOVT. INDIVIDUAL ARMY OFFICERS GRIPING AT CONSTANT STATE ALERT
AND BELIEVED DISSATISFACTION COULD MOUNT TO POINT ACTION IF
GOVT MAKES FOOLISH MOVES IN ATTEMPT KEEP AFLOAT. SOURCES:
ESPARTO, ESCHEL, ESPERANCE, ESCONSON-2.

END OF MESSAGE

* CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

MR. JACOB ESTERLINE, WHO, NOTIFIED OF THE RECEIPT OF
THE ABOVE MESSAGE AT 2130 HOURS, 8 JUNE 54.

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