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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : GUATEMALA

ACTION: WH (PBS)(1-3)

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FOLLOWING FROM PAGE:

1. SWALLOW ON DAY DEPARTURE FOR [] 31 MAY, CHANCED UPON SMILAX AND [] AT AIRPORT. SPOKE TO THEM SEPARATELY, POINTING OUT GUATEMALA FACING SERIOUS MOMENT. AMERICAN PEOPLE DETERMINED ELIMINATE COMMUNISM IN GUATEMALA. AMERICAN IN TOWN ANXIOUS MAKE POSITION CLEAR TO THEM.

2. SMILAX AND [] REACTION ONE OF OBVIOUS PANIC. BOTH INDEPENDENTLY, BUT IN ALMOST IDENTICAL TERMS, REFUSED MEETING THE AMERICAN "WHO CANNOT TELL US ANYTHING WE DO NOT ALREADY KNOW" "VIZ" QUE NOS VAN A JODER".

3. SWALLOW ON RETURN FROM [] AFTERNOON 2 JUNE, AGAIN MET SMILAX EN ROUTE TO [] "WHICH IN ALMOST CONTINUOUS SESSION". SMILAX PARRIED ALL EFFORTS INVITE HIM TO MEETING WITH AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE.

4. NEXT MEETING PAGE/SWALLOW SCHEDULED FOR 6 JUNE. WILL SERVE PURPOSE DEBRIEFING SWALLOW RE HIS ESTIMATE SITUATION.

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5. SWALLOW CONVINCED SMILAX AND [] WILL REPORT AIRPORT EXCHANGE TO ARBENZ. FIELD COMMENT:

A. ANY SUBSEQUENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN MEETING "AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE" PRESUMABLY GOVT CONTROLLED MOVE. DESIGNED EITHER LEARN AMERICAS TERMS OR IMPLICATE UNITED STATES ACTIVITIES INIMICAL GUAT SECURITY. SHALL INSTRUCT SWALLOW NOT PURSUE EFFORTS AND, IF APPROACHED, STATE AMERICAN LEFT GUATEMALA, THIS HAVING BEEN LAST ATTEMPT ENGAGE HIGH COMMAND MEMBERS IN FRANK EXCHANGE VIEWS. HENCEFORTH TERMS TO BE PRESENTED ON TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT BASIS. IF SWALLOW AMENABLE, PROPOSE SUGGEST TO HIM HE HANDLE FURTHER DEFECTION EFFORTS OUR BEHALF, CONCENTRATING ON SMILAX.

B. AVAILABLE EVIDENCE REGIME AT BAY BUT DETERMINED FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL SHORT OF OUTRIGHT INTERVENTION, UNITED STATES COULD IMPLEMENT FOLLOWING UNILATERAL MOVES PRIOR OAS CONFERENCE:

1. DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY WITH OPPOSITION, EXPRESSING HOPES ARRESTEES NOT SUBJECT TO TORTURE.

2. IMMEDIATELY DECLARE BATTLE ACT APPLICABLE TO GUATEMALA SINCE ITS REGIME NOW DEMONSTRABLY COMMUNIST.

3. REEXAMINE ISSUE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IN PUBLIC LIMELIGHT.

4. REFUSE NEGOTIATE UNITED FRUIT ISSUE WITH ARBENZ REGIME, IMPLYING ITS SPAN OF LIFE ABOUT ENDED.

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C. UNITED STATES PRESTIGE ON TRIAL IN GUATEMALA.
YANKEE INTERVENTIONISM IS IMMATERIAL AND CONSTRUED HERE AS PRETEXT
FOR VACILLATION. NO INFORMED ANTI-COMMUNIST GUATEMALAN DOUBTS
THAT REGIME AGRESSIVELY CHALLENGING UNITED STATES ON KREMLIN
ORDERS. CULMATIVE EFFECT APPARENT UNITED STATES IRRESOLUTION AND
PBSUCCESS SETBACK LIABLE BRING ABOUT COMPLETE DEMORALIZATION
RESISTANCE ELEMENTS.

6. K PROGRAM UNDER PAGE REVIEW IN LIGHT RAPIDLY DETERIORAT-
ING OPS SECURITY CONDITIONS AND LIKELIHOOD FURTHER SIGNIFICANT
SECESSIONS WILL CEASE PENDING PBSUCCESS DAMAGE AND EMERGENCE
STRONG AND UNCOMPROMISING UNITED STATES STAND. BANNISTER NO COMMENT.

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* WASH SIGNAL CENTER COMMENT: ABOVE AS RCVD.

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