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SUBJECT: OB Summary

1. This summary includes all military zones in Guatemala, except Guatemala City, which will be the subject of a separate memo and El Peten, which will not be covered.

2. Totals are those for the entire garrison and for all detachments within the Department and are the maximum figures given by sources rated B-3 or above. Main sources are RUFUS' OB Report and Guatemalan Army Attache Reports. Latest reports (such as Alfhem) have not been included, as the attached list is only a point from which to start.

3. The greatest discrepancies occur in Army figures:

a. Number of Men--in almost all cases RUFUS' figures are at least 70, and at most 480, men above the figures of the Army Attache. SECANT's figures, when available, are more in agreement with those of the Army Attache.

b. Arms & Ammo--Army Attache information is in all cases more complete than that from RUFUS. Pistols, rifles and arms below calibre 9mm are not included.

4. In checking the attached figures with Operations Plan figures, the following is noted:

a. Those for Zones 1, 2, Puerto Barrios and San Jose agree with RUFUS' figures, except that in the case of the Guardia Civil the Operations Plan figures include only those at the garrison city and not those for the entire Department.

b. In the case of Zone 3, the Operations Plan figure is 20 men above RUFUS'--this is probably a copying error in counting 50 instead of 30 men at Jalapatagua.

c. In the case of Zone 5 the Operations Plan figure is 928. This includes 148 men at Huehuetenango, which should be included under Zone 6 and not Zone 5. Also the Guardia Civil figure in Zone 5 includes 100 men at Huehuetenango and excludes 60 men at Solola and 56 men at Totonicapan. These changes made, the Operations Plan figure for Zone 3 checks out with the attached.

d. The Operations Plans for Quiche (Zone 6) and Mazatenango (Zone 4) are not available at this writing.

5. The Guardia Civil figures given by RUFUS and SECANT are more or less constant, although discrepancies exist. The Guardia Civil is equipped with 1 38mm pistol and 1 7mm pistol per man.

6. It must be kept in mind that the attached figures should not be considered completely accurate. They represent merely a sum total of the information available from our sources. No explanation could be found, for instance, to explain RUFUS' listing of 383 men and the Army Attache's listing of 353 men for the Quezaltenango Military Zone. In any event, the greatest number has been taken.

| Zones       | <u>ARMY</u>      |                  | <u>GUARDIA CIVIL</u>                                 |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|--|
|             | Rufus            | Army Attache     |  |
| 1           | 388              | 318              | 139  |
| 2           | 816 <sup>1</sup> | 643              | 389  |
| 3           | 856 <sup>2</sup> | 729              | 385  |
| 4           | 833 <sup>3</sup> | 353              | 178  |
| 5           | 780              | 643              | 525  |
| 6           | 536 <sup>4</sup> | 319              | 176  |
| Pto Barrios | ---              | 198 <sup>5</sup> | 183  |
| San Jose    | 223              | ---              | 32   |
| Totals:     | 4,630 (Maximum)  |                  | 2,007 = 6,637<br>(excluding Guat City and El Peten.) |

1 SECANT lists 682. A rifle company was reportedly sent to Guat City. The Army Attache believes it is actually constructing the Atlantic Highway. No confirmation.

2 SECANT lists 701.

3 SECANT lists 387.

4 RUFUS lists 882 men "near" airport. Precisely what is meant by this is not known.

5 306 men listed in 1952. 1954 figure is 198.

ARMS AND AMMO

(List is a composite of RUFUS and Army Attache figures)

| <u>Zones</u> |   | <u>Transportation</u>                            |
|--------------|---|--|
| 1            | 6 MG, 7mm<br>2 MG, 30 cal.<br>2 50 cal. anti-aircraft guns<br>2 42 mm's<br><br>10,000 rds 7mm<br>handgrenades   | 2 jeeps<br>1 2½ ton truck<br>1 ½ ton Dodge truck |
| 2            | 10 MG, 7mm<br>4 MG, 30 cal.<br>6 MG, 45 cal.<br>6 MG, AA, 50 cal.<br>2 LMG, 30 cal.<br>5 SMG, 45 cal.<br>4 75mm Anderson<br>2 42mm cannon<br>2 37mm cannon<br><br>900 cases dynamite<br>8,000 rds 75mm<br>118,000 rds 7mm<br>5,212 rds 37mm | 4 tanks<br>3 jeeps<br>3 2½ ton trucks            |
| 3            | 8 MG, 7mm<br>1 MG, 45 cal.<br>1 LMG<br>2 75mm Anderson (believed to be here<br>by Army Attache)<br>2 42mm cannon<br><br>128,000 rds 7mm   | 1 2½ ton truck<br>2 jeeps                        |
| 4            | 8 MG, 7mm<br>2 42mm cannon  | 1 1½ ton truck<br>2 jeeps                        |
| 5            | 7 MG, 7mm<br>4 MG, 30 cal.<br>2 MG, 45 cal.<br>4 MG 50 cal.<br>4 LMG<br>6 75mm Pack Howitzers (53 report says these not in evidence)<br>4 42mm cannon<br><br>100,000 rds 7mm  | 4 jeeps<br>2 2½ ton trucks                       |

Zones

|             |   |                                |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 6           | 6 MG, 7mm<br>4 MG, 7.65Mm<br>1 MG, 45 cal.<br>2 42mm cannon<br><br>50,000 rds 7mm | 2 2½ton trucks<br>2 jeeps      |
| Pto Barrios | 6 MG, 7mm<br>2 MG, 50 cal.<br>2 MG, AA, 50 cal. (?)                               | 1 jeep                         |
| San Jose    | No weapons other than<br>rifles listed.   | 2 jeeps<br>1 commercial sedan. |

| OB   | Officers   | Enlisted Men   | Guardia Civil |
|--|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Guatemala City                                 |            |                |               |
| Cuartel General                                | Off 48     | 348            |               |
| Hq   |            | EM 232         | GC            |
| MPolice  |            |                |               |
| 1,2,3 Mobile Units                             |            |                |               |
| Presidential Guard Battalion                   |            |                |               |
| Escuela de Aplicacion & Escuela de Politecnica |            | 200            |               |
| Fort Matamoros                                 | 12         | <del>147</del> |               |
| (Maestranza Ordnance Depot)                    |            |                |               |
| Guardia de Honor (1st Inf. Reg)                | 57         | 735            |               |
| Hqtrs  |            |                |               |
| 105mm Howitzer Battery                         |            |                |               |
| Infantry Battalion (1,2,3 R. Cos)              |            |                |               |
| Light Tank Company                             |            |                |               |
| Heavy Weapons Company                          |            |                |               |
| Base Militar (2nd Inf. Reg.)                   | 60         | 800            |               |
| Hq   |            |                |               |
| Infantry Battalion (1,2,3 R Cos.)              |            |                |               |
| Light Tank Company                             |            |                |               |
| Heavy Weapons Company                          |            |                |               |
| 75mm Howitzer Battery                          |            |                |               |
| Air Force                                      | 49         | 478            |               |
| Infantry Security Guard Battalion (1 Off       |            |                |               |
| 173 EM)  |            |                |               |
| Hospital Militar                               | 13         | 95             |               |
| Cipresales Airfield                            | 5          |                |               |
| Fort Matamoros (Maestranza Ordnance Depot)     | 12         | 147            |               |
| El Acietuno                                    |            |                |               |
| (new home for Base Militar ?)                  |            |                |               |
|  | <u>330</u> | <u>2803</u>    |               |

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