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IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. HIGHLIGHTS OFFICIAL GUAT GOVT STATEMENTS CONNECTION ARMS SHIPMENT, CULLED FROM BROADCAST MONITORING REPORTS, FOLLOW:
2. TGWA GUATEMALA, 10 MAY, 1830 GMT: TORIELLO TALK ON CARACAS, SCHEDULED TOMORROW GUAT UNIV, POSTPONED BECAUSE TORIELLO'S POOR HEALTH.
3. LRS BUENOS AIRES, 19 MAY, 0100 GMT, QUOTED GUAT FOR MINISTRY STATEMENT 18 MAY: "THE PURCHASE OF ARMS FROM ANY NATION IN THE WORLD IS A NORMAL EXERCISE OF A COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGNTY".
4. TGWA GUATEMALA, 19 MAY 1300 GMT: "THE GUAT FOR MINISTRY HAS MAINTAINED A CERTAIN RESERVE ABOUT THE ALARMING DECLARATIONS MADE BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE PURCHASE OF ARMS WHICH GUAT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE MADE FROM RUSSIA. NOTHING OFFICIAL IS KNOWN ABOUT IT". SAME PROGRAM QUOTED TORIELLO, AT PRESS CONF YESTERDAY 9 PM: "HE DISAUTHORIZES ALL AND EACH OF THE PRESS STATEMENTS ISSUED YESTERDAY ABOUT THE DECLARATIONS OF THE U.S. STATE DEPT AND PRESS

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SAYING THAT THE GUAT GOVT HAD OBTAINED ARMS FROM A CERTAIN EUROPEAN NATION".

5. RADIO COOPERATIVA VITALICIA, VALPARAISO, 21 MAY, 0200 GMT: GUAT EMBASSY SANTIAGO ISSUED STATEMENT THAT IMPUTATION THAT GUAT HAS BEEN IMPORTING ARMS FROM POLAND IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE.

6. TIDCR SAN JOSE, 21 MAY, 2300 GMT, FROM GUAT: OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE SAYS THAT THIS COUNTRY HAS NOT BOUGHT ARMS FROM SOVIET UNION OR FROM ANYONE, HOWEVER, IF IT HAD DONE SO, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EXERCISING ITS LEGITIMATE RIGHT AS A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY TO TRADE FREELY WITH ANY NATION OF THE WORLD.

7. PARIS AFP 25 MAY 0107 QUOTES TORIELLO AT PRESS CONF MONDAY: "QUESTIONED AS TO THE TRUTH OF FOREIGN REPORTS THAT THE U.S. HAS SEIZED TWO SHIPS WITH ARMS FOR GUAT, TORIELLO STATED FLATLY THAT GUAT HAD NOT PLACED ANY ORDER FOR ARMS."

8. COKG SANTIAGO 25 MAY 1545 GMT: TORIELLO SAID THAT THE U.S.-ANNOUNCED ORDER TO INTERCEPT SHIPS SUSPECTED OF BRINGING ARMS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO ANY COUNTRY OF AMERICA WOULD BE AN ACT OF PIRACY. HE ADDED THAT GUAT IS NOT EXPECTING FURTHER ARMS SHIPMENTS SINCE SHE HAS ALREADY OBTAINED A SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO ENFORCE RESPECT OF PEACE WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE NATION.

9. NY TIMES RADIOTELETYPE FROM GUAT CITY VIA RCA, 25 MAY, 2144 GMT: "DESPITE ITS ACQUISITION OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF CZECH

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ARMS, THE GUAT GOVT HAS NO INTENTION OF SEEKING WITHDRAWAL OF THE U.S. ARMY AND AIR FORCE MISSIONS. THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY TORIELLO AND COL PARINELLO, CHIEF OF STAFF. - - - THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHO HAS DENIED THAT ANY MORE ARMS ARE ON THE WAY HERE, SAID THE GOVT WILL NOT MAKE PUBLIC THE DETAILS OF THE TYPE OR AMOUNT OF ARMS PURCHASED."

10. MOSCOW, TASS, 29 MAY, 0140 GMT, QUOTES FROM IZVESTIA: "GUAT IS ALSO FALSELY ACCUSED OF PURCHASING A LARGE QUANTITY OF ARMS FROM PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES".

11. SANTIAGO, 30 MAY, 0100 GMT, QUOTES PHONE INTERVIEW DIARIO DE COLOMBIA, BOGOTA, WITH TORIELLO: "ASKED IF IT WERE TRUE THAT GUAT HAD COMMUNIST-MADE ARMS, TORIELLO ANSWERED: THERE IS NOT ONE SINGLE ARM IN GUAT OF SUCH ORIGIN."

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