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Exec

C/PP. -- Page's statement is so forceful and so pertinent to the basic approach to PBSUCCESS that I believe LINCOLN should either expressly endorse it or specifically take exception to whatever points may be in conflict with LINCOLN's policy.

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I see no points of conflict with PBSUCCESS whatever on contrary consider his views clearly in line with KUBARK policy thinking. I believe only difference represented is that which reflect's Holland's policy which after all is ODACID's and not to be construed as KUBARK's. ODACID has its dignified posture to maintain while KUBARK has the job to do - I too, lament the harmful effect of Holland's policy on PBSUCCESS but recognize we can do no more than express our views to Hq.

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I REFUSE TO BELIEVE US DELEGATION TO OAS UNDER INSTRUCTION TO INVITE ASSOCIATED NATIONS TO PREVENT FURTHER ARMS SHIPMENTS FROM REACHING GUATEMALA AND ENJOIN GUATEMALANS PURGE THEMSELVES OF COMMUNISM. SUCH RESOLUTION, IF ADOPTED, WOULD INSULT INTELLIGENCE OF GUAT PEOPLE AND BE STAB IN BACK OF RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AT PARTICULARLY CRITICAL JUNCTURE. WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO WRITING OFF RECENT ARMS SHIPMENT WHICH BIG ENOUGH TO LAST GUATEMALA FOR YEARS TO COME. GUAT PEOPLE NEVER TURNED COMMUNIST. AN INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY FOISTED COMMUNISM OFF ON THEM. THEIR DESIRE TO BE PURGED NOT OF COMMUNISM BUT OF REGIME AIDING AND ABETING COMMUNISM, A REGIME THE U. S. RECOGNIZES AND KEEPS ALIVE ECONOMICALLY. COULD THEY SPEAK THEIR MINDS FREELY THEY WOULD IMPLORE U.S. RID THEM OF STRANGLEHOLD COMMUNIST MINORITY, IF NEED BE BY DIRECT MILITARY INTERVENTION. INCONCEIVABLE THAT U.S. SHOULD BECOME INSTRUMENTAL GRANTING GUAT REGIME DESPARATELY NEEDED BREATHING SPELL AND A PLATFORM FROM WHICH AGAIN THEY CAN INVOKE BOLIVAR'S SPIRIT. AT THIS STAGE ANY PRECIPITATE MOVE NORMALIZE CONDITIONS NOT SERVING U.S. BUT USSR INTERESTS. LAST WEEK'S EVENT MOST ENCOURAGING, WITH GUAT REGIME GROGGY AND ANXIOUSLY AWAITING GONG. U.S. SHOULD CONTINUE EXPLORATORY MOVES, STEP UP WAR OF NERVES, KEEP GUAT REGIME GUESSING AND OFF BALANCE AND WITHOUT TIPPING HAND, HINT AT POSSIBILITY UNILATEREL INTERVENTION. MY CONSIDERED OPINION ANY WEAKENING OUT STRONG STAND WILL CONSOLIDATE ARBENZ REGIME TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT FURTHER ATTEMPTS DEFECT SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS OF ARMY HIGH COMMAND DOOMED TO FAILURE.

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