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1. C J HELD A BUSINESS MEETING EARLY AFTERNOON
 27 MAY WITH FRANCISCO MORZAN AND LT COL JOSE A. LARA, ASSISTANT
 G-4 OF WSBURNT ARMY IN CHARGE OF SUBSISTANCE AND EQUIPMENT.

2. WHEN C J ARRIVED MORZAN WAS RANTING ABOUT
 ODYOKE IMPERIALISM, WAS ACCUSING LOCAL ODUNIT REPRESENTATIVE OF
 HAVING TRIED SABOTAGE ARMS TRAIN, AND CLAIMED ODYOKE SERVANT UFCO.
 MORZAN RANTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES WHILE LARA BECAME
 PROGRESSIVELY MORE ANNOYED. FINALLY, LARA BLEW HIS CORK AND MADE
 FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

A. MORZAN LIKE ARBENZ, SHOULD REALIZE THAT ARMY HAS NO
 INTENTION PULLING COMMUNIST CHESTNUT OUT OF FIRE NOR DEFEND
 UNTENABLE POSITION PROVOKED BY COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES.

B. MORZAN SHOULD CAREFULLY READ SMILAX SPEECH AND
 REALIZE IMPLICATIONS.

C. ARMY HAD INVESTIGATED SABOTAGE ATTEMPT AND CONVINCED
 THIS STUPID MANEUVER PART OF COMMUNISTS TO GAIN ARMY SUPPORT.

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D. ARMY HAS NO SYMPATHY FOR COMMUNISTS, COMMUNIST LEADERS OR POLITICIANS COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNISTS.

E. ARMY REALIZE ODOYKE COULD EASILY HAVE PREVENTED ARRIVAL ARMS BUT DID NOT DO SO BECAUSE THESE ARE GERMAN MANUFACTURE 1942, 1943, 1944 AND ANTIQUATED. MOREOVER, ARMY REALIZES IT IN SPOT BECAUSE TO DATE ARMY HAS MAINTAINED A POLITICAL STAND. BUT IF PASSAGE THESE ARMS TO COMMUNISTS PERMITTED ARMY BECOMES ACCOMPLICE AND "MIGHT HAVE TO PAY THE PENALTY WHICH ARMY HAS NO INTENTION OF DOING".

F. ENDED CONVERSATION WITH MORZAN BY TELLING LATTER HE WANTED PROPERTIES JOINTLY PURCHASED TO BE SPLIT BECAUSE "YOU ARE NOT IN A VERY GOOD POSITION BEING A POLITICIAN WHEREAS I AM ARMY OFFICER AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE HURT".

3. [] WAS ASTOUNDED BY FOLLOWING:

A. MORZAN SHUT UP AND TOOK STRONG LANGUAGE, INCLUDING BLASPHEMY, FROM LARA.

B. THE FACT THAT LARA, LT COLONEL, WOULD HAVE NERVE OR TERMITY TO SPEAK THUS TO TRUSTED ASSOCIATE OF ARBENZ ESPECIALLY SINCE MORZAN AGAIN CLOSE TO PRESIDENT AND ATTENDS ALL CABINET MEETINGS.

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