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DATE 27 MAY 1954

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Noted by DGI
28 MAY 1954

26 May 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT : Reported Contents of the ALFHEM Cargo

1. Available information indicates that approximately 125 railroad cars of cargo were unloaded from the ALFHEM and transferred to Guatemala City, where the last railroad cars were being unloaded during the evening of 24 May. The best sources of information concerning the specific items in the cargo have been

and the Assistant Air Attache from Guatemala City who went to Puerto Barrios and managed to enter the yards during the evening of 18 May as well as observe several loaded trains leaving Puerto Barrios and entering Guatemala City.

2. Much of the information does not include the type or number of specific items reported to have been included in the cargo, and several ultimate sources were obviously not familiar with military terms and could only describe items in very general terms.

3. Attached is a list of specific items which have been reported as part of the cargo unloaded by the ALFHEM.

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[] Comment: This information is derived only from Project traffic; it has not been possible to make an analysis based on all info sent in by various agencies. It has been suggested to Mr. Bissel that his committee coordinate the matter by requesting Ambassador Puerifoy to prepare with the cooperation of all sources the best available estimate on the spot.

In all probability the items in sub-paragraphs of paragraph 1 should not be totaled; the sub-paragraphs probably represent different reports on the same category. Moreover, it is unlikely that they would import a variety of fighter types. It would seem likely, however, that the total desired by them would be over ten fighters. With regard to paragraph 2, the tanks should not be totaled.

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1. Aircraft:

- a. 5 P-51's, with an unknown additional number scheduled to arrive-GUAT 649
- b. Spitfires, number unknown - GUAT 647
- c. 10 combat aircraft - [] 1241
- d. 15 MIG-15's (rumored)

2. Tanks:

- a. 35 light tanks - GUAT 632
- b. 10 tanks - [] 1241
- c. Small two-man tanks, with small single gun mounted in turret.
Small enough to be transported by truck - GUAT 641 (Assistant Air Attache)
- d. Tanks to be put together in Guatemala - GUAT 648

3. Artillery:

- a. Field pieces - GUAT 632
- b. French cannons (Saint Shannon) - GUAT 647
- c. 105 mm. artillery [] 1241

4. Rifles and small arms:

- a. 10,000 rifles - GUAT 610
- b. Czech rifles, "enough to arm 40,000 men" - GUAT 647
- c. Rifles - GUAT 641

5. Machine-guns:

- a. "Super" machine-guns - GUAT 610
- b. Sub-machine-guns - GUAT 641
- c. Revolvers, automatics - GUAT 610

6. Anti-aircraft guns:

- a. "Pock-pock" cannons with several barrels (possibly BOFORS 20 mm. A.A.)

7. Anti-tank guns:

- a. Anti-tank weapons - GUAT 610
- b. Bazookas - GUAT 610

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8. Hand-grenades:
 - a. "Thousands" of hand-grenades - GUAT 641 (Assistant Air Attache)
9. Radar Equipment - GUAT 610
10. Unidentified boxes:
 - a. Large crates measuring 3' x 6' x 9' high, weighing about 785 pounds, with one side perpendicular and one side sloped like a pyramid and the top about 18" in diameter - transported on 7 flat-cars.
 - b. Small crates measuring 36" x 18" high weighing 130-175 pounds. Received special care which may indicate contents to be ammunition. The boxes bore the word "Belgica" and had a champagne glass stencilled on the side with an arrowhead bearing the letter "D" in the upper left hand prong and the letter "C" in the upper right hand prong. The letters "S" and "O" were placed vertically in the center of the arrowhead. The number "1/495" on the box observed may indicate the first of 495 boxes of this type. GUAT 593 (Assistant Air Attache)
11. Ammunition:

Other than 10(b) above and a Guatemala station comment that some ammunition probably had arrived in Guatemala City, there were no definite reports by any other sources.

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