

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 21 MAY 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

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ROUTINE
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TO: DIR

INFO: SLINC

CITE: []

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- RE: A. DIR 45795 (OUT 84885)
- B. DIR 49462 (OUT 92225)

1. REF A: GUAT PURCHASE IRON CURTAIN ARMS FEATURED FRONT PAGE ALL BOGOTA PAPERS. 19 MAY, EL TIEMPO FIRST PAGE HEADLINE STATES "GUATEMALA DOES NOT DENY IT BOUGHT ARMS OUTSIDE U S", AND IN LONG EDITORIAL CONDEMNS THIS GUAT ACTION. FIRST REPROOF BY EL TIEMPO OF GUAT. EL COLOMBIANO, EL DIA, AND LA REPUBLICA SAME DAY HAD STRONG ANTI-GUAT EDITORIAL. HALF EDITION LA REPUBLICA DEVOTED ANTI-COMMIE THEME. EL DIA, 21 MAY FIRST PAGE HEADLINE STATES "GUATEMALA TODAY IS THE BASTION OF COMMUNISM IN AMERICA".

2. REF B: [] WROTE EXCELLENT ARTICLE THIS THEME BROADCAST BY [] 17 AND 18 MAY AND PUBLISHED IN NAME [] IN LA REPUBLICA 19 MAY. NO REACTION LOCALLY. [] PREPARING ANOTHER ARTICLE.

3. BOGOTA PRESS THIS WEEK DEFINITELY CREATED STRONG ANTI-GUAT

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ATMOSPHERE WITH EVEN PRO-Guatemalan EL TIEMPO WRITING UNFAVORABLE EDITORIAL. ONLY PAPER WITH LUKEWARM ANTI-GUAT EDITORIAL WAS EL ESPECTADOR ON 19 MAY WHICH ALSO HAD SMALL EDITORIAL ARTICLE PRAISING GUAT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES HERE WHO IT STATES HAS OFFERED \$1,000 PRIZE TO COLOMBIAN WRITERS ASSN.

4. [] INAUGURAL PARADE WRITTEN UP FRONT PAGE LA REPUBLICA, EL TIEMPO AND EL ESPECTADOR ATTEMPTS BEING MADE INTRODUCE STRONG ANTI-GUAT BANNERS DURING PROCESSION.

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