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This is a paraphrase of IN 49605 from Guatemala, which [ ] is going to show Navy. 5/21/54

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The following has been received from Ambassador Peurifoy:

1. I am sure you are aware of the type of equipment landed in Guatemala. We also have reports that at least one more ship with ammunition is approaching these shores. It seems to me that the time has come for drastic action. The psychological situation is such here that it is hard to put it into words. Everyone is expecting something to be done. At the same time everyone believes, whether rightly or wrongly, that OAS will not be our solution.

2. Should this ammunition ship arrive and its cargo be dispatched, nothing short of direct military intervention will succeed.

3. I want you to know above is written not in panic but with the cool and deadly determination that freedom shall not perish in this country.

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