

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ROUTING

DATE : 20 MAY 54

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TO : DIRECTOR  
 FROM : GUATEMALA CITY  
 ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)  
 INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), WH (7), SA/PC/DCI (8), A/DD/P/P (9)

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GUAT 609 (IN 49408)

2010Z 20 MAY 54

ROUTINE  
PRECEDENCE

TO: OPIM SLINC  
 RYBAT PBSUCCESS

INFO: DIR

CITE: SGUAT

1. WHILE CROSSING BRIDGE 16 MILES OUT OF PUERTO BARRIOS NEAR VILLAGE OF CASTENDA, TRAIN OF 8 CARS TEMPORARILY DELAYED DUE EXPLOSION ON RAIL. TRAIN STOPPED IMMEDIATELY AND CREW EXAMINED RAILS FINDING ONE CHARGE EXPLOSIVE STILL UNEXPLODED ON ONE RAIL. SECOND CHARGE ON OTHER RAIL IS ONE WHICH CAUSED EXPLOSION. ONE RAIL SLIGHTLY SPLIT, ENDS 3 TIES BLOWN OFF. UNEXPLODED BOMB IN POSSESSION MINISTER DEFENSE WHO ARRIVED AT SCENE SHORTLY AFTER EXPLOSION TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION.

2. DAMAGE REPAIRED IMMEDIATELY AND TRAIN PROCEEDED ACROSS BRIDGE. MEANWHILE MOTOR CAR BROUGHT FROM ENTRE CITY WHICH PRECEDED TRAIN INTO CAPITAL ACTING AS ESCORT AND PROTECTOR. OTHER THAN UNEXPLODED CHARGE IN POSSESSION SANCHEZ, NO OTHER CLUES.

3. TRAIN OF 8 CARS LEAVE PUERTO BARRIOS NOON 20 MAY. SOURCE

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