

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 17 MAY 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

FROM : GUATEMALA CITY

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)

2003

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), WH (7), A/DD/P/P (8), SA/PC/DCI (9)

GUAT 573 (IN 48886)

2147Z 17 MAY 54

ROUTINE

TO: SLINC (PRIORITY)

INFO: DIR

PRECEDENCE

CITE: SGUAT

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

RE: GUAT 567 (IN 47716)

1. [] ADVISED 17 MAY THAT DUE TOTAL WEIGHT SHIPMENT PLUS FACT RAILS ARE NARROW GAUGE AND ROAD GRADE EXTREMELY STEEP SEVERAL PLACES BETWEEN PUERTO BARRIOS AND CAPITAL APPROX 100 RAILROAD CARS WILL BE NEEDED TRANSPORT CARGO. FOR THAT REASON SHIPMENT WILL BE BROUGHT TO CAPITAL IN SEVERAL TRAINS, POSSIBLY 8 TO 10.

2. FURTHER STATED THAT WSBURNT GOVT ORDERED 15 FLAT CARS BUT JUST CANCELLED 8 CARS. REMAINING 7 LEFT PUERTO BARRIOS FOR CAPITAL AT 9:30 A.M. TODAY. CARS LOADED WITH LARGE CRATES, DIMENSIONS AND NUMBER AS YET UNKNOWN. GOVT ADVISED [] THEY WILL NOT NEED MORE FLAT CARS. [] OF OPINION CRATES CONTAIN HEAVY FIELD PIECES.

3. DUE STORM WHICH STARTED BARRIOS SATURDAY NIGHT AND CONTINUED THROUGH SUNDAY, ONLY ABOVE 7 CARS OF CRATES UNLOADED. WORKMEN ON DOCK SAY "REST WILL BE EASY" INDICATING REMAINING PORTION CONSISTS SMALL CRATES.

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4. [] GAVE INSTRUCTIONS [] SATURDAY TO STALL AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. STATED IF GIVEN OPPORTUNITY WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE ENTIRE SHIPMENT STORED IN CARS ON RAIL SIDING AT STATION NAMED "LA BARRERA" LOCATED THREE AND ONE HALF MILES (PORTION MISSING; BEING SVCD) EAST OF CAPITAL, AND SITUATED CLOSE TO MILITARY BASE NAMED "ACETUNA" CURRENTLY UNDER COMPLETION AND POSSIBLY ULTIMATE DESTINATION ARMAMENT, ACCORDING []

5. ATTEMPTING SPOT AMMO SINCE CONSIDER THIS KEY TO MATTER.

END OF MESSAGE.

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

MR. ESTERLINE, WH, NOTIFIED OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE
AT 1750 17 MAY 54.

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