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- On 18 December 1953 Francisco Fernando FERNANDEZ Foncea, leftist who was recently ousted as secretary-general of the Partido Accion Revolucionaria (PAR), told Luis CARA Chars, Spanish political exile residing in Guatemala, that Juan Jose AREVALO, former Guatemalan President, had left Guatemala for Cuba in a great state of irritation with President Jacobo ARBENZ, following a major political disagreement with him. FERNANDEZ Foncea stated that immediately following AREVALO's arrival in Guatemala on 23 November 1953 to attend the funeral of his sister, Blanca Arevalo de SANDOVAL, he had several interviews with ARBENZ. ARBENZ called attention to statements AREVALO had made recently in Chile to the effect that Guatemala was not Communist and that it greatly resembled Argentina, with its peronistic social and economic policies. These statements and their political implications were discussed at great length, according to FERNANDEZ Foncea, the point that disturbed ARBENZ the most being the comparison to the PERON regime.
- CARA Chars stated that ARBENZ and AREVALO failed to reach an agreement and that AREVALO will be long in returning to Guatemala. Another possible consequence of the ARBENZ-AREVALO dispute, according to CARA Chars, may be the gradual decline of the AREVALO supporters who now hold public office.

[Redacted] AREVALO left Guatemala on 16 December 1953 for Habana, Cuba, where he had an interview with President Fulgencio BATISTA. He is believed to have returned to Chile from Cuba after visiting several other countries.

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