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The following information has been received concerning additional arms shipments to Costa Rica.

- 1. In a letter written by Mr. G. T. Ross, United Fruit Shipping Agent, New York 4, New York, on 26 January, a quantity of arms shipped to Costa Rica was described. The cargo, shipped from New York on that date on the SS CAPE COD to the Ministerio de Seguridad, Costa Rica, comprised the following:

- 25 cases of safety cartridges
- 11 cartons sub-machine gun magazines
- 17 cases rifles

The shipment was made for the account of Arthur Sklarew & Company, Bill of Lading No. 208, at a freight charge of \$201.08.

- 2. A second letter from Ross, dated 2 February 1949, stated that another shipment of arms left New York on that date, also consigned to the Ministerio de Seguridad, Costa Rica. This lot included two hundred cases of cartridges, and was written to the account of Arthur Sklarew & Company, Bill of Lading No. 72, with freight charges of \$442.33. Both shipments were sent to the port of Limon, Costa Rica.

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Swiss merchandise left Antwerp for Limon with transit New York.*

- 4. On 4 February 1949, an individual named Julio Garcia transmitted the following message to Junta President Figueres from Guatemala:

Negotiations concerning departure of airplane have not been taken care of. Pilots and I in economic difficulties.**

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* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported that the firm of Vulhoff, Antwerp, Belgium, was shipping 475 packages of 6.35 caliber ammunition and 120 6.35 caliber rifles to the Costa Rican government.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. No information was confirmed regarding an airplane deal at the present time, although there have been rumors of various trades or purchases of aircraft from the Guatemalan government on behalf of the Caribbean revolutionists in the past.

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