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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: Information Possibly Connected with the Assassination
of Carlos CASTILLO Armas, former President of
Guatemala

1. On 1 July 1958 a usually reliable source [redacted] during the regime of Carlos CASTILLO Armas, former President of Guatemala, who was assassinated on the evening of 26 July 1957, said that [redacted] had told him of a Central American residing in New York who was going to Los Angeles to talk with others in Los Angeles about a plot against Central America. Although [redacted] did not indicate exactly when [redacted] had given him this information, it is believed that it was sometime in July 1957. [redacted] also said that in Los Angeles the Guatemalan Consul received an anonymous telephone call on 26 July 1957 in the morning, asking the Consul what was happening in Guatemala. [redacted] said the Consul did not know and asked the Guatemalan Embassy in Washington, which did not know either. The Embassy in Washington then sent a cable to Guatemala, asking what was happening there. The cable arrived on 26 July at about 5:00 p.m. CASTILLO Armas read the cable.

2. During the afternoon of 26 July 1957, a woman by the name of ORTIZ (fmu) went to the Guatemalan Consulate in Los Angeles and applied for a visa for travel in Guatemala. She asked the Consul what was happening in Guatemala.

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3. On 11 July 1953 [redacted] reported that [redacted] Vasquez Sanchez, Presidential guard, who shot President Carlos CASTILLO Arana on 26 July 1957 and then reportedly committed suicide, had previously taken a correspondence course in Radio from National Schools, Los Angeles. On 14 May 1953 VASQUEZ received a letter from National Schools, 1000 South Flower Street, Los Angeles 37, California, signed by [redacted]

4. On 17 May 1957 VASQUEZ received an urgent telegram from the same school. The telegram is quoted below:

17 May 1957

This message is very important for you. We have now study material ready to be sent to you. You will be interested to know that I have received authorization from the accounting department for your account to be considered and brought up-to-date as soon as we receive the payment of a single monthly installment from you.

Do not let any more time pass without acting.

[redacted]
Dept. of Studies*

[redacted] said that the letter and telegram were found in the home of VASQUEZ in San Antonio, Department of Suchitepéquez, Guatemala. It is not known if the underlining in the telegram appeared in the original or if it was added [redacted] because of the significance between the date of the telegram and the date of the president's death.

5. [redacted]
This Agency would also appreciate receiving any information obtained which might relate the activities in Los Angeles with the assassination of CASTILLO Arana.