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1. STATED ALL ARMY RESERVES SINCE 1948 BEING CALLED ACTIVE SERVICE FOR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST GUATEMALA IN UNION WITH NICARAGUA AND HONDURAS. (TOLD MILITARY ATTACHE FEW RESERVES BEING TRAINED WEEK-ENDS ONLY).

2. SOURCE BELIEVES ACTION WILL BE DURING HOLY WEEK 29 MARCH TO 5 APRIL.

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4. SOURCE BELIEVES TROOPS THREE COUNTRIES WILL ENTER GUATEMALA ALONG HIGHWAY FROM SALVADOR WITH NICARAGUA MAKING INITIAL ADVANCE AND SALVADORAN TROOPS POLICING BORDER AND GIVING REAR ECHELON SUPPORT. HE EXPECTS CAPITAL TO BE CENTER OF FIGHTING WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES.

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5. GUATEMALA AWARE PLANS BUT AFRAID MOVE TROOPS OUTSIDE AREA GUATEMALA CITY FOR FEAR ANTI-COMMIE UPRISING. (FIELD COMMENT:

A. MILITARY ATTACHE CURRENTLY VISITING BARRACKS FINDS NO INDICATION ARMY PREPARING SUCH ACTION IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

B. FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND FOREIGN OFFICE PERSONNEL WERE DISCUSSING NECESSITY FOR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST GUATEMALA.

C. SOURCES AND INFORMANTS ARE REPORTING RUMORS, SPECULATIONS ETC. CONCERNING GUATEMALA SITUATION.)

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