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TO : Chief, WHD

DATE:

FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala

INFO: Lincoln

SUBJECT: GENERAL— PBSUCCESS

SPECIFIC— Alleged U.S. Conspiracy Against Guatemala Reported
in European Press

1. Attached is a copy of a translation of a clipping from Taegliche Rundschau, one of the East Zone Soviet-licensed daily newspapers, dated 8 December 1953, which reported that the Italian daily Avanti in a Washington datelined dispatch presented further details concerning U.S. conspiracy against Guatemala and plans for an armed intervention of Guatemala by the U.S., which plans were in the U.S. Department of State.
2. An original clipping and translation thereof were forwarded to an officer of the U. S. Embassy in Guatemala by the Office of Public Affairs, RIAS, Radio Division, Office of the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany in a letter dated 10 December 1953.
3. No comment is necessary in regard to the article but it is thought that it might be of interest to Headquarters and interested PBSUCCESS personnel that such allegations are being made in the Communist press in Europe.

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Kenneth S. Givloch

Enclosure:

Copy of translation of clipping

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Article from "Taegliche Rundschau", December 8, 1953

Washington Plans Attack on Guatemala

Rome (ADN/TR)* The Italian daily "Avanti" in a Washington datelined dispatch presents further details concerning U.S. conspiracy against Guatemala. According to this story diplomatic circles in Washington have learned of plans for an armed intervention in Guatemala by the United States, plans of which were developed in the U.S. Department of State. According to these plans a two-directional aggression from the south and from the east will take place. The bases are said to be Nicaragua, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic.

The Paris newspaper "L'Humanite" recently reported that the ambassadors of the United States in the above named countries practically have completed plans for this attack on Guatemala.

The principally interested party in the conspiracy is the United Fruit Company. This corporation has the monopoly in the country's banana business and is the most important company in the country. Due to measures taken by the democratic government of Arbenz this company has just lost its monopoly. The coordinated activity against Guatemala of diplomats and capitalists becomes understandable when we realize that a great number of officials in the United States Department of State are shareholders of the United Fruit Company.

* Soviet Zone German news service.