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Arms distribution by CP to farmers:

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~~OO~~-B-65283 19 May 53; Source: Guat manager for US corp. which does extensive business in Guat. Subsource: Confidential undercover agent of source who attended CP meeting Guat City 11 Apr 53.

"After a heated discussion in which were expressed the advantages and disadvantages of giving arms to the farmers, it was concluded that this measure is necessary because of the insolence of the reactionary forces ~~that this measure is~~ who once more are trying to take power by force. Everyone agreed that this is not the last time it would be attempted, because the reactionary forces can count on foreign aid, together with aid from the railroad and Fruit Company.

"The distribution of arms will begin very shortly, and will take place in the following zones: In the South - Tiquisate and Escuintla; in the north - Bananera, Barrios and Fallabon; in the east - Asuncion Mita, SanCristobal, Frontera, Esquipulas and Jutiapa."