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TO: DIRECTOR, CIA
FROM: SR REP GUATEMALA CITY

ROUTINE

ACTION: WH. (1)

0855Z 8 APRIL 53

INFORMATION: DCI (2), D/DCI (3), DD/P (4)

GUAT 818

TO: DIR

CITE: SGUAT

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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

SITUATION REPORT:

2003

1. SINCE 29 MAR POLICE HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE MAKING ARRESTS VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTRY, MAINTAINING EXTRA GUARDS AT DIPLOMATIC INSTALLATIONS AND SEARCHING BOTH VEHICLES AND PERSONS ENTERING AND DEPARTING PRINCIPAL POPULATION AREAS. A-1.

2. POLICE HAVE ADMITTED THAT:

A. JUAN CORDOVA CERNA ARRESTED (1 APR) AND ESCAPED FROM GUARDS TRANSPORTING HIM TO SALAMA 3 APR. HIS GUARDS WERE ARRESTED. (POLICE ALLEGE HE WAS HEAD OF LARGER MOVEMENT OF WHICH SALAMA A PART).

B. OTHER LEADERS ARRESTED : GUILLERMO FLORES AVENDANO, HERLINDO SOLORZANO, ALFREDO CASTANEDA (ALL FORMER ARMY COLONELS).

C. LOCAL LEADERS ARRESTED AT SALAMA NAMELY JORGE HAEUSSLER ARIZA, FABIAN FIGUEROA ALVARADO AND HUGO VICTOR MORALES DE LEON WERE KILLED BY GUARDS AT 0315 HOURS 1 APR WHILE IN JAIL AT

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SALAMA (ALLEGEDLY) TRYING TO ESCAPE.

D. NUMEROUS ARRESTS MADE IN EL PROGRESO WHERE ANOTHER MOVEMENT (ALLEGEDLY) WAS TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SALAMA GROUP. MAJOR MANUEL CONTRERAS ORELLANA, ARRESTED, DISCLOSED LOCATION AT SANTA RITA.

3. THREE PERSONS HAVE TAKEN ASYLUM IN MEXICAN EMBASSY INCLUDING MANUEL DE JESUS JUAREZ PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED AS LOCAL LEADER OF SALAMA GROUP WHO WAS NOT ARRESTED AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED.

4. PARAS 2 AND 3 CONFIRMED BY OFFICIAL AND INDEPENDENT PRESS

5. RNDYNDLE IS IN HIDING. WILL PROBABLY SEEK ASYLUM MEXICAN EMBASSY AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRAVEL U.S. VIA MEXICO. [

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6. OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT GUAT HAS WITHDRAWN FROM ODECA AND FILED COMPLAINTS WITH U.N. A-1.

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