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REF: DIR 47682 (OUT 50183) not sent: requested details of Salama incident.
No Info M/C
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1. SALAMA UPRISING INVOLVED ABOUT 200 MEN WHO SEIZED OFFICIAL
CUT MOST IF NOT ALL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH LINES AND CONTROLLED
GOVT INSTALLATIONS FROM 1 AM TO 6 PM 29 MARCH. ARMY DISPATCHED
CONTINGENT OF ABOUT 100 SOLDIERS FROM COBAN, FIRST 30 OF WHICH
RECAPTURED TOWN WITH LITTLE FIGHTING. KILLED AND WOUNDED NOT MORE
THAN 15. NO INDICATIONS CIVILIANS GAVE APPRECIABLE RESISTENCE TO
INSURGENTS OR TO GOVT TROOPS UPON LATTERS ARRIVAL. WE HAD NO
ADVANCE INFO ON UPRISING AND OBVIOUSLY GOVT DID NOT EITHER.

2. MY OPINION ON BASIS INTERPRETATION OF INFO FROM
VARIOUS SOURCES IS THAT ALTHOUGH LEADERS OF UPRISING HAD PROBABLY
ORGANIZED ELEMENTS TO ACT IN CONJUNCTION WITH SIMILAR GROUPS OTHER
SECTIONS, THEIR ACTIONS WERE PREMATURE FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON.
EMBASSY RECEIVED INFO 30 MARCH FROM FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE
BELIEVED CONNECTED WITH PRINCIPAL REVOLUTIONARY GROUP THAT

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MOVEMENT HAD NO CONNECTIONS WITH HIS GROUP AND WAS LED BY CESAR IZAGUIRRE, LAWYER. C3. IZAGUIRRE HAS PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES AND WAS ONCE DEPORTED BY AREVALO. B2 INSURGENTS HAD PLACED MARKERS ON AIRFIELD WHICH INDICATED THEY EXPECTED REINFORCEMENTS BY PLANE. B2. ARMY HAS ANNOUNCED LEADERS OF REVOLT WHO WERE CAPTURED (AT SALAMA) ARE: MANUEL DEJIG JUAREZ, FABIAN URIGAR AND EDGAR QUINTANILLA (FORMER ARMY OFFICERS).

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