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TO: DIR, SGUAT [ ]

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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. (COL OSCAR BOLANOS, MINISTER DEFENSE TOLD MILITARY ATTACHE FEW RESERVES BEING TRAINED WEEK-ENDS ONLY).

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

3. HE ALSO STATED SALVADOR HAS 5,000 TROOPS (3,000 MORE ACCURATE) READY AND NICARAGUA AND HONDURAS EACH 2,000.

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. SOURCE  
JUGATION. [ ] 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 [ ]  
DISCUSSING NECESSITY FOR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST GUATEMALA.

C. SOURCES AND INFORMANTS REPORTING RUMORS, SPECULATIONS  
ETC. CONCERNING GUATEMALA-SALVADOR SITUATION.

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