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# ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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| FROM: <i>Acting CWH</i> | NO.                      |
|                         | DATE <i>6 March 1953</i> |

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| 1. <i>DD/P</i>                          | <i>1046</i><br><i>"L"</i>   |       |       |                    | <p><i>Copy attached for you</i></p> <p><i>Important -</i></p> <p><i>To Mr Duller</i></p> <p>Attached in a report of the conversation which Lt Col [ ] of WH Division had with the Guatemalan individual who was recommended to you by Messrs [ ] and [ ]. He claims that all he wants is an indication that the U.S. and Mexico to flicker an "unofficial green light" - it would not require a little action against the current Bustamante regime.</p> <p>[ ]</p> <p><i>P.S. I have asked [ ] to consider carefully and discuss with [ ] the Horns idea. We pointed out that this could seriously be played as an official U.S. line, since we have</i></p> |
| 2. <i>DCI</i>                           | <i>123</i><br><i>Admin.</i> |       |       |                    |   |
| 3. <b>CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM</b> |                             |       |       |                    |   |
| 4. <b>RELEASE AS SANITIZED</b>          |                             |       |       |                    |   |
| 5. <b>2003</b>                          |                             |       |       |                    |   |
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*Let me think in favor of [ ]*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
VIA : DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)  
SUBJECT : Conversation with Guatemalan Attorney

With reference to your conversation on 4 March with Mr. [ ] at which I was present, and with reference to their request that someone talk to a young Guatemalan attorney, there is attached hereto a memorandum of a conversation which a member of WHD had with the attorney. The latter made no secret of his true name during the conversation, and it is given in the memorandum.

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Acting CWH

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT : Conversation with Luis Beltranena Valladares,  
Guatemalan Attorney

On 5 March 1953 a member of WH staff met with Luis Beltranena Valladares, a prominent young Guatemalan attorney. Beltranena stated that he had come to this country representing several associated anti-Communist groups, particularly the Asociacion General de Agricultores. He expressed purpose of his trip is to ascertain whether the U. S. Government is aware of the extent of Communist dominance within the government of Guatemala and of the danger which it presents to hemisphere solidarity; also, if possible, to determine whether the U. S. Government would oppose other Central American nations who might desire to aid the Guatemalan anti-Communists. Beltranena reviewed the build up of Guatemalan Communism in some detail and discussed the personalities and potential of various anti-Communist leaders with considerable objectivity. He stated that although prior to the last presidential elections General Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes had asked him to be prepared to assume the post of Foreign Minister, should Ydigoras be elected, he now felt that of all the presently prominent anti-Communist leaders Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas could attract the most desirable elements and individuals to form an effective government under which Guatemala might return to normal democratic and economic practices. He expressed a complete understanding that basic U. S. policy precludes intervention in the domestic affairs of Guatemala and claimed to have no intention of soliciting U. S. material aid. He is interested, however, in an unofficial "green light" for the anti-Communists to seek their own solution with such Central American aid as they may develop. He remarked that a benevolent or at least non-hostile attitude on the part of the U. S. and Mexico would be of great importance to elements in opposition to the Arbenz government and that a change in Mexican Ambassadors, preferably to a strong Catholic, would be very encouraging. He also indicated that a younger and less hyper-cautious American Ambassador, preferably a church-going man, but not an Irish Catholic would instill added confidence.

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Beltranena expressed himself as having been considerably reassured since his arrival here that the U. S. Government is familiar with the current situation in Guatemala and does have an interest in those elements which hope to restore normal democratic processes in that country.

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