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TO : Chief, WH

FROM : SEEKFORD

SUBJECT: Letter received by CALLIGERIS from General Somoza's son.

SOURCE : GALLIGERIS

1. On or about 23 October last, CALLIGERIS wrote General Somoza stating that because of his son's, General Somoza's, indiscretion in speaking to Sec. Miller about arms movement CALLIGERIS' arms support had been withdrawn. CALLIGERIS asked for an explanation and asked the General what aid he was now prepared to give.
2. To-date CALLIGERIS has had no direct reply from General Somoza himself, however on 14 November 14th he did receive a letter from General Somoza's son. A copy of this letter is attached.

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Mi Estimado Coronel

Le escribe el hijo del señor Miller personalmente, y espera que Ud. se encuentre gozando de salud.

Referente a su carta anterior al patron y a este su amigo, permitome explicarle lo siguiente:

1. En Panamá no se trato nada referente a su persona, ni a su futura actuación en el teatro Centro Americano.

2. Lo que si se trato en Panamá fue una cosa muy abstracta sin ninguna conección con su futura actuación.

3. Los paises que se juntaron en Panamá son los paises que miran la situación actual de Guatemala como un peligro dentro los limites de Centro América y el Caribe.

4. Al señor Miller no se le toco nada en lo referente a su mision, solamente los puntos generales de la preocupación de los paises limitrofes con Guatemala.

5. Por las razones anteriormente expuestas siento manifestarle que en Panamá no se trato lo que a Ud. le han informado a no ser desec de alguien de saber que es lo que se trato alli.

6. Tenga Ud. la seguridad que el trabajo que se ha hecho ha sido para que cuando haya necesidad de apoyo para Ud, el apoyo sea general. Las guerras no solo hay que pelearlas con el Hierro sino tambien con la Diplomacia. La idea de este Gobierno ha sido asegurarse la cooperacion de los paises anticomunistas para que a la hora de los reclamos en las entidades respectivas dentro del sistema Panamericano todos aquellos que pudieran tener el dedo metidos en el fuego se solidarizen con nosotros. Esto lo hemos logrado ya puesto que se resolvio golpear moralmente a Guatemala desde un principio.

7. De que se haya regresado el amigo Miller no fue debido a las platicas como Ud. alega sino que su Señora Esposa esta tuberculosa y en esos dias se someteria a una operacion. Antes de que el referido Señor llegara a Panamá se sabia que retornaria en el tiempo en que se regreso.

Bueno mi estimado amigo, el portador de esta le dira las razones que se presentaron y han hecho la contestacion de esta carta algo tardeña.

Perdone lo mal escrito pero esto lo estoy haciendo personalmente.

1. Field Comment: This letter received by CALLIGERIS from General Somoza's son on 14 November 1952.

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14 November (pencil)

My Dear Colonel:

The boss's son is writing to you personally and trusts that you are well.

With reference to your last letter to the boss and to me, your friend, permit me to explain the following to you.

1. In Panama, nothing was said about you personally or about your future activity in the Central American theater.

2. The matter discussed in Panama was very abstract and had no connection with your future activity.

3. The countries that met in Panama are those that view the present situation in Guatemala as a danger within the limits of Central America and the Caribbean.

4. Nothing was said to Mr. Miller concerning your mission; only general points regarding the preoccupation of the countries bordering on Guatemala.

5. For the reasons expressed above, I am sorry to inform you that the subjects discussed in Panama were not those reported to you since it was the desire of someone not to know what was going on there.

6. You may be assured that the work done has been toward the end that when you need aid the support will be general. Wars must be fought not only with iron but also with diplomacy. The idea of this government has been to insure the cooperation of the anti-Communist countries so that when complaints are made in the respective entities of the Panamerican system all those that might have their fingers in the fire will join solidly with us. This we have achieved now that it has been decided to strike Guatemala with a moral blow based on principle.

7. As regards the return of friend Miller, it was not due to the discussions, as you allege, but because his wife is tubercular and at that time was undergoing an operation. Before the gentleman referred to arrived in Panama it was known that he would return when he did.

Well, my esteemed friend, the bearer will explain to you why this reply has been somewhat delayed.

Pardon the bad writing but I am doing it personally.