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TO: WASHFG

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1. GENERAL PUBLIC ANXIETY CONTINUES TO INCREASE. PRESENT TENSIONS BETWEEN PRO GOVT AN ANTI COMMUNISTS ELEMENTS CENTERS ON ANTI COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATIONS IN GUATEMALA CITY (AUTHORIZED 18 MAR TO BEGIN 0900) AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTRY. ALL DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED FOR 23 MAR.

2. PRO GOVT PROPAGANDA LINE IN OPPOSITION TO ANTI COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND DEMONSTRATIONS IS : MOVEMENT IS SERIOUS THREAT TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVT, IS FASCIST, REACTIONARY, SUBVERSIVE, COMPARABLE TO FASCIST MARCH ON ROME, ETC. ANTI COMMUNIST LINE IS MOVEMENT NEITHER SUBVERSIVE NOR REACTIONARY BUT INTENDED TO PETITION AUTHORITIES TO APPLY ARTICLE 32 OF CONSTITUTION " WHICH CATEGORICALLY PROHIBITS THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN GUATEMALA " ; THAT FIGHT WILL BE BY CIVIL AND LEGAL MEANS AND WEAPONS ARE PRESS, PUBLIC FORUM AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

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3. PRO GOVT ELEMENTS HAVE RESORTED TO INTIMIDATIONS SUCH AS :

A. CGTU (ALSO RCVD OGTG) ANNOUNCEMENT 14 MARCH THROUGH THE OFFICIAL DIARIO DE CENTRO AMERICA OF GREAT WORKERS MEETING NIGHT 22 MARCH SO PEOPLE COULD SEE THE FORCES READY TO DEFEND THE REVOLUTION.

B. CALL BY PAR, RN, FPL AND PS ON 15 MARCH TO ALL MEMBERS THOSE PARTIES TO BE PREPARED FOR SPEEDY MOBILIZATION AND READY REPORT PARTY HQS.

C. STATEMENT BY SAME 4 PARTIES THAT DEMOCRATIC WAY LIFE SERIOUSLY THREATENED, DICTATORSHIP NOT UNLIKELY IF THREAT NOT MET ENERGETICALLY.

4. SITUATION IS SUCH THAT EITHER SIDE COULD PROVOKE INCIDENT RESULTING IN BLOODSHED.

5. CARLOS SIMONS, A PRINCIPAL LEADER OF ANTI COMMUNIST MOVEMENT HAS CONFIDENTIALLY STATED SITUATION OF LACK OF CONTROL AND CHAOS MAY DEVELOP. (A-3). CHARGE ADVISED.

6. IT IS OBVIOUS FROM INTENSITY OF PROPAGANDA ON RADIO, PRESS, HANDBILLS AND POSTERS, GOVT CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION.

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