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FROM: [ ]  
 EVALUATION: C-3  
 SUBJECT: PLANS FOR CASTILLO ARMAS REVOLUTION IN GUATEMALA  
 SOURCE: GROUP OF ANTI-COMMUNIST STUDENTS

1. PLAN IS TO HAVE REVOLT COINCIDE WITH SOME ANTI-COMMUNIST MANIFESTATION. PROPAGANDA BEARING SIGNATURE OF CARLOS CASTILLO ARMAS WILL BE DROPPED FROM PLANES WHEN REVOLT BEGINS SIMULTANEOUSLY IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY. CASTILLO WILL CROSS BORDER FROM HONDURAS NEAR PUERTO BARRIOS. ARMS ARE STORED AT COPAN, HONDURAS. THE RAILROAD FROM SANARATE TO PUERTO BARRIOS WILL BE CONTROLLED BY CASTILLO'S MEN, TO PREVENT USE BY GOVERNMENT FORCES. THE MOVEMENT HAS MILITARY AND/OR CIVILIAN SUPPORT AT JUTIAPA, WHERE ALL MILITARY EXCEPT CHIEF AND HIS ASSISTANT ARE COUNTED ON. (JUTIAPA IS TO BE CUT OFF FROM GUATEMALA CITY BY DYNAMITING THE ROAD AT CUESTA DE LAS CORONAS--

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THE DYNAMITE IS ALREADY AT LOCATION). AT JALAPA AND SAN LUIS JILOTEPEQUE THE MOVEMENT IS SUPPORTED BY FARMERS. ZACAPA MILITARY ZONE EXPECTED TO FALL EASILY. THE MOVEMENT HAS GREAT MILITARY STRENGTH IN QUEZALTENANGO, AND ITS STRONGEST AREA IS MAZATENANGO. IN GUATEMALA CITY IT DEPENDS ON ANTI-COMMUNIST STUDENTS AND A LARGE-SCALE CIVILIAN UPRISING. OSORIO AND CARIAS HAVE PROMISED NOT TO INTERFERE, AND THE LATTER WILL POSSIBLY ASSIST CASTILLO.

[ ] OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED FRUIT CO., HAVE PROMISED FINANCIAL AID. [ ] AND CASTILLO MET IN BATON ROUGE, LA., IN DECEMBER, AND BOTH CONFERRED WITH ANTI-COMMUNIST STUDENTS IN GUATEMALA ON 14 JANUARY.

[ ] WILL GET MONEY IN HONDURAS AND DELIVER IT TO CASTILLO IN THAT COUNTRY.) REVOLT WAS CONTEMPLATED ORIGINALLY FOR LATE JANUARY BUT HAS BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL LATE FEBRUARY.

2. ONE OF SOURCES, WHOSE TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS HAS BEEN VERIFIED, SAYS THAT HE CONFERRED WITH CASTILLO AT BATON ROUGE BETWEEN 15 AND 24 DECEMBER AND IN HONDURAS ON 12 JANUARY.

FIELD COMMENT. TIMING AND RESULT ARE HIGHLY UNPREDICTABLE. THEY WILL DEPEND PRIMARILY ON THE DEGREE OF ARMY SUPPORT, PRINCIPALLY IN GUATEMALA CITY, ON WHICH NO RELIABLE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. THE GOVERNMENT IS OBVIOUSLY AWARE THAT ANY REVOLT WILL BE TIMED WITH SOME DEMONSTRATION AND WILL TAKE PRECAUTIONS.

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