

To: Acting Chief, WHD. and []

[] 26 December 1951

Subject: Comite Guatemalteco Anticomunista

Discussing one Julio SANDOVAL, who was Secretary General of the anti-Communist group, this document states: "One Julio SANDOVAL has been introduced as Secretary to Señor YDIGORAS Fuentes, but no mention of the Comite was made nor is anything known of this organization.

"3. YDIGORAS Fuentes has stated that he is actively engaged in propagating anti-Communist propaganda in Guatemala and since he is the most prominent Guatemalan exile in El Salvador it appears likely that he is the director of this organization and that Julio SANDOVAL is this Secretary General.

"4. YDIGORAS Fuentes operates the Tacuxcalco Restaurante at 1 Calle Poniente #26, San Salvador, El Salvador. It is suggested that this address be used for any correspondence which might be directed at any Guatemalan Anti-Communist group in El Salvador.

"5. This [] is seeking a means to penetrate this group or organization. The addressee stations will be kept informed of our progress and of all information obtained from our present, but informal, contact with YDIGORAS Fuentes.

[] 7 November 1951: Subject; Guatemalan Anti-Communist Movement

1. On or about 5 November 1951, President ARBENZ was handed a petition which requested that ARBENZ outlaw the Guatemalan Communist Party and expel all foreign Communists in the country. The First Secretary of the Embassy who knew Miguel YDIGORAS Fuentes in London, had lunch with him on 6 October 1951, at which time YDIGORAS Fuentes stated that he and his group were responsible for drawing up the petition and having it presented to ARBENZ.

2. YDIGORAS Fuentes stated that he and his group were not opposed to ARBENZ and his Government, as stated in the petition, but that they were opposed to Communist influence in the Government. YDIGORAS Fuentes added that they were trying to divorce the anti-Communist movement in Guatemala from any capitalist influence and were appealing to the middle and lower classes, from which the petition did appear to originate.

[] 17 April 1953. JUGATION I reported on 15 April 1952 that Luis CORONADO Lira told Francisco ALVARADO (newspaper reporter for Diario Latino) on 9 April that John J. CALLIGERIS had been secretly living with ^{him} for a few days. ALVARADO was not told of this for fear that he might indiscreetly publish the information which would, according to CORONADO, bring reprisals upon CALLIGERIS by his political enemies which are numerous in El Salvador. When ALVARADO protested, CORONADO stated that he would attempt to arrange an interview for ALVARADO with CALLIGERIS. (The interview did not take place).

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Mentions that attached are five articles written by Luis CORONADO Lira on whom headquarters has a great deal of information.

The Diario Latino in which these articles appeared is violently anti-Soviet and publishes a great deal of U.S. Information Service releases.

[] 2 February 1951, Source: Judicator; Eval. B-1

On 25 January, General YDIGORAS Fuentes, exiled Guatemalan political figure, was advised by the Salvadoran government that he would have to leave the country within 24 hours. He was provided with documents that permitted travel to either Guatemala or Honduras. On the following day he petitioned the Supreme Court for a reversal of President OSORIO's decision to force him to leave and the Court decided in his favor. This YDIGORAS is still in San Salvador awaiting the next development in his case.

[] 28 March 1951

Guatemalan General YDIGORAS Fuentes has been successful in obtaining permission from the government of El Salvador to remain in this country for an indefinite period. His actions are being closely watched by the local authorities with particular interest being shown in his relationship with Luis CORONADO Lira the Guatemalan exiled with a long record of revolutionary activity.

When YDIGORAS was planning his trip to the United States his itinerary included visits with a niece in Poplarville, Alabama, a [] in Crabacres, Maryland and a stay at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel in New York City.

[] 18 June 1951; Subject: [], Ref. [] 515, [] 730.

The information forwarded in [] was obtained from Embassy consular files and a re-examination fails to disclose any additional data on [] YDIGORAS Fuentes is expected to make another visit to the consulate in the very near future and at that time an attempt will be made to elicit more information on his friend []

[] 7 June 1951 : (No source or evaluation)

The Guatemalan exile General YDIGORAS Fuentes has entered the business life of San Salvador through the purchase of a delicatessen. It is reported also that he is negotiating for the purchase of "La Campana" a prosperous food and drink emporium.

[] 22 May 1952: The following is from the operational cover sheet of this despatch which had an attachment 9 pages long which was briefed and disseminated in [] but

with the following operational part deleted: Subject: Jose Luis MENDOZA, Guatemalan Delegate to the United Nations on the Belize Problem. Source: JUGATION, Eval. B-2.

Attached is a report of a conversation held between JUGATION and Jose Luis MENDOZA, Chief of International Matters, Treaties and Conventions in the Guatemalan Foreign Office.

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2. This report may be of interest to both Headquarters and to the [] though it reflects opinions and thoughts, rather than details.

3. Just prior to JUGATION's meeting with MENDOZA, he had heard that one Captain Fernando ROMERO (no record), a Guatemalan exile, was in contact with YDIGORAS Fuentes and military elements from Honduras and Nicaragua. These persons were reported to have a cache of arms in either Santa Ana or near the Gulf of Fonseca (strongly doubted). JUGATION's source of this information is unknown (at least unnamed), but JUGATION believed him to be an agent of Colonel Oscar BOLANOS, Minister of Defense for El Salvador. JUGATION stated, however, that neither BOLANOS nor the Government was "persecuting" YDIGORAS Fuentes and Luis CORONADO Lira.

4. JUGATION told the information in paragraph 3 to MENDOZA who said (not in attachment) that the Guatemalan Government knew all about CASTILLO Armas, YDIGORAS Fuentes, and CORONADO, but that their maneuvers were foolish and that ARBENZ had nothing to fear from them.

[] 21 November 1952. Subject: Surveillance of Motor Vehicles on the Guatemalan Frontier. JUGATION one gives a detailed survey: In talking to ~~Adolfo Jose MAGANA~~ []

[] was driving a bus in El Salvador, and on one trip JUGATION I talked with him about conditions in Guatemala. He said that in Guatemala there is hope that one day a revolution will triumph leacy by an anti-Communist, General YDIGORAS Fuentes. The driver claimed that he knows YDIGORAS ~~well~~ well and visits ~~with~~ him frequently at his home in Los Planes de Renderos of San Salvador. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

[] 29 January 1953. From Seekford (Source A) Liaison [] Source B. Source A., a very reliable informant, reported that on Guillermo SCS XC,uz a Guatemalan and a secret agent of the Guatemalan government, is presently working for the Salvadoran Secret Police. Source B. stated that Francisco, brother of Guillermo, is also a Guatemalan agent, Francisco sent ~~xxxxxx~~ — date not known — Guillermo a letter by one Miguel Angel VASQUEZ, a known Guatemalan Communist. Source B. reported that the note included a number which turned out to be the telephone number of a Guatemalan Colonel by the name of Julio Fabio GARCIA y ARCIA (no record). GARCIA y Garcia is believed by Source B to be the body-guard of General YDIGORAS Fuentes, Guatemalan political now in exile in El Salvador. Source B also considers ARCIA y Garcia to be a secret agent of the Guatemalan Government.

[] — in FON PERA'S file.