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Various countries of the Caribbean during the past two years have demonstrated sufficient interest in support of anti-Communist Guatemala revolutionaries to create a sizeable smoke-screen. [

[] in early 1953 authorized his Ambassador in [] to make available \$270,000 for the purchase of planes for the Rufus group. Although this was withdrawn after an abortive attempt by another group in April 1953, he re-initiated conversations in January of this year and indicated a desire to talk personally with Rufus.

[] could easily finance the entire operation.

[] has likewise taken an active interest and advanced \$30,000 to [] prior to the Salama incident of April 1953. In discussions early in 1953 he talked much larger sums both in arms and in money, to Rufus. In July of 1953 he sent his [] and well-known gunman, [] on a visit to Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras, Salvador and Cuba to discuss some form of clandestine but united action against Guatemala.

In late 1952 and early in 1953 the former [] now the [] likewise visited the so-called anti-Communist countries of the Caribbean for the purpose of gaining support for Rufus.

[] has committed himself in many ways and [] has recently taken several compromising steps. Both [] have large enough personal fortunes to permit the complete backing of Rufus if they so desired. [] wealth is estimated at \$60,000,000. [] recently told a reliable source that his personal fortune is approximately \$40,000,000.

In order to implicate [] even further, it is planned to purchase \$10,000 of arms manufactured in the Dominican Republic and have them found in appropriate places and at the proper time inside Guatemala. An attempt will be made [] by renewing the conversations that were under way in January and then postponed because of the proximity of the OAS Conference in Caracas.