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Internationally known specialist and consultant on gastroenterology.

[Collector's note: The following is additional information concerning subject report 00-B-45548, having reference to penultimate paragraph to "the nature of your history that needs no repetition in this report".]

- Included in the Colonel Jacobo Arbenz' file is the report of the Chief of [ ] Psychiatry Department, dated 14 Oct 47:

"This patient's problem is wholly one of a tension state which has existed in a local form for many years. As a youngster, he was subjected to a fair degree of psychological trauma related to the psychiatric problem of his father. Coupled with this was an economic pressure which precipitated him into his military career. He has a neurasthenic personality which reacts to stress by the development of physical symptoms--in his case, fatigue, headache, visual disturbances, etc. The political turn of events in recent years has placed him in a great position of responsibility at the same time that it has taxed his resources. Inasmuch as he has little in the way of interests and avocation aside from his work, he has, under the stress, been unable to maintain an adequate level of emotional compensation. This was explained to him and his wife and a more balanced plan of life was outlined in some detail. With simple reassurance that he has no significant organic disease, there has been a rapid subsidence of his subjective symptoms. I feel that his problem descriptively is a neurasthenic one with reactive depressive features."

- The records further disclose that Colonel Jacobo Arbenz' father had been in his early years intensively active in his business, and had been a man of considerable wealth. The father in his later years suffered from stomach ulcers and was addicted to drugs. At the age of 51, his father committed suicide, at which time he was financially ruined.

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3. Colonel Arbenz' uncle, older brother of his father's, preceded him in death by committing suicide.
4. The mother of Colonel Arbenz, who was 63 years of age in September 1947, was in poor health and suffered from gall stones and intestinal parasites.

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