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INFO: LINCOLN, GUATEMALA

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SOURCE CITIZEN, EVAL B3, DIST. EMBASSY.

1. RE RESUMPTION DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GUAT SOURCE STATES
HE STRONGLY OPPOSED MOVE POINTING OUT:

A. GUAT EMBASSY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FRONT FOR SOVIET ESPIONAGE AND
AND PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES.

B. EXISTENCE GUAT EMBASSY WILL GIVE STIMULUS TO LOCAL COMMUNISTS
AND FRONT ACTIVITIES.

C. SUCH ACTIVITIES WILL EVENTUALLY FORCE SEVERENCE OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH VENEZUELA HAVING GAINED NOTHING BUT
HEADACHES FROM THE TRANSACTION.

2. SOURCE STATED FONMIN OTANEZ AND "OTHERS" ARE OF OPINION

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RESUMPTION GUAT RELATIONS WILL CONSTITUTE SETBACK FOR FIGUERES AND WILL
TEND TO DRIVE WEDGE BETWEEN COSTA RICA AND GUAT AS WELL AS CURTAIL
INFLUENCE OF ROMULO BETANCOURT IN CENTRAL AMERICA. SOURCE STATED HE
DOES NOT SHARE THIS VIEW.

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