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At 11:30 Friday I had a conversation in Spanish with the Dominican Ambassador, Señor Brea. He stated:

1. That the Guatemalan situation could only be cured by military action.
2. That such action must take place before the rains come. He mentioned mid-April and then said something about July, which I did not fully catch.
3. He has it from Foreign Minister Valenzuela that the wraps are off Armas; that he appreciates that Armas must be very discreet; and that Armas is keeping entirely to himself the military plans.
4. That Generalissimo Trujillo has been querying him as to just where Somoza stands re Armas. I stated that I was quite sure that Somoza, on any anti-Communist matters would be on the right side. To which Amb. Brea replied that he felt the same but the Generalissimo was trying to get positive proof of Somoza's position.
5. I asked Brea how Osorio stood and Brea replied he felt sure Osorio was all right on Guat. matters. I asked if he was 100% sure to which he replied that he would check up again.
6. That he would like me to meet Castillo Armas and judge for myself what a fine man he was. To which I replied that such a thing would not be discreet but I would be glad to hear from Armas at any time through Brea if Armas had important information.
7. n That Brea's instructions were to work 100% with the Embassy.
8. That Trujillo does not trust Ydigoras Fuentes and someone else with a name like Barrios - I am not sure of the name of this other person.

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