

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 25 MARCH 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : GUATEMALA

ACTION: WH (1-3)

INFO :

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE IN FULL

2003

GUAT 245 (IN 30785)

2028Z 25 MAR 54

ROUTINE

PRECEDENCE

TO: SLINC

INFO: DIR

CITE: SGUAT

RE: GUAT 218 (IN 28774), 234 (IN 30208), 237 (IN 30184)

PBSUCCESS RYBAT

1. TWO UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATES ESSENCE GROUP IN ESCUINTLA, SIX "ALCALDES AUXILIARES" IN VILLA CANALES, AND FATHER OF LIONEL SISNIEGA (EXILED LAW STUDENT AND CEUAGE ADMINISTRADOR) IN CAPITAL CITY REPORTEDLY ARRESTED BY POLICE 23 AND 24 MARCH. VILLA CANALES ARRESTED CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS AGRARIAN LAW BUT REAL REASON ANTI COMMIE ACTIVITY.

2. ESTIMATED 500 ARMED MEN FROM PROVINCIAL TOWNS TRANSPORTED TO CAPITAL TO DEFEND GOVT AGAINST ALLEGED IMPENDING REVOLT.

3. GOVT POSSIBLY PLANNING FAKED "BOGOTAZO" AS PRETEXT FOR CRACKDOWN OPPOSITION. SOURCE: ESSENCE, C-3. DIST: EMBASSY AND M-A STERILIZED VERSION.

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