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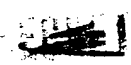
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT: Possible Approach by President Castillo
Armas to President Eisenhower Involving
a Matter of Interest to []

1. It is requested that the contents of this memorandum be passed on an urgent basis to Mr. Holland for his guidance.
2. [] Headquarters has been advised by [] that President Castillo Armas intends to show to President Eisenhower at Panama a six-page message from the Central Committee of Guatemalan Communist Party exiles in Mexico to the Guatemalan (Communist) Internal Central Committee. It is [] view that Mr. Holland should be aware of this proposed approach and may wish to brief President Eisenhower so that the President will be in a position to determine how he may wish to handle this matter.
3. The report itself is part of intelligence material procured through a covert [] operation. Intelligence elements of Castillo's government under the covert direction of [] agents have effected a penetration of the Guatemalan Communists who made the report in question. Castillo is unaware that the United States Government enjoys this penetration of his intelligence elements and is, therefore, unaware that this is an [] operation. He is, of course, also unaware that President Eisenhower will have received advance notification of the existence of this report. Guatemalan intelligence has, at the same time, possibly with Castillo's knowledge, made a copy of this report available to a U.S. Embassy officer at Guatemala who. []
4. It is [] suggestion that, in the event Castillo brings this report to the attention of President Eisenhower, the

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President may wish to congratulate Castillo on the intrepidity of his intelligence people and, if the President feels further comment is desirable, tell Castillo that he hopes that Castillo's intelligence people are making this information available to the U.S. Embassy.

5. It is [] recommendation that the knowledge of this report be restricted to President Eisenhower and Mr. Holland. It is further suggested that, if Castillo chooses to deliver the report to the President, Mr. Holland offer to the President to have it returned to [] As Mr. Holland knows, [] officer, is, during the period of the Conference, attached on temporary duty to the U.S. Embassy at Panama and is in contact with []

6. Should anything in this connection transpire which Mr. Holland feels should be brought to the attention of [] Washington, he may make use of [] communications facilities through []

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cc: DCI

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