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Col. King

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November, 1951 - [

24 January 1952 - Meeting of Mr. Dulles and Col. King with Assistant Secretary of State Miller re possibility of overthrowing Guatemalan Government. Mr. Dulles stated that CIA was giving consideration to the possibility of rendering assistance to a group headed by Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas plotting the overthrow of the present Government of Guatemala. Before proceeding any farther Mr. Dulles said he would like to obtain the opinion and concurrence of the Department of State. Mr. Miller agreed that the time may have arrived when some action was necessary with regard to the Arbenz Government, but said that the Department could only concur in such action if assured that the likelihood of the operation being successful was high and that such assistance as might be rendered would not in any way be traceable to the United States.

4 February 1952 - Mr. Hobart Spalding, Intelligence Adviser to the Assistant Secretary of State Miller, informed Mr. Dulles that State had reached the conclusion that any attempt to subsidize or assist Col. Castillo Armas would be too dangerous an undertaking.

Between February and September, 1952, a series of conversations took place between General Smith and Under Secretary of State Bruce of which there is no record. Some form of verbal authorization to lend covert assistance to Castillo Armas was given. [] of the U.S. Marine Corps was called in as a consultant to assess the military plan submitted by Castillo Armas, and gave it, with many suggestions and recommendations, his approval.

July, 1952 - DCI approved purchase of arms in quantity estimated sufficient for entire requirements of Castillo Armas.

6 October 1952 - Arms shipped from warehouse to Port of New Orleans. Plan was to deliver to Castillo Armas in Nicaragua, [] D-Day was set for 14 November 1952.

7 October 1952 - Assistant Secretary Miller learns of arms shipment and violently opposes plan. Deal is off.

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8 October 1952 - Arms are shipped to [] instead of Nicaragua.

November 1952 - August 1953 - Castillo Armas and his small group are
maintained in Honduras []
[] with some financial assistance from CIA.]

12 August 1953 - Green light from OCB.