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RE: GUAT 182 (IN 38498)

1. FERNANDO CARRERA VIGOROUSLY INTERROGATED BY RL 117E
 24 AUGUST. CONTINUES STICK TO STORY REF PLANTING ARMS AROUND
 EFCC PROPERTY. REPEATED ATTEMPTS BREAK OR CONTRADICT HIS
 STORY NEGATIVE. DESCRIBED IN DETAIL SPOT WITH N MAESTRANZA
 WHERE HE CLAIMED LAST SAW CRATS ARMS. WHEN TAKEN TO MAESTRANZA
 LATER IN AFTERNOON HE UNHESITATINGLY WENT TO SPOT DESCRIBED
 BY HIM. RESULTS NEGATIVE. POSSIBLY DUE FACT AREA HAS BEEN
 BOMBED AND NOW BEING REBUILT.

2. CONCERNING STORY OF FILES, CLAIMS FULL NAME OF
 INDIVIDUAL WHO STOLE THEM IS GERMAN ZAMBRANO, FORMER CLERK
 GUARDIA JUDICIAL. CLAIMS MADE ERROR IN PREVIOUSLY PRESUMING
 ZAMBRANO EMPLOYED GUAT INTELL SERVICE AND THAT DOMINGO AREVALO
 GIVEN SAME INFO BY HIM. CARRERA CLAIMS NEVER SAW FILES BUT
 ONLY HAD ZAMBRANOS WORD THE EXISTED AND IN HIS POSSESSION.
 CLAIMS HE WAS TOLD ZAMBRANO THEREAFTER TOOK REFUGE MEXICAN
 EMBASSY AS RESULT OF WHICH HE PASSED THAT INFO TO DOMINGO

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3. THROUGHOUT INTERROGATION CARRERA GAVE IMPRESSION HE TELLING TRUTH BUT FURIOUS AND INDIGNANT HE UNABLE PROVE IT. GAVE NO INDICATION BEING MENTALLY UNBALANCED OR EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE. DECLARES AREVALO NOW AFRAID ADMIT HE A FRIEND OR IN POSSESSION ANY KNOWLEDGE STORY OF FILES. INTENDS RETURNING CAPITAL 31 AUGUST FOR PURPOSE ATTEMPTING UNEARTH EVIDENCE PLOT OF ORIGINAL PLANTING ARMS TRUE. CLAIMS CRATES NEVER SENT TO EVENTUAL HIDING PLACES AS NEWS OF PLOT HEARD OVER CLANDENTINE RADIO BY ARBENZ GROUP WHICH IMMEDIATELY CHANGED PLANS.

4. SUBSEQUENT CHECK WITH ESODIC-1 REVEALED FOLLOWING: USING SUITABLE PRETEXT ESODIC-1 INQUIRED OF NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF OF GUARDIA JUDICIAL, JOSE LINARES, CONCERNING MATTERS KNOWLEDGE OF GERMAN ZAMBRANO. LINARES STATED ZAMBRANO IS "VERY HONORABLE MAN", IS HIS SECRETARY AND HAD SAME POSITION WITH LINARES WHEN LATTER CHIEF GUARDIA JUDICIAL 9 YEARS AGO. FURTHER, THAT ZAMBRANO HAS REMAINED WITH GUARDIA JUDICIAL THROUGHOUT ARBENZ REGIME. COMMENT: DUE ZAMBRANO POSITION

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AND LENGTH OF SERVICE GUARDIA JUDICIAL BELIEVE POSSIBLE HE ACTUALLY OFFERED SELL CARRERA FILES FROM WITHIN HIS OFFICE. DEPENDING ON RESULTS INTERROGATIONS OF CARRILO (ALSO RCVD CARGILO), GODOY OTHERS, WE MAY HAVE ZAMBRANO PICKED UP BY ESODIC-1 FOR DETAILED QUESTIONING CONCERNING NOT ONLY HIS KNOWLEDGE OF FILES BUT KNOWLEDGE MATTERS HERETOFORE NOT MADE KNOWN TO HIS PRESENT SUPERIORS. SUGGEST NO PRESS RELEASE ZAMBRANO STORY OR STORY OF FILES IN ORDER PROTECT OPERATION.

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