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FROM : GUATEMALA

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)*

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GUAT 186 (IN 39027)

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ROUTINE
PRECEDENCE

TO: DIR

CITE: SGUAT

1. FOLLOWING INFO FURNISHED BURNETTE BY ESODIC-1 MGRNING
23 AUGUST.

A. ESODIC-1 VISITED NEW ORLEANS FOR THREE DAYS FOR PERSONAL
REST, VACATION AND SHOPPING TOUR. ON RETURN AUG 22 LEARNED OF RUMOR
CIRCULATING THROUGHOUT CAPITAL TO EFFECT HE BEING GROOMED BY GROUP
ARMY OFFICERS TO TAKE OVER PRESIDENCY OF JUNTA. SAID HE HAD
DISCUSSED THIS RUMOR WITH CALLIGERIS AND BOTH TREATING IT AS JOKE.

B. SAID HE NOT ONLY HAS NO AMBITIONS TO ASSUME CONTROL
GOVT (RCVD DOFT) BUT RECOGNIZED FACT HE NOT SUFFICIENTLY ASTUTE
POLITICALLY TO CONTROL BOTH JUNTA AND ARMY. TREATS STORY AS
RIDICULOUS THAT HE POLITICALLY AMBITIOUS.

C. REPEATED FORMER STATEMENTS TO EFFECT [] QUIETLY
CONNIVING WITH ARMY OFFICERS TO KEEP CALLIGERIS "OFF BALANCE" AND
EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER CONTROL OF JUNTA. SAID MINISTERS OF HACIENDA
AND AGRICULTURE, REINA ROSAL AND RIVERA SILIEZAR (ALSO RCVD
FILIEZAR) RESPECTIVELY, AND POSSIBLY MINISTER DEFENSE CLOSE,
DIRECTLY BEHIND [] ADDED POSSIBILITY EXISTS THESE THREE

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MINISTERS MAY BE USING [] AS UNWITTING TOOL TO SHORE UP
THEIR OWN POLITICAL DEFENSES.

D. STATED HE TOGETHER WITH UNDISCLOSED ARMY OFFICERS
CAREFULLY SPOTTING LOCAL CALLIGERIS SUPPORTERS IN STRATEGIC
POINTS WITHIN ARMY FOR PURPOSE REINFORCING CALLIGERIS SUPPORT.

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2. EBODIC-1 GIVES IMPRESSION HE CONSCIENTIOUSLY SUPPORTED
CALLIGERIS AND HAS NO PERSONAL AMBITIONS. GIVES DEFINITE IMPRESSION
DISTRUSTS []

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