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MEMORANDUM FOR: Frank B. Gram  
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SUBJECT: Release of some Materials Selected by the Social Research Group in Guatemala

1. The Comité de Defensa Contra el Comunismo, a Guatemalan Government Committee, has released to the Magazine Vision answers to questions put to Arbens by the Guatemalan Army leaders on 5 June 1954, shortly before the change in government. These answers apparently had been prepared for Arbens, but were not given to the Army. There were found in Arbens' home among his personal effects after he took asylum in the Mexican Embassy.

2. Vision representatives indicated that these items would be published in the next issue, and the Comité has indicated that it will release the same information to local Guatemalan papers on the same day—20 August.

3. Two books with Communist dedications were shown to twelve U. S. newsmen on 18 August. These books and some gray back documents were included in the newsreel sequence which the Comité expects to release soon.

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