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2003 CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ORIG : FRANK G. WISNER  
UNIT : DEPUTY DIRECTOR/PLANS  
EXT : 603  
DATE : 16 AUGUST 1954

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TO : SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, GUATEMALA CITY, [ ]  
FROM : DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
CONF : DD/P (1)  
INFO : DCI (2), D/DCI (3), COP (4), FI (5), FI/OPS (6), FI/STC (7),  
PP (8-9), PP/ICD (10), PP/PRESS (11), WH (12-16), IG (17),  
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DIR 13288 (OUT 69373)

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TO: SGUAT (MYIKES)

INFO: (SKILLET)

CITE: DIR

REF: DIR 12981(OUT 68847) GUAT 155(IN 36546) DIR 09889(OUT 63473) GUAT 107(IN 32076)  
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1. YESTERDAY IN MILWAUKEE SPEECH REP KERSTEN, CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNIST AGGRESSION, MADE EXTENSIVE REFERENCE TO CERTAIN ARBENZ AND GUATEMALAN COMMUNIST DOCUMENTS, STATING ON HIS OWN THAT AS OF JUNE 19 QUOTE EVERY BRANCH OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENCY, WAS FIRMLY IN SHACKLES OF THE KREMLIN. UNQUOTE HE FURTHER STATED -- ALSO ON HIS OWN -- QUOTE ARBENZ GOVERNMENT, ACTING IN ACCORD WITH THE SOVIET UNION, HAD BEEN ACTIVELY AND CONTINUOUSLY INTERVENING IN THE AFFAIRS OF NEIGHBORING CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN ~~REPUBLICS~~ REPUBLICS. UNQUOTE

2. KERSTEN USE OF DOCUMENTS CLEARED IN ADVANCE WITH ODACID WHOSE CONCERN OVER REP HILLINGS' EARLIER CENTRAL AMERICAN VISIT WILL BE RECALLED BY JMBLUG AND SKILLET. IT IS HOPE OF ODACID AND KUBARK THAT BY PROVIDING THIS AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL WE MAY ~~SHOW~~ SUFFICIENT GOOD WILL ~~BY~~ WITH KERSTEN COMMITTEE TO ENABLE US PROVIDE THEM WITH SOME GUIDANCE IN FUTURE SO AS TO AVOID OR AT LEAST MINIMIZE CHANCES THAT THEIR CONTINUING INVESTIGATION OF COMMUNISM IN CENTRAL AMERICA MAY RUN AFOUL OF OR CROSS WIRES WITH ODACID AND KUBARK ACTIVITIES AND

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3. WITH REFERENCE TO KERSTEN STATEMENT RE GUATEMALAN INTERVENTION IN AFFAIRS OF NEIGHBORING STATES, PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF EFFORTS FURNISH TO SKILLET MATERIAL FOR WSHOOFS PROPOSED WHITE PAPER.

(END OF MESSAGE)

COORDINATING OFFICERS

[ FRANK G. WISNER ]

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