

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 23 JULY 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : GUATEMALA CITY

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)

INFO : WH (4), DCI (5), D/DCI (6), DD/P (L) (7), SA/PC/DCI (8)

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RE: DIR 09770 (OUT 63326)

1. THE NEEDED AND POSITIVE STEPS MENTIONED IN GUAT 080 (IN 29424) INCLUDED SUCH FUNDAMENTAL NECESSITIES AS DISARMING PRO COMMUNIST AND PRO ARBENZ CAMPESINOS, ARRESTING KNOWN COMMUNISTS, AND PRACTICALLY ALL OTHER SECURITY MEASURES WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT DELAY. THE FORMATION OF THE COMITE DE DEFENSA NACIONAL CONTRA EL COMUNISMO (CDNCC) IS IMPORTANT STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION BUT TIME WILL ELAPSE BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE CAN PROPERLY FUNCTION.

2. SINCE GUAT 082 (IN 29751), MENTIONING THE FORMATION OF CDNCC, WAS SENT, HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN DETAIL TO [ ] AND MEMBERS OF THE CDNCC. THESE CONVERSATIONS CULMINATED IN AN HOUR AND HALF PRIVATE TALK WITH CALLIGERIS ON 22 JULY AFTERNOON.

3. FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED IN CALLIGERIS DISCUSSION:

A. CALLIGERIS AND ZPSECANT BELIEVE THEY BECOMING SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO SOON MANEUVER [ ] OUT OF JUNTA LEAVING CALLIGERIS AS

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PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT. THEY BELIEVE THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT DISTURBANCE IF THEY HAVE PLANES.

B. THEY HAVE BEEN PERTURBED BY [ ] INDICATIONS THAT HE HAS SECRET ODYOKE SUPPORT AND AFRAID UNTIL NOW DO ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT ROCK BOAT ALTHOUGH [ ] HID [ ] IN HIS OWN HOME AFTER SECRET ARMS CACHE DISCOVERED IN [ ] HOUSE.

ALSO PROTECTING OTHER PRO ARBENZ AND DUBIOUS INDIVIDUALS. (STATION KNOWS THIS IS TRUE).

C. THEY BOTH RELIEVED WHEN TOLD "GROUP" HAS NO SECRET ARRANGEMENTS WITH [ ] AND "GROUPS" DESIRE ONLY SEE ACTIVE COMMUNIST CLEAN UP AND ESTABLISHMENT ENLIGHTENED ANTI COMMUNIST GOVT.

D. CALLIGERIS AND [ ] ADMITTED THAT GROUPS WITHIN ARMY STARTING RAISE HEADS AND THERE IS REASON BE ALERT TO DANGER OF ARMY COUP. THEY AND ALL OTHERS DESPERATELY ANXIOUS THAT PLANES MENTIONED IN GUAT 081 (IN 29655 ) ARRIVE SOONEST. THEY CONVINCED THIS FORCE WOULD BE LOYAL TO THEM AND DISSUADE ANY EFFORT OVERTHROW GOVT.

E. THEY DESPERATELY ANXIOUS AND NEED FUNDS BOTH FOR LIBERATION ARMY AND FOR CURRENT GOVT EXPENDITURES. REQUESTED AID.

F. THEY STATE THEY NOW REALIZE NECESSITY REALLY PUSH ANTI COMMUNIST MEASURES AND PROMISED DO SO. ADVISED THEY PREPARING NEW VERY STRINGENT DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY LAW MODELED IN PART AFTER THOSE IN SALVADOR AND CHILE. DEATH PENALTY IS APPLICABLE IN CERTAIN TYPES OF TRANSGRESSIONS IF COMMITTED AFTER LAW PASSED.

G. ATTITUDE CALLIGERIS MARKEDLY DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE. HE NOW VERY ANXIOUS COOPERATE TO FULLEST EXTENT, ASKED FOR HELP AND

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ADVICE, ADMITTED HE HAD SPENT TIME UNWISELY, CLAIMS HE WILL FULLY SUPPORT CDNCC IN COMMUNIST STRUGGLE. ASKED BANNISTER TO FEEL FREE SEE HIM PERSONALLY WHEN EVER DESIRABLE. REQUESTED THAT "GROUP" BE ASSURED HE LOYALLY INTENDS CARRY OUT ANTI COMMUNIST PROMISES WITH FIRM DECISION.

4. WITH RESPECT TO CDNCC, CALLIGERIS STATED HE DESIRES ZPSEMANTIC GO PBPRIME AS HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS CDNCC PLANS, NEEDS WITH "GROUP" AND TO FORMALLY REQUEST INCREASED TECHNICAL OTHER ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZING AN EFFECTIVE WSBURNT INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. THEY NOW REALIZE THAT CDNCC ORGANIZATION AS PUSHED BY STATION IS NOT THAT OF A POLICE FORCE BUT THAT OF AN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WITH CERTAIN POLICE PRIVILEGES AND FUNCTIONS.

5. CALLIGERIS FULLY ACCEPTS THAT ANY MONETARY AID FURNISHED DIRECTLY BY "GROUP" TO CDNCC MUST BE ON SHORT TERM BASIS, COULD PROVE VERY EMBARRASSING IF THIS BECAME KNOWN, AND FINANCING SHOULD BE DONE BY WSBURNT GOVT ITSELF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. IN VIEW TREMENDOUS CHANGE IN ATTITUDE CALLIGERIS AND REALIZING FINANCIAL SITUATION HIS GOVT DESPERATE, PLAN RELEASE ON MORNING 26 JULY [ ] FOR AID LIBERATION ARMY: THIS HALF AMOUNT APPROVED FOR RELEASE BY HQS AND ADVISED THIS STATION BY LINC 4745 (IN 26900 ). ALSO PLAN RELEASE SAME AMOUNT FOR FINANCIAL AID TO GOVT ITSELF ON SAME DATE: THIS ALSO HALF AMOUNT AUTHORIZED IN PARA 1 B OF SAME REF.

7. HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH JMLUG AND HE AGREES.

8. CONSIDER BEST THAT BANNISTER PERSONALLY DELIVER THESE TWO

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AMOUNTS TO CALLIGERIS. WILL OBTAIN USUAL RECEIPT.

9. SEE NO PARTICULAR SECURITY BREACH THUS HANDLING SINCE  
ACTUALLY IN LIAISON STATUS.

10. REQUEST HQS CONFIRMATION.

END OF MESSAGE

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