

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ORIG : FRANK G. WISNER  
UNIT : DD/P  
EXT : 603  
DATE : 9 JULY 1954

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TO : SENIOR REP., GUATEMALA CITY

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

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FROM : DIR, CIA

CONF : DD/P (L) (1)

INFO : DCI (2), D/DCI (3), WH (PBS) (4-6), WH (7), SA/PC/DCI (8)

DIR 08287 (OUT 60786)

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PRIORITY  
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TO: SQUAT (EYES ONLY FOR JMBLUG  
FROM ASCHAM)

INFO: SLING

CITE: DIR

RYBAT/PBSUCCESS

REF DIR 07873 (OUT 59983)

MASTER

1. CONSIDERABLE CONCERN STILL FELT HERE THAT INVESTIGATORS FOR THE UNDERWRITERS OF BOMBED BRITISH SHIP MAY APPEAR UPON THE SCENE AND CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT. WE FEEL THEREFORE THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE SETTLED IN PRINCIPLE BETWEEN GUAT GOVT AND BRITISH AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. ACCORDINGLY UNLESS ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON REF WE SUGGEST THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GROUP APPROACH CABLEGERS WITH THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION: THAT THE GUAT AUTHORITIES ADVISE THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE THAT WHILE UNABLE ESTABLISH RESPONSIBILITY FOR SINKING WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ACT OF DESPERATION BY ARBENZ AND WHILE SHIPS CAPTAIN MAY HAVE ACTED RECKLESSLY IN ENTERING HARBOR DURING HOSTILITIES RESULTING FROM CIVIL WAR, NEVERTHELESS GUAT GOVT WILL PAY INDEMNITY FOR LOSS, AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OR FALLING THAT BY ARBITRATION.

3. IN EVENT GUAT GOVT NOT NOW IN POSITION TO FIND FUNDS TO MEET CLAIM THE GROUP WILL ADVANCE THE SUM NECESSARY AS ADDITION TO COSTS ALREADY ASSUMED IN

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4. IN ANY EVENT REQUEST ADVICE ON WHETHER ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON REF,  
AND RESULTS; IF NO ACTION TAKEN ON REF, ACTION TAKEN ON THIS MESSAGE; AND  
INFO AVAILABLE ~~OR~~ REQUESTED PARA 3 REF.

END OF MESSAGE

FRANK G. WISNER  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

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