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1. RADIO H 12 T CIUDAD TRUJILLO, 23 JUNE, 1200 GMT, DATELINE MEXICO CITY, QUOTES [ ] STATING 150 POLITICAL PRISONERS SHOT DEAD SALAMA, GUAT, IN THEIR CELLS.
2. REQUEST YOU CONTACT [ ], PRESUMABLY THROUGH [ ] OR RUSHFIELD. IF ABOVE STORY BASED PLAUSIBLE EVIDENCE, IMPORTANT IT BE TRANSMITTED FASTEST U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL, HELPING BUILD UP CASE AGAINST ARBENZ REGIME. SUMMIT ORGANIZATION RIGHT CABLE SUMMARY EVIDENCE TO U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL HAMMARSKJOLD AND CHAIRMAN SECURITY COUNCIL, CABOT LODGE, OFFERING WITNESSES IF AVAILABLE. GIVE STORY ALSO BEST POSSIBLE PRESS PUBLICITY.
3. NEW SUBJECT: ANY NEWLY ARRIVING REFUGEE FROM GUAT WITH FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE ATROCITIES, POLICE BRUTALITIES, OTHER EVIDENCE AGAINST ARBENZ REGIME SHOULD BE CAREFULLY DEBRIEFED, TESTIMONY TAKEN FOR SAME PURPOSE. PLEASE ARRANGE THROUGH [ ] AND/OR SUMMIT, WHATEVER YOU CONSIDER MOST PRACTICABLE. ALL SUCH INFORMATION TO BE PRESENTED IN COMPREHENSIVE FORM TO PRESS FOR MOST EFFECTIVE PUBLICITY.
4. ADVISE SOONEST.

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(TEXT)

MEXICO CITY--AN EXILED GUATEMALAN LEADER SAID THAT NEARLY  
150 GUATEMALAN ANTI-COMMUNIST POLITICAL PRISONERS WERE SHOT LAST  
NIGHT IN THEIR CELLS. RUBEN VILLA TORO, CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL  
UNION OF FREE WORKERS, AN ANTI-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION, SAID THE  
EXECUTIONS OCCURRED IN SALAMA, A CITY SOME 64 KILOMETERS FROM  
GUATEMALA CITY.

HE ADDED THAT THIS REPORT, WHICH HE RECEIVED THROUGH THE  
EXILES' INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, SAID THAT GUARDS AT THE PRISON  
WENT FROM CELL TO CELL MACHINE-GUNNING AND KILLING ALL PRISONERS.  
VILLA TORO SAID THAT MOST OF THE PRISONERS. VILLA  
TORO SAID THAT MOST OF THE PRISONERS WERE ARRESTED NEARLY 18  
MONTHS AGO.

VILLA TORO SAID THAT 10 OFFICERS AND 120 MEN DESERTED GOVERNMENT  
FORCES YESTERDAY AT QUEZALTENANGO NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER.