

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 22 JUNE 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : GUATEMALA CITY

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)*

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

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TO: (OPIM) SLINC

INFO: (OPIM) DIR

CITE: SGUAT

PBSUCCESS RYBAT INTEL

1. BANNISTER TALKED 1530 HOURS AFTERNOON 22 JUNE WITH SERGEANT WSBURNT ARMY WHO STATIONED WITH 150 MEN AND 2 CAMOUFLAGED TANKS ALONG OLD AQUEDUCT LOCATED 13 AVENUE AND CALLE DE LAS CONCHAS IN SOUTH OF CITY. THEY HAD 8 MGS.

2. SERGEANT SAID HE AND MEN WERE TERRIFIED AT POSSIBILITY AIR BOMBARDMENT AND ADDED THAT HIS COMMANDER, WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT GIVE THOUGH SAYING HE WAS JEFE RATHER THAN AN OFFICER, HAD STATED ARMY MIGHT HAVE TO TURN AGAINST ARBENZ. (JEFE IS APPLIED TO OFFICERS OF MAJOR UP IN RANK).

3. SERGEANT STATED COMMUNICATIONS FROM BASE MILITAR TO PALACE NOW CUT, THAT MANY SOLDIERS WERE INJURED IN STRAFING ATTACK AND THAT HE (RCVD CE) CAN NOT TAKE MORE OF THAT. HE REFUSED TO GIVE HIS NAME, UNIT, OR OTHER INFORMATION EXCEPT THAT HE FROM BASE MILITAR.

4. ALSO STATED TROOPS STATIONED ALONG BARRANCA AROUND CEMETERY AND ALONG BARRANCA TO NORTH OF MATAMOROS.

5. IMPRESSION GIVE BY SERGEANT AND TWO SOLDIERS THAT THEY

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SCARED TO DEATH AND WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO FOLD UP.

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*CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: A RUN-OFF COPY OF THIS CABLE
WAS ISSUED TO MR. WISNER, DD/P, AT 2300 HOURS, 22 JUN 54.

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