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1. GUAT GOVT RADIO TQWB 22 JUNE, 0002 GMT, QUOTES MEXICO CITY ARCHBISHOP MARTINEZ, "HIGHEST ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY MEXICO" FROM 20 JUNE ISSUE LA PRENSA MEXICO CITY: "I BELIEVE THAT THE GUAT DISTURBANCE HAS NOT BEEN MOTIVATED BY COMMIE ACTIVITIES SINCE IN THAT COUNTRY THERE IS NO MORE COMMUNISM THAN IN MEXICO. THAT IS, THE COMMUNISM EXISTING IN OUR MIDST IS NOT A THREAT TO PACE AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF PEOPLES".
2. PARIS AFP RADIOTELETYPE ENGLISH 22 JUNE, 0157 GMT, QUOTED LA PRENSA SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY, PREFACING ABOVE QUOTE WITH "THAT ALL THE WAR-LIKE MOVEMENTS APPEARING IN GUAT WERE THE RESULT OF THE IDEOLOGICAL AMBITIONS OF THAT COUNTRY'S POLITICIANS".
3. ATTITUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH PLAYS GREAT ROLE GUAT, PROOF EFFECT ARCHBISHOP ARELLANO PASTORAL LETTER LAST APRIL. LINC THEREFORE WISHES COUNTERACTION TO ABOVE. REQUEST YOU ADVISE BY CABLE SOONEST:
 - (A) IS ABOVE TQWB QUOTATION CORRECT AND COMPLETE?
 - (B) IF NOT, PROVIDE HIGHLIGHT QUOTES PERMITTING US TO PROVE GUAT RADIO LIE, DISTORTION
 - (C) IF CORRECT, GIVE ANY INFO PERMITTING REDUCE SIGNIFICANCE ABOVE STATEMENT: IS MARTINEZ LONE WOLF, COMPARABLE RED DEAN? ARE THERE OTHER CATHOLIC STATEMENTS LAST FEW DAYS MORE FAVORABLE OUR CASE?

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1. YOU WILL PRESUMABLY FIND ABOVE USEFUL FOR LOCAL KUSOWH EXPLOITATION, TOO,
SHOWING COMEIS PROPAGANDA EXPLOITATION, POSSIBLY DISTORTION MARTINEZ STATEMENT.

END OF MESSAGE