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SECURITY INFORMATION

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Colonel Rifezo MONZON (Minister without portfolio)

(Guatemala Embassy Despatch No. 704 18 Jan '51) — Career Army officer; believed anti-Communist and friendly towards United States.

[1065 — On 27 Sept 1950 Col. MONZON, then Minister of Government (1092, etc.) closed down the Communist Jacobo SANCHEZ School. The school remained closed until the Octubre group were able to get a vote of censure from the Guatemalan Congress for the "Illegal measures taken by MONZON against Octubre and the school." MONZON was not backed by the government. By 30 Nov 1950, MONZON was no longer Minister of Government.

Colonel Carlos ALDANA Sandoval

(Guatemala Embassy Despatch No. 704, 18 Jan '51) — Minister of Communications and Public Works under Arevalo — Close to ARBENZ; Close to PAR; leftist; probably anti-United States.

Oscar MENDOZA

[1359) — Oscar MENDOZA is regarded locally by an Embassy source as an insignificant personality who held a palace job while his revolutionary brother, Miguel Angel MENDOZA was being jailed for subversive activities. Station files show him as an infantry major and member of the Consejo Superior de la Defensa Nacional (December 1950).

Juan CORDOVA Cerna (also given as COREA)

[1359) — CORDOVA Cerna is an YDIGORISTA (Conservative) lawyer of presidential timber whose son was killed in the CASTILLO Armas revolt of November 1950.

Lieutenant Colonel Jose Angel SANCHEZ

[1069, 5 Oct 1950) — One of the commanders of key positions upon whose loyalty Arbenz counted in attaining the presidency. He was Commander of the Base Militar in Guatemala City.

Lieut. Col. Marceano CASADO

[218, 30 Sept '48) — Had been in frequent touch with Anastasio SOMOZA, and Casado would lead any attack arranged by SOMOZA. CASADO, an exiled Guatemalan Army officer, arrived in Managua from San Salvador, 3 Sept '48 and left for San Salvador on 21 Sept '48.

[312 IN-11350 27 Aug '48) — Marciano CASADO, Guatemalan military exile, stated that invasion of Guatemala being planned from Salvador, and that followers of UBICO are backing Francisco ARANA in attempt to overthrow AREVALO.

([188 IN-17987 29 Nov '48) — On Saturday 28 Nov '48, an uprising by small group of revolutionaries under Colonel Marciano CASADO reportedly was broken up by Guatemalan Army in vicinity of Puerto Barrios.

CASADO's plan reportedly was to take Puerto Barrios where he is said to have many followers, and then march on Guatemala City. Discovery of freight carload of arms brought about premature disclosure of CASADO's presence in area.

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Col. Carlos Enrique DIAZ

C 3-1319 1 Nov '51) -- Chief of the Armed Forces of Guatemala. Returned to Guatemala travelling with Col. Eduardo WEYMAN, newly appointed M. A. in Washington, from New Orleans.

C 3-1069 5 Oct '50) -- At that time Col. DIAZ commanded the Guardia de Honor and was a staunch supporter of the candidacy of Jacob Arbenz for the presidency, one of the key-men upon whom Arbenz could count.

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