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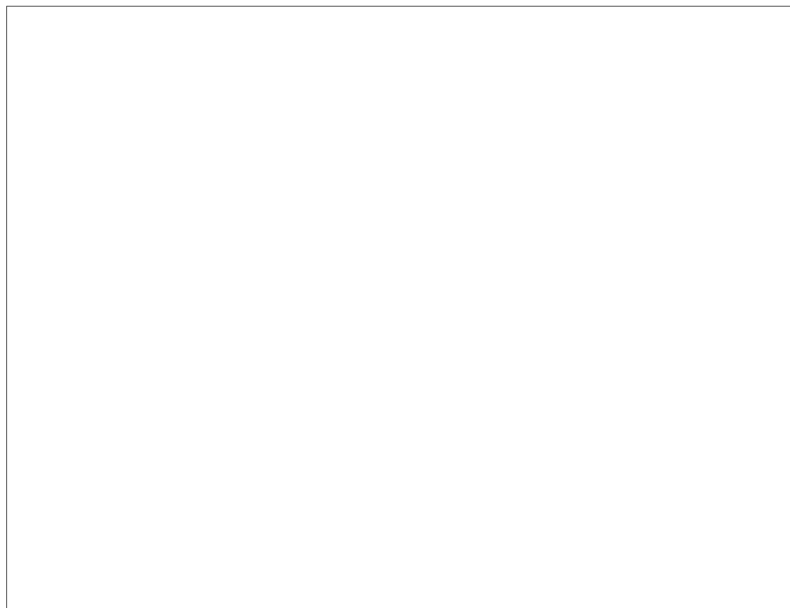
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Guatemalan Revolt, November 1960:

Miscellaneous Cables

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DATE: NOV 13 1845Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 41822

FROM: GUATEMALA CITY

EMERGENCY DIR PACY CITE GUAT 508

REF: GUAT 507 (IN 41125)\*

MIDDEF RUBEN GONZALEZ SIGUI URGENTLY REQUESTS ODYOKE  
SUPPLY ANY INFO CONCERNING ANY ENEMY SHIPS NOW IN POSITION  
ACT AGAINST GUATEMALA.

END OF MESSAGE

\* Reported attack by unidentified forces against Guatemala City at 0300 local 13 November.

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DATE: NOV 13 1850Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 41824

FROM: JMADD

EMERGENCY DIR GUAT CITE MADD 0541

1. IN VIEW OF LOCAL DISTURBANCES AND RIOTING IN  
SURROUNDING TOWNS, STRONGLY RECOMMEND CANCELLATION OF  
MISSION GS-46-007.

2. PREPARED TO DEFEND MADD WITH U.S. AND CUBAN  
PERSONNEL. PRESENTLY SUPPORTING GUAT CITY WITH C-46  
TRANSPORT OF GUAT TROOPS TO GUAT CITY.

3. DISBURSED TWO B-26's TO GUAT CITY PER REQUEST  
SANTORO.

END OF MESSAGE

SIGNAL CENTER NOTE: THIS MSG HAS BEEN SENT TO DPD.

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DATE: NOV 13 2038Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: GUATEMALA CITY JMADD JMTRAV

OUT 91802

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE DIR: 11284

EMERGENCY GUAT EMERGENCY MADD TRAV

JMNET

IF NOT ALREADY DONE PLACE ALL CUBAN PERSONNEL ON  
FULL ALERT AND PREPARE FOR ANY CONTINGENCY. ADVISE ON  
CONTINUING BASIS ANY DETERIORATION IN SITUATION.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer

C.KING, CHIEF, WHD

Authenticating Officer

J.D. ESTERLINE, CHIEF, WH/4

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DATE: NOV 13 2050Z 60

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO: JMADD

OUT 91807

FROM: DIRECTOR

OPIM MADD INFO GUAT KOLA RIMM YOGU CITE DIR 1288

CANCEL GS-46-007 PLAN TO EFFECT EVACUATION IF  
REQUIRED AT DIRECTION OF  SUPPORT  IN INTERIM  
AS REQUIRED. CARPENTER DUE TO TAKE OFF FROM KWCANINE  
AT 0500L 14 NOV. IF SITUATION\* WORSENS SEND DELAY OF  
MISSION MSG TO EGLI RPT EGLI OTHERWISE AIRCRAFT WILL  
PROCEED ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:

Stanley W. Beerli A/C DPD

Coordinating Officer:

Mr. Esterline by phone WH/4

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FROM: GUATEMALA CITY

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TO: SECRETARY OF STATE

Recd: Nov 13, 1960  
7:50 P.M.

NO: 223, NOVEMBER 13, 3 P.M.

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PASS ARMY AND AIR FORCE

REFERENCES: EMBTEL 222

[ZACAPA]

XACAVA/(SECOND MILITARY ZONE HEADQUARTERS) AND PUERTO BARRIOS MILITARY BASE INCLUDING AIRPORT ARE IN HANDS UNIDENTIFIED REBELS. PUZZLE IS WHETHER ATTACK ON CUARTEL GENERAL FAILED OR WAS PLANNED MERELY TO OBTAIN VEHICLES AND ARMS AND AMMUNITION (WHICH WERE OBTAINED). EMBASSY OFFICER JUST TELEPHONED FROM BARRIOS SAYING GOVERNOR IXABEL DEPARTMENT ARRESTED AND MATIAS de GALVEX RADIO CALLING FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT REVOLT -- BUT SIGNIFICANT THAT SO FAR REBEL BROADCASTS MENTION NO NAMES OR PARTY AFFILIATIONS.

MID-MORNING GAF STRAFED XACAVA AND BARRIOS WITH ROCKETS AND 50 CALIBRE MACHINE GUNS DESTROYING SEVERAL TRUCKS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS GOG PLANS ATTEMPT RETAKE BARRIOS BASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH AIRLIFTED TROOPS FROM GUATEMALA CITY PRECEDED BY GAF STRAFING.

YDIGORAS DECLARED STATE OF SIEGE AND CONGRESS MEETING 4 P.M. TO RATIFY IT. (CAS RECEIVING CONFLICTING REPORTS RE NATURE MOVEMENT.)

EMBASSY IGNORANT WHETHER MOVEMENT CASTROITE OR MERELY ANTI-GOVERNMENT AND TO WHAT EXTENT ARMY DEFECTIONS INVOLVED. MILITARY GARRISON GUATEMALA CITY AND GAF APPARENTLY LOYAL AND NO ADVERSE INFORMATION YET FROM REST COUNTRY OTHER THAN BARRIOS AND XACAVA [ZACAPA].

MUCCIO

Note: Passed Army & Air Force

Ready by Mr. Godfrey (ARA) 8:30 P.M. 11/13 CWO-JSW

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DATE: NOV 13 2112Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 41832

FROM: GUATEMALA CITY

EMERG DIR INFO PACY CITE GUAT 511

REF: GUAT 508 (IN 41822)\*\*

1. AMBASSADOR REQUESTS IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS  
BE MADE WITH APPROPRIATE ODYOKE OFFICIALS FOR SURVEIL-  
LANCE SOONEST BETWEEN PUERTO BARRIOS AND CUBA, WITH  
IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION [ ] OF RESULTS OF SURVEILLANCE.

2. ADVISE [ ] ASAP THAT TYPE SURVEILLANCE TO  
BE EMPLOYED, WHEN AND WHERE BEING SENT, SO CAN ADVISE GOG  
TO ASSURE NO OPPOSITION TO SURVEILLANCE EFFORT BY GUAT  
AIR FORCE. CHIEF GAF BEING ADVISED BY EMBASSY OF AMBAS-  
SADOR;S REQUEST.

END OF MESSAGE

\*\* Midef Ruben Gonzalez Sigui urgently requested ODYOKE  
supply any information concerning any enemy ships now in  
position to act against Guatemala.

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DATE: 13 Nov 60 [time illegible] EMERGENCY  
TO: GUATEMALA CITY OUT 91831  
FROM: DIRECTOR CITE DIR: 11293

(OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE) PACY

RE: GUAT 511 (IN 41822)\*

1. TWO PLANES (PV-2) [P2V] WILL SURVEILL GULF  
OF HONDURAS AREA NEAR PUERTO BARRIOS EARLY DAYLIGHT  
HOURS 14 NOV. WILL CONTINUE PANAMA AND REPEAT SWEEP  
15 NOV. SAME HOURS.

2. DESTROYER BEING DISPATCHED TO PATROL GULF  
OF HONDURAS AREA. APPROX ETA ON STATION 15 NOV 60.

END OF MESSAGE

\* Guatemala City advised that Mindef Ruben Gongalez  
Sigui urgently requested ODYOKE to supply any informa-  
tion concerning any enemy ships which were in position  
to act against Guatemala.

Releasing Officer

Jacob D. Esterline

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DATE: NOV 13 2154Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 41833

FROM: GUATEMALA CITY

CITE: GUAT 513

INFO (EMERGENCY) MADD (EMERGENCY) TRAV  
SITUATION REPORT

RE A. GUAT 507 (IN 41825)\*\*

B. GUAT 512\*

1. DUE NECESSITY TO COMMIT LOYAL TROOPS ONLY GUAT ARMY REQUEST  MOVE ALL GUAT TROOPS FROM FINCA AND MADD FOR DEPLOYMENT AGAINST REBEL FORCES IN PUERTO BARRIOS-ZACAPA AREA. MADD C-46'S USED AS TROOP TRANSPORTS.

2. IN ORDER ASSURE DEFENSE OF MADD ARMING 200 TRAV CUBANS AND MOVING THEM TO MADD IMMEDIATELY.

3. LT. COL. EGAN PROCEEDING TRAV AND LT. COL. NEAL PROCEEDING MADD TO TAKE COMMAND RESPECTIVE BASES. SANTORO REMAINING WITH  FOR OVERALL COMMAND AND COORDINATION.

4. GOG HAS REQUESTED USE MADD B-26'S AND PBPRIME PILOTS VOLUNTEERING FIGHT FOR GUAT IF NECESSARY. REQUEST HQS IMMEDIATE THINKING RE THIS MATTER.

5. MAJORITY CUBANS TRAV HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO FIGHT FOR GUAT AND GOG HAS INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE USE TRAV CUBANS AGAINST REBELS IF NECESSARY. REQUEST AUTHORITY THEIR USE IF NEED ARISES.

END OF MESSAGE

\* No record in Cable Secretariat as of 1800 13 Nov.

\*\* Reported attack on Guatemala City by unidentified forces.

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DATE: NOV 13 2159Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 41835

FROM: MADD

CITE MADD 0542

EMERGENCY DIR INFO EMERGENCY GUAT EGLI

1. REQUEST B-26's NOW AT EGLI BE PLACED ON  
STANDBY ALERT FOR POSSIBLE USE DEFENSE OF MADD.

2. REQUEST ANY AVAILABLE INFO ON AIRCRAFT WHICH  
COULD BE USED ON EVACUATION PLANS. AS OF 132030Z MADD  
HAS ONE C-46 AT MADD. ALL OTHER AIRCRAFT AT GUAT CITY.  
UNABLE TO EVACUATE ALL PERSONNEL  WITH  
PRESENT AIRCRAFT SHOULD THIS BECOME NECESSARY. ADVISE.

END OF MESSAGE

THIS MESSAGE WAS RELAYED TO DPD BY SIGNAL CENTER.

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DATE: NOV 13 2354Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 41848

FROM: GUATEMALA CITY

CITE: GUAT 512

[REDACTED]  
BASED ON: [REDACTED] 1864

DIR PACY

INTEL

SUPDATA SOURCES PARAS 1 AND 2 [REDACTED] FROM [REDACTED]

OFFICER IN PUERTO BARRIOS; PARA 4 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; PARA 5 [REDACTED] FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; PARA 6 [REDACTED] PARA 7 [REDACTED]

FILED: 132130Z

[REDACTED] 1864, GUATEMALA

SUBJ 13 NOV REVOLUTIONARY ATTEMPT AGAINST GUATEMALAN GOVT

DOI: 13 NOV 60 PADA GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA 13 NOV 60 APR

PARAS 1-4 (2); PARAS 5-7 (3)

SOURCES PARAS 1 AND 2 HIGH GUATEMALAN OFFICIALS (B); PARA

3 USIS OFFICER; PARA 4 [REDACTED] GUATE-

MALAN [REDACTED] (B); PARA 5 GUATEMALAN JOURNALIST WITH

GOOD POLITICAL CONTACTS (B) FROM RIGHTIST POLITICAL LEADER

(C); PARA 6 RIGHTIST POLITICIAN AND ARMY COL (F); PARA 7

LEFTIST POLITICIAN (F).

Comment: No separate cable distribution is being made  
of this [REDACTED]

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CIA INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY: GUATEMALA

SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY ATTEMPT AGAINST  
GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT

REPORT NO:

DATE OF INFO: 13 NOV 1960

DATE DISTR: 13 NOV 60

PLACE & DATE ACQUIRED: Guatemala, Guatemala City  
(13 November 1960)

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

REFERENCES: IN 41848

FIELD REPORT NO:  1864

1. EARLY MORNING 13 NOV 60 GUATEMALAN ARMY REBELS MADE COORDINATED COUP ATTEMPTS AGAINST MARISCAL ZAVALA, GUARDIA DE HONOR AND MATAMOROS GUATEMALAN ARMY INSTALLATIONS. OWING PROMPT ACTION BY MINISTER DEFENSE RUBEN GONZALEZ SIGUI, MARISCAL ZAVALA AND GUARDIA DE HONOR REMAINED IN GOVT HANDS. REBELS TOOK MATAMOROS.

2. UNKNOWN NUMBER GUATEMALAN ARMY TROOPS IN PUERTO BARRIOS LEFT THE CITY MORNING 13 NOV FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION. (SOURCE COMMENT: TROOPS BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE TO ZACAPA.) NOT KNOWN IF TROOPS HAVE DEFECTED.

3. PUERTO BARRIOS AIRPORT IN HANDS REBELS WAS STRAFED TWICE BY GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE PLANES. MATIAS

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DE GALVEZ RADIO STATION ALSO FELL TO REBELS NOW BROADCASTING ANTI YDIGORAS PROPAGANDA.

4. ON 13 NOV REBELS TOOK ZACAPA AIRFIELD AND MILITARY BASE. AIR FORCE STRAFED BASE AND AIR FIELD WITH 5-INCH ROCKETS AND 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS. ONE PLANE DAMAGED BY GROUND FIRE. ALL ARMS TAKEN BY REBELS IN NIGHT ATTACK ON CUARTEL GENERAL.

5. REBEL FORCES LED BY THREE COLONELS WHO POLITICALLY UNAFFILIATED BUT WHO LEAN TOWARD NON-COMMUNIST LEFT. PART OF GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE IS COMMITTED TO NEUTRALITY IN PASSIVE SUPPORT OF COUP. FAR LEFT WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM COUP BY FORCE IF NECESSARY. COUP WILL REQUIRE 72 HOURS AFTER WHICH COALITION GOVT WILL BE FORMED WITH REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH NON-YDIGORAS PARTY TO INCLUDE PARTIDO DE UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA (PUR).

6. COUP LEADERS ARE LT. COL. RAFAEL SESAN PEREIRA, WHO FOUGHT AGAINST LIBERATION ARMY OF COL. CARLOS CASTILLO ARMAS; MAJOR JULIO NHINAS, AN OFFICER ON DUTY AT MATAMOROS DURING COUP; LT. COL. AUGUSTO LOARCA, MILITARY SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR. ALL HAVE NON-POLITICAL HISTORY. (SOURCE COMMENT: POLITICIANS FROM EXTREME LEFT BELIEVED TO BE BEHIND THREE COUP LEADERS.)

7. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO (PR), SAID CIVILIAN

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LEADER OF REBELS IS MANUEL COLON ARGUETA AND THAT PR  
SUPPORTS REVOLT.

8. (FIELD COMMENT: PRESIDENT YDIGORAS DECLARED  
30 DAY STATE OF SIEGE. CONGRESS CALLED INTO EMERGENCY  
SESSION.)

9. FIELD DISSEM: STATE, ARMY, AIR, CINCARIB

END OF MESSAGE

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DATE: 14 NOV 0001Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 41849

FROM: GUATEMALA CITY

EMERG DIR CITE GUAT 514

1.  REQUESTS FOLL ITEMS THROUGH AIRATT:

A. MINIMUM 200 ANTI-PERSONNEL DEMOLITION  
BOMBS 100 LBS. EACH.

B. 200 SUB-MACHINE GUNS OR BROWNING AUTOMATIC  
RIFLES AND AMMO.

2. AIRATT CANNOT PRODUCE. CAN ABOVE BE SUPPLIED  
BLACK THROUGH MADD?

END OF MESSAGE

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DATE: NOV 14 0001Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 41850

FROM: GUATAMALA CITY

TO DIR INFO MADD CITE GUAT 515

GOG REQUESTS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE SEND NAPALM  
BOMBS TO BE MOUNTED ON GOG B'26'S. DELIVERY TO BE  
BLACK TO MADD. PLEASE ADVISE.

END OF MESSAGE

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DATE: NOV 14 0044Z 60                      EMERGENCY  
TO: GUATEMALA CITY                      OUT 91823  
FROM: DIRECTOR                      CITE: DIR 11291

TO EMERGENCY GUAT INFO EMERGENCY MADD TRAV

RE A. GUAT 514 (IN 41849)\*

B. GUAT 515 (IN 41850)\*\*

WORKING ON REF REQUESTS BUT TO DELIVER NEED  
YOUR ADVISE SOONEST AS TO AVAILABILITY SECURE AIRFIELDS  
PARTICULARLY MADD AND SAN JOSE. ALSO DO YOU HAVE UNLOAD-  
ING AND DISTRIBUTION CREWS AND FACILITIES.

END OF MESSAGE

\* [ ] (1) request for arms and ammunition  
through AIRATT. Latter could not produce. Queried if  
could be supplied black through MADD.

\*\*GOG requested if at all possible send napalm bombs to  
be mounted on GOG B-26's.

Releasing Officer:

William Bradley by direction of A/CSDO

C. Tracy Barnes ADDP/A

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FROM: GUATEMALA

Control: 7268

TO: SECRETARY OF STATE

Recd: Nov 14, 1960  
9:50 a.m.

NO: 225, NOVEMBER 14, 1 a.m.

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STILL ONLY CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO NATURE MOVEMENT.

FOREIGN MINISTER VISITED ME IN EXCITED STATE AT 8 P.M. AT BEHEST PRESIDENT SAYING HOPED US WOULD PREVENT SEA OR AIR-BORNE INVASION FROM CUBA AND ASSIST IN CASE INVASION FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. INSISTED UPRISING WAS CASTRO-INSPIRED AND THAT GOVERNMENT HAS LONG BEEN PREDICTING WOULD HAPPEN. SAID HE HAD JUST SENT STRONG TELEGRAMS INCRIMINATING CUBA TO OAS AND UN. ALSO SAID PR AND MARIO MENDEZ MONTENEGRO WHO LEFT FOR US TWO DAYS AGO HEAVILY INVOLVED. SAID MENDEZ PLANNED RETURN TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP MOVEMENT IF SUCCESSFUL.

ACTUAL SITUATION LITTLE CHANGED. GAF HAS BEEN STRAFING BARRIOS AND ZACAPA ALL DAY AND LATE THIS AFTERNOON AIR-LIFTED 100 OR SO TROOPS TO CHIQUIMULA TO MOVE AGAINST ZACAPA TONIGHT OR TOMORROW MORNING. ELEMENTS OF MARISCAL ZAVALA IS REGIMENT REPORTEDLY ALSO ON WAY TO PORT AREA. GOVERNMENT PRONOUNCEMENTS HAVE VARIOUSLY BLAMED UPRISING ON COMMUNISTS (PGT) AND MENDEZ MONTENEGRO.

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Note: Passed OSD, Army, Navy, Air 11/14/60, CWO-JRL.

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DATE: NOV 14 0448Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 41880

FROM: GUATEMALA CITY

CITE: GUAT 517

EMERG DIR CITE GUAT 517

GOG URGENTLY NEEDS AND REQUESTS MINIMUM 100,000  
ROUNDS 50 CAL. ARMOUR PIERCING AND TRACER AMMO SOONEST,  
BY 14 NOV IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.  HAS DETERMINED  
GOG HAS ONLY 15,000 ROUNDS LEFT\* FOLLOWING 13 NOV ACTION.  
AIRATT STATES THAT AT PRESENT RATE USE GOG WILL EXHAUST  
PRESENT SUPPLY EARLY 14 NOV. PLEASE ADVISE.

END OF MESSAGE

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DATE: NOV 14 0613Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: GUATEMALA CITY

OUT 91833

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE: DIR 11295

TO GUAT INFO MADD

RE GUAT 517 (IN 41880)\*

1. ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION. WILL ADVISE ETA.
2. UTILIZE .50 CAL AMMO IF AVAILABLE MADD STOCKS.

ADVISE QUANTITY ON HAND.

END OF MESSAGE

\*GOG urgently needs and requests minimum 100,000 rounds  
50 cal armour piercing tracer ammo soonest, by 14 Nov  
if at all possible.

Releasing Officer:

J. Esterline

Authentication Officer:

W. Eisemann

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DATE: NOV 14 0636Z 60                      OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
TO:      JMADD                                OUT 91835  
FROM:    DIRECTOR                            CITE:    DIR 11297

TO MADD    RE MADD 0542\*(IN 41835)

1.    B-26'S ON STANDBY EGLIN.
2.    EVACUATION PLAN WILL BE AUGMENTED WITH TWO  
C-54'S ARRIVING MADD P.M. 14 NOV.

END OF MESSAGE

\* MADD requested a B-26 at Eglin AFB be placed on standby  
alert for possible use in the defense of MADD.

Releasing Officer:

Stan Beerli

Coordinating Officer:

J. Esterline

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DATE: NOV 14 1016Z 60                      EMERGENCY  
TO: GUATEMALA, JMADD, JMTRAV              OUT 91920  
FROM: DIRECTOR                              CITE: DIR 11321

TO GUAT MADD TRAV INFO RIMM YOGU

1. IN EVENT ANY OR ALL OF ABOVE ADDRESSESS FORCED  
CLOSE DOWN DUE ENEMY ACTION AND THERE IS NOT TIME FOR EVEN  
SHORT SITUATION REPORT SEND EMERGENCY QUEBEC SIGNAL INDICA-  
TING "FORCED TO EVACUATE."

2. QUEBEC SIGNALS ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. FOR GUAT: QWW\*
- B. FOR MADD: QXX
- C. FOR TRAV: QZZ

3. ABOVE TO BE TRANSMITTED ONLY UPON AUTHORIZATION  
SENIOR KUBARK OFFICIAL EXCEPTING AS LAST DITCH PROPOSITION  
COMMO OFFICER MAY SEND.

4. RIMM AND YOGU COVERING ABOVE STATIONS RESPEC-  
TIVELY ON 24 HOUR BASIS.

5. IF EVACUATION BECOMES NECESSARY REQUEST ABOVE  
ATTEMPT TAKE RS-1 AND NECESSARY CRYSTALS AND PADS TO PER-  
MIT CONTINUED CONTACT WITH RESPECTIVE BASES.

6. ADVISE HQS ACTION YOU ABLE TAKE INCLUDING ANY  
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO RIMM AND YOGU.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer: D/CO  
Coordinating Officers: OC-S ; WH/IV Stanulis by phone  
Authenticating Officer: W.S. Georgia, Jr.

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DATE: NOV 14 1504Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 42027

FROM: JMADD

CITE: MADD 0540

TO (EMERG) DIR INFO (EMERG) GUAT

RE: A. DIR 11294 (OUT 91832)

B. DIR 11295 (OUT 91833)\*

PER REF A RESOURCES FOR NAPALM BOMB PREPARATION  
AND INSTALLATION NOT AVAILABLE. GROUND CREW NOT EXPER-  
IENCED IN HANDLING NAPALM BOMBS.

PER REF B ONLY 15,000 ROUNDS, .50 CAL NEEDED FOR  
LOCAL RESERVE AND 16 ROCKETS AVAILABLE AT MADD.

END OF MESSAGE

\* Stated arranging transportation will advise eta.

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DATE: NOV 14 1523Z 60                      OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
TO: EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE                      OUT 91865  
FROM: DIRECTOR                                CITE: DIR 11303

OPIM EGLI INFO OPIM MADD GUAT

REQUEST CARPENTER AND KEKOLER PREPARE DEPART  
FOR MADD ASAP. LOAD MAX AMOUNT 50 CAL COMMENSURATE  
FLYING SAFETY IN BOMBAY PRIOR DEPARTURE. WX DUE EGLI  
1700Z. WHEN CARPENTER READY DEPART NOTIFY HQS BY PHONE.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:  
Stanley W. Beerli AC/DPD

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DATE: NOV 14 1630Z 60

OUT 91832

TO: GUATEMALA CITY

CITE: DIR 11294

FROM: DIRECTOR

TO GUAT INFO MADD TRAV EGLIN

RE: A. GUAT 514 (IN 41849)\*

B. GUAT 515 (IN 41850)\*\*

1. PER REF A, FOLLOWING BEING PREPARED FOR SHIP-  
MENT VIA TWO C-54'S: 200 SMG CAL .45; 100,000 RDS AMMO  
CAL .45; AND APPROX 70 BOMBS FRAG 220 LBS.

2. PER REF B, TECHNICAL PERSONNEL NOT IMMEDIATELY  
AVAILABLE FOR NAPALM BOMB PREPARATION AND INSTALLATION.  
RECOMMEND MADD MUNITION RESOURCES BE CHECKED AND UTILIZED.

3. EGLIN: PROVIDE ETA TO MADD AND GUAT. RECALL  
PLAN MUST BE INCLUDED AND CREW FULLY BRIEFED. ADVISE HQ  
OF PLAN DETAILS.

END OF MESSAGE

\* [ ] requested a minimum of 200 anti-personnel  
demolition bombs, 100 lbs each, and 200 sub-machine guns  
or browning automatic rifles and ammo.

\*\* The GOG requested napalm bombs be sent to be mounted on  
GOG B-26's.

Releasing Officer:

J. Esterline

Coordinating Officers:

O/L

DPD - OK per Stan Beerli

Authenticating Officer:

W.E.Eisemann

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DATE: NOV 14 2150Z 60                      OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
TO:     EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE                OUT 91993  
FROM:   DIRECTOR                            CITE:   DIR 11352

OPIM EGLI MADD GUAT

- [REDACTED]
- A. MSN ES-54-049 AND ES-54-050.
  - B. TAKEOFF TIME WILL BE FURNISHED BY HQS VIA [REDACTED] X.  
TWO C-54G AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE LOADED AND PREPARED FOR  
TAKEOFF ASAP AFTER C-124 ARRIVAL.
  - C. TWO C-54G DELIVER 20,000 LBS MUNITIONS TO MADD.
  - D. EGLIN FIELD THREE.
  - E. MADD
  - F. AUTHORIZED USE OF USAF AND OSTIARY CREWS OR COMBINA-  
TIONS.
  - G. BOTH AIRCRAFT UNMARKED EXCEPT FOR TAIL NUMBERS 6096  
AND 9069. CALL SIGN FOR FIRST AIRCRAFT ES-54-049 IS RASCAL  
ONE AND SECOND AIRCRAFT IS RASCAL TWO. COMPLAN FOR  
RASCAL ONE IS LIMROT, FOR RASCAL TWO IS PEKSOR.
  - H. ROUTE TO GUAT IS DIRECT MERIDA, DIRECT GUAT CITY,  
DIRECT MADD. AIRCRAFT CONTACT MADD TOWER ON ARRIVAL  
WITH CALL SIGN. AIRCRAFT WILL NOT LAND UNLESS COUNTERSIGN  
"RHUBARB" RECEIVED FROM TOWER. IN EVENT TOWER IS OUT  
MADD WILL COUNTERSIGN LOW PASS WITH RED FLARE FOLLOWED

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BY GREEN FLARE. AMERICAN WILL MAN TOWER. IN EVENT  
COUNTERSIGN NOT RECEIVED AIRCRAFT RETURN EGLIN THREE  
SAME ROUTE. COMPLAN REPORTING POINTS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) 2600N 8800W
- (2) MERIDA RBN
- (3) 1750N 9000W (GUAT BORDER)
- (4) GUAT CITY
- (5) MADD

EGLI ADVISE HQS, MADD, GUAT, RIMM AND YOGU OF ATD,  
ETA AT MADD AND ETA AT CHECKPOINT THREE.

I. ACFT WILL NOT TAKEOFF MADD UNTIL FLIGHT PLAN AND DE-  
PARTURE TIME APPROVED HQS AND UNDERSTANDING AND CONCURRENCE  
ACKNOWLEDGED BY MADD.

J. FOR MADD: ACKNOWLEDGE UNDERSTANDING AND CONCURRENCE  
THIS MSG.

K. FOR GUAT: ADVISE MAJ BATRES ETAS AT GUAT BORDER  
(CHECK POINT THREE) UPON RECEIPT TO INSURE NO INTERCEPT.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:

Stanley W. Beerli AC/DPD

Coordinating Officer:

C/JMCLEAR C/COMMO/DPD

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DATE: NOV 14 2208Z 60

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO: EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE MADD  
GUATEMALA CITY RIMM

OUT 92016

CITE: DIR 11366

FROM: DIRECTOR

OPIM EGLI MADD GUAT RIMM YOGU

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- A. ES-54-049 (LIMROT) AND ES-54-050 (PEKSOR).
  - B. MSNS APPROVED.
  - C. LIMROT TAKEOFF 15/0700Z.
  - D. PEKSOR TAKEOFF 15/0830Z.
  - E. WILL ADVISE DEPARTURE DATE AND TIMES FROM MADD.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:

Stanley Beerli AC/DPD

Coordinating Officer:

C. Barquin for C/JMCLEAR

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DATE: NOV 14 2225Z 60  
TO: EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE  
FROM: DIRECTOR

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
OUT 92018  
CITE: DIR 11367

OPIM EGLI

REF A. ☐ X ES 54-049  
B. ☐ X ES 54-050

1. PER TELECON VARTANIAN/HAYES FOLL BEING DELIVERED  
YOUR ST VIA C-124 FOR TRANSHIPMENT TO JMADD. REQUEST SHIP-  
MENT BE FORWARDED ON PRIORITY BASIS CITED.

- A. 50 EA 220 LBS FRAG BOMBS 13,151 LBS 1ST PRIORITY
- B. 16,800 RDS 50 CAL AMMO 6,531 LBS 2nd PRIORITY
- C. 200 EA .45 CAL SMG 4,821 LBS 3rd PRIORITY
- D. 60,000 RDS .45 CAL AMMO 3,530 LBS 4TH PRIORITY

2. PARTIALS OF ITEM PARA 1 A and B ABOVE SHOULD BE  
SHIPPED ON EACH ACFT FOR SPACE UTILIZATION AND FOR EACH AIR-  
CRAFT NOT TO EXCEED 10,000 LBS OF CARGO.

3. BALANCE OF C-124 SHIPMENT TO BE HELD FOR FUTURE  
FLIGHTS.

4. REQUEST HQS BE ADVISED WHAT FACILITIES AVAIL  
EGLI FOR STORAGE OF ABOVE TYPE MATERIEL FOR 7-14 DAY PERIODS.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:  
George Gaines C/JMCLEAR

Coordinating Officers:  
DPD/AS RLS WH/4 ☐ (Telecon)



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DATE: NOV 14 2231Z 60

PRIORITY

TO: GUATEMALA

OUT 92070

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE: DIR 11409

PRIORITY GUAT INFO PRIORITY MADD TRAV

REF: GUAT 513 (IN 41833)\*

HQS CONCURS ASSIGNMENT NEAL AS COB JMADD AND  
EGAN AS ACTING COB JMTRAV. PLAN REPLACE EGAN ASAP FOR  
RETURN HQS.

END OF MESSAGE

\* Lt. Col. Egan proceeding TRAV and Lt. Col. Neal  
proceeding MADD to take command respective bases.

Releasing Officer:

R. Bissell, DD/P

Coordinating Officers:

J. Hawkins, C/WH/4/PM

Authenticating Officer:

J.C.King C/WHD

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DATE: NOV 14 2233Z 60                      OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
TO: RIMM EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE YOGURT    OUT 92024  
FROM: DIRECTOR                              CITE: DIR 11371

OPIM RIMM EGLI YOGU

1. TENTATIVE ETD MISSION ES-54-049 (PLAN LIMROT)  
15/0700Z, ETA MADD 15/1320Z. CHECK POINTS:
  - A. 2600 N 8800 W (TAKE OFF TIME PLUS 1:45)
  - B. MERIDA BEACON (TAKE OFF TIME PLUS 3:40)
  - C. 1750 N 9000 W (TAKE OFF TIME PLUS 4:50)
  - D. GUAT CITY (TAKE OFF TIME PLUS 5:55)
  - E. MADD (TAKE OFF TIME PLUS 6:20)
2. TENTATIVE ETD MISSION ES-54-050 (PLAN PEKSOR)  
15/0830Z, ETA MADD 15/1450Z. CHECK POINTS SAME AS LIMROT.  
FREQUENCIES FOR PEKSOR SAME AS LIMROT.
3. IF RIMM RECEIVES TRANSMISSION FROM LIMROT AT  
CHECK POINT 5 INDICATING THEY ARE DIVERTING TO ALTERNATIVE  
BASE OR RETURNING EGLIN, RIMM IS DIRECTED TO PASS SIMILAR  
INSTRUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY TO PEKSOR ADVISING QKDAWN AND  
EGLIN AFTER ACCOMPLISHING.
4. FINAL ETD THESE MISSIONS WILL BE FURNISHED VIA  
 CABLE.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:  
Charles F. Quinette D/DPD/OPS  
Coordinating Officers  
DPD/AS MAJ SKINNER OC/AD

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DATE: NOV 14 2314Z 60                      OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
TO:     EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE                OUT 92069  
FROM:   DIRECTOR                            CITE:   DIR 11408

OPIM EGLI INFO OPIM MADD GUAT

RE:   DIR 11303 (OUT 91865)\*

RELAY CARPENTER DISREGARD REF.   PROCEED MADD  
15 NOV SAME TIMES ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED 14 NOV WX PERMIT-  
TING.   TACTICAL CALL SIGN B-26 IS RASCAL THREE.   USE  
TACTICAL CALL CONTACTING MADD TOWER.   MADD TOWER WILL  
ANSWER COUNTERSIGN RHUBARB INDICATING SAFE LAND MADD.  
EVENT ACFT RADIO FAILURE BUZZ MADD TOWER ONE TIME. MADD  
TOWER FIRE ONE RED THEN ONE GREEN FLARE INDICATING SAFE  
TO LAND.   SAME PROCEDURE APPLIES EVENT MADD TOWER RADIO  
FAILURE.   SAN JOSE ALTERNATE AIRFIELD.

END OF MESSAGE

\* Requested Carpenter and Kokoler prepare depart for  
MADD ASAP.

Releasing Officer:  
Stanley W. Beerli AC/DPD

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DATE: NOV 14 2355Z 60                      PRIORITY  
TO:     JMADD, GUATEMALA CITY, JMTRAV     OUT 92135  
FROM:   DIRECTOR                             CITE:   DIR 11458

TO PRIORITY/MADD INFO PRIORITY/GUAT/TRAV

REF:   DIR 11294 (OUT 91832)\*

TWO C-54 CARGO FLIGHTS DUE 15 NOV. CARRYING 50  
FRAG BOMBS, 16,800 RDS 50 CAL. EACH AIRCRAFT LIMITED  
10,000 LBS DUE TO OPERATIONAL NECESSITY.

END OF MESSAGE

\*Alerting Guat of planned two C-54 with ordnance items.

Releasing Officer:  
William E. Eisemann C/WH/4/Support  
Coordinating Officers:  
Tele Coord: Maj. Skinner, DPD  
[redacted] for C.WH/4/PM  
[redacted] for C/WH/4/OPS  
Authenticating Officer:  
James S. Burwell WH/4/LOG

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DATE: NOV 14 2356Z 60 OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
TO: EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE OUT 92025  
FROM: DIRECTOR CITE: DIR 11372

OPIM EGLI INFO OPIM GUAT MADD  MASH

1. COVER STORY FOR TWO C-54 A/C AND CREW DEPART-  
ING 14 NOV 60 FOR JMADD FOLLOWS:

A. A/C DEPARTED FROM IMMOKALEE, FLORIDA  
DESTINED FOR GUAT CITY.

B. A/C FURNISHED FULLY LOADED AND FUELED  
AT IMMOKALEE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRD.

C. CREW HIRED BY THE FRD ON ASK NO QUESTIONS  
BASIS.

2. EVERY ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO JETTISON CARGO  
BEFORE EMERGENCY LANDING IN FRIENDLY THIRD COUNTRY. IN  
ANY EVENT CREW SHOULD DISCLAIM KNOWLEDGE OF CONTENTS OF  
CARGO.

3. CREW SHOULD BE GIVEN MR.  AS  
EMERGENCY CONTACT IN  . ADDRESS FOUND DIR  
08685 (OUT86419)

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:  
Stanley W. Beerli SC/DPD

Coordinating Officers:  
JMC/SO S Stembridge  
WH/4 J MULLANE (TELECON)

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DATE: NOV 15 0233Z 60

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 42405

FROM: MADD

CITE: MADD 0543

OPIM GUAT INFO OPIM DIR

1. REQUEST MEETING WITH

RE STATUS QUO AT GUAT CITY. CONCERNED OVER TWO C-46'S  
WITHOUT CREWS REMAINING AT GUAT CITY MILITARY FIELD.

2. INFO ON SITUATION RELAYED BY FOUR ARMORERS  
WHO WERE DETAINED BY OFFICER GROUP AT GUAT CITY FIELD  
THIS MORNING AND LATER RELEASED INDICATES GUAT ARMY MAY  
ATTEMPT TO SPIKE ALL MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO PREVENT ACTION  
BY AIR FORCE. ARMY PERSONNEL ARE POSTED IN ALL GUAT  
AF PLANES.

END OF MESSAGE

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DATE: NOV 15 [0248?] 60

EMERGENCY

TO: GUAT MADD TRAV

OUT 92236

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE: DIR 11518

EMERG GUAT MADD TRAV

1. ODACID REQUESTS FOLLOWING

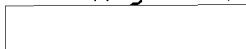
A. SITREP

B. CONCRETE PROOF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT SUCH  
AS PRISONERS, DOCS, EQUIPMENT.

2. ANSWER EMERG. DESIRED BY 15 NOV 1400Z

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:



by direction of J.C.King

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DATE: NOV 15 1227Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 42628

FROM: GUATEMALA

CITE: GUAT 537

EMERG DIR INFO EMERG MADD TRAV

REFS: A. DIR 11518 (OUT 92236)\*

B. GUAT 521 (IN 42024)\*\*

1. SITREP:

A. SITUATION AS REPORTED IN REF B STILL APPLIES.

B. 14 NOV REPORTS OF LEFTIST-COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS NEGOTIATE REVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCE WITH REBELS TEND TO SUPPORT REF B PREDICTION THAT POLITICAL GROUPS MIGHT EXPLOIT SITUATION AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE ANTI-GOVT ACTS.

C. EXCEPT FOR THE EXPLOSION OF SEVERAL TERRORIST BOMBS IN STREETS GUAT CITY NIGHT 14 NOV, CALM STILL REIGNS IN CITY. STATE OF SIEGE WITH CURFEW BEING ENFORCED.

D. GUAT ARMY AND AIR FORCE CONTINUING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST REBELS AND IT STILL TOO EARLY DETERMINE OUTCOME.

E. ALTHOUGH ARMY AND AIR FORCE CURRENTLY SUPPORTING GOG, EVIDENCE EXISTS THAT SOME AIR FORCE OFFICERS ON VARIOUS LEVELS OBJECT TO SEVERITY OF ACTION BEING TAKEN AGAINST REBELS. CONTINUED LOYALTY THESE ELEMENTS OPEN TO QUESTION.

2. NO EVIDENCE CUBAN INVOLVEMENT.

END OF MESSAGE

\*ODACID requested concrete proof of Cuban involvement.

\*\*Revolt appeared to be almost purely military with little or no political or civilian participation.



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DATE: NOV 15 1509Z 60

PRIORITY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 42700

FROM: JMADD

CITE: MADD 0546

PRIORITY DIR INFO PRIORITY GUAT

1. REQUEST IMMEDIATE DELIVERY AMMO RESUPPLY AS FOLLOWS:

- A. CARTRIDGES, CAL .30, LINKED, BALL 50,000
- B. CARTRIDGES, CAL .30, IN 8 RND CLIPS 75,000
- C. CARTRIDGES, CAL .30, CARBINE, BALL 10,000
- D. CARTRIDGES, CAL .30, BALL, FOR BAR 10,000
- E. MAGAZINES FOR BAR 50 EA
- F. MAGAZINES FOR CARBINE 100 EA
- G. MAGAZINES FOR THOMPSON SMG 50 EA
- H. PISTOL, AUTOMATIC, CAL .45 24 EA
- I. BELT, PISTOL 24 EA
- J. CLIPS, FOR .45 CAL PISTOL 48 EA
- K. CLIP CARRYING CASE FOR .45 PISTOL 24 EA

2. FIRST THREE ITEMS MOST CRITICAL

3. TOTAL WEIGHT ABOUT 15,200 lbs. CUT ITEM D. FIRST IF NECESSARY.

END OF MESSAGE

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DATE: DEC 15 1559Z 60

PRIORITY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 17634

FROM: GUATEMALA CITY

CITE: GUAT 700

REFS: A. GUAT 655 (IN 12474)\*

B. GUAT 693 (IN 17002)\*\*

C. GUAT 699 (IN 17440)\*\*\*

1. IN 13 DEC 60 MEETING WITH [REDACTED], [REDACTED] MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT NEW GOVT (RESULTING FROM REVOLT BY MIL GROUP AND PR-MLN-DCG COALITION) WILL CONTINUE SUPPORT ODYOKE ANTI-CASTRO OPERATIONS.

2. WHEN [REDACTED] POINTED OUT THAT YDIGORAS FALL WOULD HELP CASTRO, [REDACTED] EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH MIL AND CIVILIANS INVOLVED ARE STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-CASTRO AND WOULD BE EVEN MORE FORCEFUL THAN YDIGORAS IN THAT RESPECT. HE RECOMMENDED THAT ODYOKE GIVE MORAL SUPPORT NOW TO PLOT-  
TING GROUP BECAUSE YDIGORAS SURE TO FALL SOON.

3. ALTHOUGH AT OUR REQUEST [REDACTED] HAS IN PAST SUCCESS-  
FULLY PREVENTED PR ACTION AGAINST YDIGORAS, HE NOW SAYS HE CAN NOT STOP COALITION AND CERTAINLY NOT MILITARY AND NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE ELSE CAN DO ANYTHING TO PREVENT YDIGORAS OVERTHROW.

END OF MESSAGE

\*Sitrep giving [REDACTED] view that another military revolt against Ydigoras could take place in the near future.

\*\*Request GALBOND (1) check with ODACID regarding aid grant to GOG.

\*\*\*Report on Guatemalan revolutionary activities.

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FROM: GUATEMALA CITY

Control: 8173

TO: SECRETARY OF STATE

Recd: Nov 15, 1960  
2:56 p.m.

NO: 230, November 15, noon

PRIORITY

EMBTel 226

GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE RETAKEN SECOND MILITARY ZONE HEAD-  
QUARTERS AT ZACAPA AND RE-ESTABLISHED COMMUNICATIONS WITH  
THE CAPITAL. GOVERNMENT PLANS SEND ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO  
SECURE ZACAPA PERMITTING OTHERS PUSH ON TO BARRIOS.

SEVERAL BOMBS WENT OFF GUATEMALA CITY LAST NIGHT CAUSING  
NO LOSS LIFE BUT SEVERELY DAMAGING MINISTER ECONOMY'S  
AUTOMOBILE FRONT HIS HOUSE. CAS HAS REPORTS COMMUNISTS  
WILL ATTEMPT STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS PLAZUELA BARRIOS THIS  
AFTERNOON.

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DATE: NOV 15 1816Z 60

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 42807

FROM: JMADD

CITE: MADD 0549

1. REQUEST ONE C-54 REMAIN MADD FOR POSSIBLE EVACUATION. OTHER C-54 TO RETURN EGLI FOR LOAD.
2. AS SOON AS ONE RETURNS MADD. WILL SEND OTHER BACK TO EGLI.
3. PROPOSE CONTINUAL SHUTTLE RUN AS ABOVE UNTIL EMERGENCY IS RESOLVED.

END OF MESSAGE

NOTE: This message has been sent to DPD

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DATE: NOV 15 1858Z 60

EMERGENCY

TO: DIRECTOR

IN 42828

FROM: GUATEMALA

CITE: GUAT 541

EMERG DIR INFO EMERG MADD

REF: GUAT 540 (IN 42829)

1. REQUEST ASSIGNMENT TWO ADDITIONAL FULLY  
OPERATIONAL B-26 TO JMADD ASAP.

2. TWO MADD B-26'S BEING TURNED OVER GUAT AIR  
FORCE 15 NOV DUE FACT MAJORITY GUAT B-26'S NOT OPERATIONAL  
AFTER TWO DAYS COMBAT FLYING.

END OF MESSAGE

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DATE: NOV 15 1901Z 60  
TO: DIRECTOR  
FROM: GUATEMALA

EMERGENCY  
IN 42829  
CITE: GUAT 540

EMERG DIR INFO EMERG MADD  
REF: DIR 11343 (OUT 91978)\*

1. ON 14 NOV [ ] ADVISED IT NECESSARY  
GUAT AIR FORCE RECEIVE ADDITIONAL AMMO AND USE OF THE TWO  
MADD B-26'S. SITUATION CONSIDERED CRITICAL AS ARMY PUR-  
SUING REBELS AND ESSENTIAL IT HAVE AIR SUPPORT. GOG B-26'S  
SHOT UP AND NEED MAINTENANCE.

2. AIR ATTACHE CONFIRMED 15 NOV THAT GOG B-26'S  
SHOT UP AND SHOULD NOT BE PUT INTO AIR IN PRESENT CON-  
DITION.

3. AMBASSADOR CONCURS WITH [ ] THAT ABOVE NEED  
EXISTS AND [ ] SHOULD BE FURNISHED THIS SUPPORT.

4. MORNING 15 NOV [ ] REPRESENTING [ ]  
PROCEEDED TO MADD TO OBTAIN AMMO AND B-26's.

5. [ ] REQUESTED [ ] HAVE GUAT PILOTS TALK  
WITH INSTRUCTOR TO MAKE CERTAIN THEY UNDERSTAND AND  
QUALIFIED OPERATE AIRCRAFT.

6. IN REF TO AMMO [ ] AGREED WITH [ ] THAT  
BULK TO BE STORED AT MADD AND GUAT CITY BASE SUPPLIED  
ON DAY-TO-DAY BASIS.

END OF MESSAGE

\* Joint ODACID/KUBARK message concerning assistance to GOG.

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DATE: NOV 15 1904Z 60

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO: TRAV

OUT 92431

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE: DIR 11564

TO OPIM TRAV INFO MADD, GUAT

1. ZRMEDRICK SMALL ARMS AND BASIC LOAD AT MADD  
INCLUDE 66 PISTOLS, 212 RIFLES, 66 SMG'S, 18 LMG'S, 18  
BAR'S, 7 EA. 3.5" ROCKET LAUNCHERS, 4 EA. 57MM RECOILLESS  
RIFLES, 6 EA 60MM MORTARS, 18 DEMOLITION KITS, 4 INCENDIARY  
KITS, 288 GRENADES, 24 AN/PRC-10'S WITH EXTRA BATTERIES,  
40 AT MINES, AND 4 CORPSMAN KITS. COMPASSES, BINOCULARS  
AND FIRST AID KITS PACKED WITH WEAPONS.

2. FIVE-DAY AMMO RESUPPLY THESE WEAPONS AND TRAV  
WEAPONS BEING SHIPPED MADD ASAP. ETA FOLLOWS. ALSO SHIP-  
PING MEDICAL FIELD SET WITH PLASMA.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:

J.C.KING, C/WH/D by

Coordinating Officers:

WH/4/OPS

J. Hawkins, C/WH/4/PM

W.Eisemann, C/WH/4/SPT

Authenticating Officer:

W. Eisemann. C/WH/4/SPT

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DATE: NOV 15 2120Z 60

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO: MADD

OUT 92476

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE: DIR 11582

OPIM MADD INFO OPIM GUAT EGLI

REF: MADD 0549 (IN 42807)\*

1. RETURN BOTH ACFT TO EGLI.
2. EXPECT THIRD C-54 IN COMMISSION 17 NOV. WILL  
SEND TWO DOWN NIGHT OF 17 NOV. THEN ONE CAN BE RETAINED  
PER REF WITH ONE ALWAYS REMAINING AT YOUR

END OF MESSAGE

\* Requested one C-54 remain MADD for possible evacuation.

Releasing Officer:  
Stanley W. Beerli, AC/DPD



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DATE: NOV 15 2214Z 60

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO: EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE

OUT 92497

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE: DIR 11592

OPIM EGLI INFO PRIORITY MADD GUAT

HBJADE-X:

1. EX-54-052 (RASCAL 2)
2. ACFT 764 WILL REMAIN MADD AFTER CARGO OFF  
LOAD. CREW WILL RETURN WITH RASCAL 1.
3. EXPECT 764 TO RETURN EGLI AFTER DELIVERY 577.  
MISSION OF 764 IS PROVIDE EVAC CAPABILITY. EGLI INSURE  
CANVAS ROLL-UP SEATS AND SAFETY BELTS INSTALLED PRIOR  
DEPARTURE 17 NOV.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer  
Stanley W. Beerli, AC/DPD

Coordinating Officer:  
C. Barquin, C/JMCLEAR

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DATE: NOV 15 2352Z 60

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO: GUATEMALA CITY

OUT 92593

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE: DIR 11667

REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPORT SITUATION AT PUERTO  
BARRIOS WHICH ACCORDING RADIO NEWS REPORTS STILL IN  
HANDS REBEL FORCE.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:  
J.C.King, Chief, WHD

Authenticating Officer:  
J.D.Esterline, Chief, WH/4

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DATE: NOV 15 2357Z 60                      PRIORITY  
TO: GUATEMALA, JMADD, JMTRAV              OUT 92605  
FROM: DIRECTOR                              CITE: DIRE 11679

TO PRIORITY/GUAT INFO PRIORITY/MADD, PRIORITY TRAV

REF: A. DIR 11294 (OUT 91832)\*  
      B. TRAV 0114 (IN 39199)\*\*  
      C. TRAV 0108 (IN 36520)\*\*\*  
      D. GUAT 517 (IN 41880)\*\*\*\*  
      E. GUAT 451 (IN 36927)\*\*\*\*\*

1. HQ HAS READY FOR SHIPMENT APPROX 151,025 LBS CARGO  
AS FOLLOWS:

- A. 20 FRAG BOMBS, REF A, 5200 LBS
  - B. 83,200 RDS 50 CAL REF D, 32,000 LBS
  - C. 200 SMG and 100,000 RDS AMMO REF A, 11400 LBS
  - D. BLASTING CAPS AND TRAINING AMMO REF B, 1600 LBS
  - E. EVACUATION RATIONS REF C, 24,000 LBS
  - F. FIVE 81 MM MORTORS AND 250 RDS AMMO FOR WEAPONS  
PACK AT MADD, 13,775 LBS
  - G. FIVE DAY RESUPPLY SMALL ARMS AMMO FOR MADD  
WEAPONS PACKS, 50,000 LBS
  - H. 50 CAL MG AND AMMO REF E, 3050 LBS
  - I. 52 FIVE IN. ROCKETS JMCLEAR TRAINING 10,000 LBS
2. DUE CRITICAL SHORTAGE AIR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES  
REQUEST YOU ADVISE IMMEDIATELY ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR  
ABOVE SHIPMENTS.

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3. FYI: 50 CAL AMMO AND FRAG GRENADES SHIPPED VIA  
2 C-54 ON 15 NOV NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE.

END OF MESSAGE

\*ETA two C-54's  
\*\*Request for blasting caps, ammo and hand grenades  
\*\*\*Request for evacuation canned goods  
\*\*\*\*Request for 50 cal ammo  
\*\*\*\*\*Request for anti-aircraft 50 cal guns and mounts

Releasing Officer:  
Ed Stanulis, Chief, WH/4/OPS

Coordinating Officers:  
Tele Coord - Vartanian, DPD  
[ ] WH/4/PM  
E.Stanulis, C/WH/4/Ops  
Authenticating Officer:  
R.W.Brown, Chief, WH/4/Log

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FROM: GUATEMALA CITY  
TO: SECRETARY OF STATE  
NO. 237, November 15, 6 p.m.

Control: 8458  
Recd: Nov 16, 1960  
1:42 a.m.

PRIORITY

Dept. Telegram 332.

SOME INFORMATION IN RESPONSE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM CONTAINED EMBASSY TELEGRAM 226. THERE IS ALMOST NO EVIDENCE, SHOWING CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN CURRENT UPRISING IN GUATEMALA, REPORTS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS THE CASE AND GOVERNMENT SEEMS CONVINCED THIS IS SO. FOR EXAMPLE, ARMY ATTACHE JUST APPRISED BY ARMY CHIEF STAFF OF MESSAGE RECEIVED BY DEFENSE MINISTER FROM MILITARY COMMANDER POPTUN BASE, TRANSMITTING WHAT BASE COMMANDER SAID WAS INTERCEPTED MESSAGE FROM RADIO CUBANA, PRESUMABLY TO REBEL FORCES AT BARRIOS, ASKING WHETHER AIRPORT AT BARRIOS USEABLE AND INDICATING PROMISED SUPPLIES WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

CHIEF OF IMMIGRATION ARTURO AGUIRRE MATHEU TOLD EMBASSY TODAY THAT ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO, FOLLOWING A VIST TO HONDURAS, HE TURNED OVER TO PRESIDENT INFORMATION SECURED IN HONDURAS IMPLICATING CAPTAIN ARTURO CHUR DEL CID IN CASTRO ACTIVITIES HONDURAS, CHUR DEL CID IS REPORTEDLY ONE OF LEADERS REVOLT WHO LED INITIAL ATTACK NOVEMBER 13 ON CUARTEL GENERAL (EMBTel 222). AGUIRRE ALSO TOLD EMBASSY THAT COL. PAZ TEJADA, CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF ARBENZ AND EXTREME LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY, WAS THE MILITARY LEADER BEHIND THE REVOLT. COLONEL ENRIQUE PERALTA, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, TOLD

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Page 2, #237, November 15, 6 p.m. from Guatemala City.

EMBASSY OFFICER YESTERDAY PAZ HAS RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS TO EFFECT PAZ TEJADA RECEIVING MONEY FROM CUBA FOR HIS REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES. NEWSPAPERMAN TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER SOME WEEKS AGO HE "KNEW" PAZ TEJADA HAD MADE A TRIP TO CUBA SEEKING FUNDS.

IN SUMMATION NEITHER THE EMBASSY NOR CAS SO FAR HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP POSITIVE PROOF OF CASTRO INVOLVEMENT IN THE CURRENT UPRISING.

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DATE: NOV 16 0243Z 60

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO DIRECTOR

IN 43052

FROM: GUATEMALA CITY

CITE: GUAT 545

OPIM DIR INFO OPIM MADD OPIM TRAV

1. AT 1500/2300Z [ ] REPORTED THAT PUERTO BARRIOS AND GULLAN [GUALAN] WERE THE ONLY TWO TOWNS REMAINING IN THE HANDS OF REBELS. HE ADMITS THAT POCKETS OF RESISTANCE ARE PRESENT BETWEEN THESE TWO TOWNS. HE FURTHER REPORTED THAT THE AIR FORCE IS SUCCESSFULLY INTER-DICTING THE HIGHWAY AND RAILWAY BETWEEN THE TWO TOWNS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

2. HE FURTHER REPORTED THAT [ ] DEPARTED FOR PERSONAL INSPECTION OF THE ZACAPA AREA IN MIDDLE OF AFTERNOON 15 NOV. SMALL SCALE MOPPING UP EXERCISES STILL GOING ON IN VICINITY ZACAPA. HOWEVER TOWN REPORTED IN HANDS OF GOVT TROOPS.

END OF MESSAGE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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FROM: GUATEMALA CITY  
TO: SECRETARY OF STATE  
NO. 238, November 16, 11 a.m.  
PRIORITY  
EMBTELS 226 and 230.

CONTROL: 8996  
RECD: Nov 16, 1960  
3:05 p.m.

PRESS, RADIO AND TV 9 p.m. LAST NIGHT REPORTED ON VISIT TO ZACAPA "BATTLE FRONT". SAID GOVERNMENT FORCES ROUTED REBELS AND COMPLETELY IN CONTROL THERE. DECLARED GROUND ACTION AGAINST BARRIOS (AIR OFFENSIVE AGAINST BASE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS) WOULD BEGIN TODAY. (WITH ARMING OF CIVILIANS AND CONSOLIDATION REBEL POSITION, THIS COULD BE BLOODY.) SAID GOVERNMENT WAS INFORMED REBELS HAD RECEIVED AIR FROM FIDEL CASTRO, THAT "WE ARE ALONE BECAUSE ONLY THE GOVERNMENT HONDURAS OF DR. RAMON VILLEDA MORALES HAS OFFERED ITS HELP AND SUPPORT", AND THAT GUATEMALA HAS SATISFACTION NOT A SINGLE FOREIGN SOLDIER AMONG ITS TROOPS. DECLARED COMMUNISTS TRYING EXPLOIT SITUATION AND ENCOURAGED POPULACE HAVE FAITH AND BE VIGILANT AGAINST COWARDLY STREET BOMBING ACTIVITIES, ET CETERA.

STREET DEMONSTRATIONS CALLED FOR LAST EVENING QUITE UNSUCCESSFUL. ESTIMATED 100-200 PERSONS APPEARED, SOME OF THEM CRYING "DOWN WITH YDIGORAS" AND "VIVA CASTRO". BUT WERE QUICKLY DISPERSED BY POLICE WITHOUT UNTOWARD INCIDENT.

UNDERSTOOD CASUALTIES AMONG GOVERNMENT TROOPS ZACAPA ABOUT 50 KILLED AND NUMEROUS WOUNDED. SOME REBELS TAKEN PRISONERS BUT MANY FLED TO RESIST ELSEWHERE OR TO TRY JOIN BARRIOS FORCES. GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE ARRIVED BARRIOS.

EMBASSY AND CAS HEARING NUMEROUS REPORTS TO EFFECT DISSATISFACTION WITH YDIGORAS GROWING AND THAT COMMUNISTS ACTIVE AND VARIOUS OTHER GROUPS ITCHING ACT.

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FROM: GUATEMALA CITY

Control: 9180

TO: SECRETARY OF STATE

Recd: Nov 16, 1960

NO. 239, November 16, 5 p.m.

10:53 p.m.

SENT DEPARTMENT 239, REPEATED INFORMATION  
TEGUCIGALPA PRIORITY 10

RELIABLY REPORTED GOVERNMENT TROOPS IN CONTROL BARRIOS  
AND COMMUNICATIONS RESUMED WITH CAPITAL. AFTER FAILURE  
TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE TERMS SURRENDER, UNDERSTOOD REBEL  
LEADERS FLEEING TOWARD HONDURAS. UNDERSTAND ALL AMERI\_CANS  
SAFE.

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DATE: NOV 16 2329Z 60

PRIORITY

TO: GUATEMALA CITY MANAGUA

OUT 93074

[REDACTED]

CITE: DIR 11884

FROM: DIRECTOR

PRIORITY GUAT MANA

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

REF: DEPTTEL 329\*(NOT SENT

[REDACTED]

1. HQS URGENTLY NEEDS DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE CUBA BACKING ENEMIES OF REGIME OR DIRECT INVOLVEMENT GOC IN PLANNING REVOLUTIONARY MOVES FOR FUTURE. IS ANY PROOF SUITABLE FOR EXPLOITATION AVAILABLE YOUR AREA?

2. DO YOU SEE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO FABRICATE HARD EVIDENCE OF GOC PARTICIPATION YOUR AREA?

3. DOES GOVT HAVE CAPABILITY TO EFFECT QUICK ROUNDUP OF KNOWN ENEMY ACTIVISTS ON SUITABLE PRETEXT AND HOLD EVEN 24 HOURS WHILE LODGINGS ARE SEARCHED?

4. ARE ANY CUBAN CITIZENS CURRENTLY HELD IN JAIL? IF SO WHO AND ON WHAT COUNTS?

5. WHAT CUBAN INSTALLATIONS EXIST IN YOUR AREA WHICH MIGHT BE EXPOSED AS REVOLUTIONARY BASES?

6. PLS ADVISE ASAP. HQS DESIRES ACCUMULATE USE-ABLE EVIDENCE SOV-CUBA INSTIGATION AND DIRECTION UPRISINGS YOUR AREAS.

END OF MESSAGE

\*OCR/CB notified of reference.

Releasing Officer

[REDACTED] for J.C.King, Chief, WHD

Coordinating Officers:

P.E.Oberst, C/WH/CA

Authenticating Officer:

E.A.Stanulis for J.D.Esterline, Chief, WH/4

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DATE: NOV 16 2330Z 60

PRIORITY

TO: JMASH

OUT 93076

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE: DIR 11886

PRIORITY MASH INFO PRIORITY GUAT  
TRAV, MADD

REF: MASH 1617 (IN 41745)\*

1. IN VIEW UNSETTLED CONDITIONS GUAT AND SATURATION TRAV FACILITIES DESIRE MASH SUSPEND RECRUITMENT OF PM GROUND TRAINEES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. GROUND TRAINEES ALREADY RECRUITED SHOULD BE RELEASED TO ON CALL STATUS READY FOR RECALL ON SHORT NOTICE AND MOVEMENT TO TRAV OR OTHER CAMP AS DIRECTED.

3. FOR TRAV: IF DECISION REACHED TO SEND ADDITIONAL RECRUITS TRAV YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL BARRACKS. PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE SENT UNTIL YOU INDICATE READY TO RECEIVE.

END OF MESSAGE

\*MASH has 50-75 PM trainees available shipment TRAV within 10 days. Request estimate when shipments to TRAV to begin again.

Releasing Officer:

[ ] for J.C.King, C/WH  
Coordinating Officers

[ ] C/WH/4/Support  
J.Hawkins, C/WH/4/PM

Authenticating Officer:  
EAStanulis, C/WH/4

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DATE: NOV 17 0036Z 60                      OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
TO: MADD GUATEMALA CITY                      OUT 93064  
FROM: DIRECTOR                                CITE: DIR 11880  
OPIM MADD GUAT INFO PRITY EGLI  
REF: MADD 0562 (IN 43622)

1. ODUNIT HAS REQUESTED NO B-26 AIRCRAFT RETURN  
EGLI EXCEPT LAST RESORT. RETURN BLEHAR AND GREENE VIA  
C-54. DO NOT RETURN ANY B-26 UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL  
RECEIVED.

2. FOR GUAT: ABOVE ODUNIT POLICY REQUIRES RE-  
OPENING WITH [ ] SUBJECT FLYING MADD B-26 AIRCRAFT  
COSTA RICA FOR HEAVY MAINTENANCE. AIRCRAFT TO BE OSTEN-  
SIBLE GUAT VEHICLES. [ ] MAY WISH RECONSIDER  
ORIGINAL REFUSAL VIEW SUPPORT HE NOW RECEIVING.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:  
Stanley W. Beerli, AC/DPD

Coordinating Officers:  
Mr. Esterline (Telecon) WH/4

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DATE: NOV 17 2021Z 60

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO: GUATEMALA CITY

OUT 93106

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE: DIR 11909

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE GUAT

REF: GUAT 546 (IN 43126)\*

1. TO REMOVE ANY DOUBT THESE ARE CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS: CUBAN TROOPS, AIR AND GROUND, ARE NOT TO BE COMMITTED TO SUPPORT YDIGORAS GOVERNMENT. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THEY SHOULD NOT DEFEND THEMSELVES IF ATTACKED. BY SAME TOKEN IF EVACUATION BECOMES A NECESSITY, THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO FIGHT THEIR WAY TO EVACUATION POINT.

2. IF REF SHOULD BECOME A REALITY, NEW INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

END OF MESSAGE

\* Base Cmdr at Poptun reported intercept of broadcast from Radio Cubana re help forthcoming soon for rebels at Puerto Barrios.

Releasing Officer:  
Richard M. Bissell Jr.  
Authenticating Officer:  
J.C.King, C/WHD

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DATE: NOV 17 2242Z 60

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO: GUATEMALA

OUT 93500

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE: DIR 12092

OPIM GUAT INFO OPIM MADD

1. HQS ADVISES ALL KUBARK ACFT SHOULD BE RETURNED  
MADD ORDER AFFORD BETTER PHYSICAL SECURITY FLEXIBILITY  
AND MAINTENANCE PROVIDED IN REINGRUBER OPINION WILL NOT  
PREJUDICE POSITION . GOG SUPPORT TO BE CON-  
DUCTED FROM MADD.

2. FOR MADD: REQUEST FUTURE  REPORTS  
INDICATE ACTIVITY EACH ACFT ENGAGED IN. EXAMPLE: GOG,  
TNG, FERRY, ETC.

3. FOR GUAT AND MADD: ALL MILITARY DETAILEES  
AND ANG PERSONNEL ASSIGNED MADD WILL NOT REPEAT NOT  
LEAVE PERIMETER LIMITS MADD UNTIL APPROVAL OBTAINED HQS.

END OF MESSAGE

Releasing Officer:  
Stanley W. Beerli AC/DPD

Coordinating Officer:  
Mr. Stanulis (Telecon) WH/4

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FROM: GUATEMALA CITY  
TO: SECRETARY OF STATE  
NO: 248, NOVEMBER 18, 5 p.m.  
PRIORITY  
EMBASSY TELEGRAM 239 AND PREVIOUS.

CONTROL: 10774  
RECD: NOV 19, 1960  
2:32 p.m.

REBELLION APPARENTLY COMPLETELY DOMINATED, ALTHOUGH SOME REBELS WITH ARMS AT LARGE IN COUNTRY AND OTHERS FLED TO HONDURAS. SEVERAL DAYS AERIAL BOMBARDMENT CAUSED REBELS FLEE BARRIOS. PRESIDENT ARRIVED BY AIR LATE AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 16 WITH OCCUPYING TROOPS. YDIGORAS RETURNED TRIUMPHALLY YESTERDAY AND ADDRESSED LARGE WELCOMING CROWD AT AIRPORT DECLARING INTER ALIA GOVERNMENT VICTORY WARNING TO COMMUNISTS LEAVE COUNTRY OR BE EXPELLED. LAST NIGHT YDIGORAS ATTENDED FOOTBALL GAME WITHOUT INCIDENT AND CURFEW MOVED BACK TO 10 p.m.

PRINCIPAL EVENING NEWSPAPER, EL IMPARCIAL, SUSPENDED FOR 20 DAYS UNDER ARTICLE 14 LAW PUBLIC ORDER FOR ARTICLE BY LIMON BLANCO (HE HAPPENED TO BE CAUGHT IN BARRIOS BY REBELLION) DISPARAGING NAVY AND AIR FORCE ACTION. TIME STRINGER ROSENHOUSE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ON CHARGE HAD PASSED UNCENSORED INFORMATION ABROAD. INFORMAL CENSORSHIP APPARENTLY BEING EXERCISED AT TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

POLICE ANNOUNCED WOULD SEEN INDICTMENTS AS ACCOMPLICES REBELLION ALL ARRESTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN DEMONSTRATIONS, UNAUTHORIZED MEETINGS, DISTRIBUTION SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA AND ACTS TERRORISM. SPORADIC LOCAL BOMBINGS CONTINUING GUATEMALA CITY. NUMBER OF LEFTISTS AND RADICALS ARRESTED INCLUDING EDGAR IBARRA, PRESIDENT LEFTIST STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUEGO.

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Page 2, #248, November 18, 5 p.m., from Guatemala City

EMBASSY HAS STILL SEEN NO EVIDENCE CASTRO INSTIGATION OR SUPPORT REBELLION. CAS HAD REPORTS, HOWEVER, COMMUNISTS TRIED JOIN MOVEMENT AFTER IT STARTED BUT REBUFFED BY REBEL MILITARY. ALSO IT GENERALLY BELIEVED MARIO RENE CHAVEZ GARCIA, MEMBER PUR AND KNOWN COMMUNIST, WAS IN BARRIOS DURING REBELLION. PRENSA LIBRE REPORTER CALLED HIM "CIVIL CHIEF" BARRIOS OPERATION AND SAID HE DIRECTED PUBLIC MEETING BARRIOS MONDAY NIGHT AT WHICH GOVERNMENT WAS DENOUNCED AND VICTORY REBEL FORCES PREDICTED. THERE WAS ABORTIVE MOVE BY EXTREME LEFTIST DEPUTIES TO HAVE CONGRESS DECLARE YDIGORAS INCOMPETENT TO RULE.

JUST PRIOR SUCCESSFUL QUELLING REVOLT, EMBASSY HEARD NUMEROUS REPORTS OF PLOTTING AND INDICATIONS FAIRLY WIDE-SPREAD FEELING YDIGORAS'S DAYS NUMBERED. EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, YDIGORAS'S POSITION MAY NOW BE STRONGER THAN BEFORE. HE GAINED PERSONAL PRESTIGE FROM QUICK VICTORY AND PERSONAL DIRECTION OF OPERATIONS. LEFTISTS AND DISPARATE RIGHTISTS HAVE SEEN EVIDENCE HE COURAGEOUS. HE APPEARED COMPLETELY CONFIDENT THIS MORNING WHEN I TOOK SENATORS HICKENLOOPER AND BUSH TO SEE HIM. HE TOLD US OF HIS RELENTLESS EFFORTS ESTABLISH DEMOCRACY IN GUATEMALA, CITING DIFFICULTIES DOING SO IN VIEW AUTHORITARIAN TRADITIONS AND POINTING EXAMPLES PROGRESS THIS FIELD SINCE TOOK OFFICE. HE EMPHASIZED HIS GRAVE CONCERN TODAY NOT MILITARY OR POLITICAL BUT ECONOMIC.

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DATE: NOV 25 2337Z 60

PRIORITY

TO: GUATEMALA CITY, JMTRAV

OUT 96343

FROM: DIRECTOR

CITE: DIR 13413

PRIORITY GUAT INFO TRAV

REF: A. GUAT 575 (IN 44738) \*  
B. DIR 12520 (94390 Out) \*\*

1. HQS. DECISION NO KUBARK FLUTTER TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERROGATION OF REBEL TYPES CITED REF A.

2. SUGGEST AS ALTERNATIVE GUAT GOVERNMENT ENGAGE SERVICE OF PBPRIME COMMERCIAL FIRM THIS PURPOSE. HQS. WILL RENDER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. ADVISE.

END OF MESSAGE

- \* Request assignment of FLUTTER team for interrogation captured rebels GUAT.
- \*\* Response to request from GUAT for FLUTTER Team.

Releasing Officer:

E.A.Stanulis for J.D.Esterline C/WH/4

Coordinating Officers:

[ ] (by phone), OS/IRD

J. Langan, C/WH/4/SEC

Authenticating Officer:

Wm. E. Eisemann, C/WH/4/Support

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## Appendix 2

### Memorandums re Special Force Trainers

- A. Four Memorandums of Agreement
- B. Memorandum for Chief, WH/4 from  
A/DDP/A, 28 Dec 60
- C. Memorandum for Chief, WH/4 from  
A/DDP/A, 30 Dec 60
- D. Memorandum for Deputy Assistant  
to the SecDef for Spl Ops,  
30 Dec 60.

DRAFT  
9 December 1960

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

It is the purpose of this document to record certain agreements between CIA and President Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes, pursuant to the latter's request to be furnished a U.S. Army military training group to train selected elements of the Guatemalan Army. In furtherance of this purpose, it is agreed as follows:

1. The group will be transported securely by CIA to that area of Guatemala where it will for a period of about eight weeks conduct training of selected individuals in paramilitary activities.

2. It is stipulated that all financial indebtedness incurred hereunder by this group, including payments for salaries, allowances, medical care, food, lodging, equipment, injuries or death and any other support incident thereto, will be borne by CIA.

3. It is agreed that Guatemala will, in the event of necessity, assist in providing medical support, a means of evacuation of this group, and any other support considered necessary for its safety and security, at the expense of CIA.

4. In addition, members of the group are to be allowed entry by means of a secure method which would, as far as practicable, preclude local knowledge of their participation in this area of activity. <sup>since</sup> their safety and protection <sup>is</sup> the essence of this document. ~~as such seeks to prevent any unauthorized knowledge of the activity here proposed.~~ Should any inquiries be directed to official sources in Guatemala regarding the subject personnel, such inquiries will be answered to the effect that they are invitees of the government and are training ~~Guatemalan~~ <sup>external</sup> troops to defend Guatemala against any threat of invasion.

5. This document, which is in keeping with U.S. policy, is entered into for the purpose of maintaining peace and order in the Western Hemisphere and in order to prevent the expansion of Communism therein.

6. It is agreed that this ~~document~~ <sup>agreement</sup> will remain undisclosed unless both parties agree ~~to the contrary~~ <sup>that this document</sup> and will be retained in the custody of the United States. ~~However,~~ <sup>The document, however,</sup> it shall be made available to President Ydigoras at his request.

7. The list of names of the persons comprising the cadre is attached hereto as Annex A.

This agreement is executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1960.

For the CIA

Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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7. The list of names of the persons comprising the cadre is attached hereto as Annex A.

This agreement is executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1960.

Republic of Guatemala:

By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James H. Duggan  
Ambassador to the United States

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9 December 1960

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7. The list of names of the persons comprising the cadre is attached hereto as Annex A.

This agreement is executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1960.

For the CIA

Miguel Ydigoras-Fuentes

*Stirling Copy given  
- tried out in Amb. at lunch.*

*Mon 19 Dec at Shouhan,  
kept it.*

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7. The list of names of the persons comprising the cadre is attached hereto as Annex 1.

This agreement is executed this 21 day of December 1960.

Republic of Guatemala:

By [Signature]  
for the CIA

By [Signature]  
Carlos Arceles Arce  
Ambassador to the United States

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Appendix 2-B  
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Memo For: Chief, WH/4

28 Dec. '60

From : A/DDP/A

Subject : Special Force Trainers

1. Attached is (a) Memo to Lansdale w/draft Memo for Record; (b) copy of Lansdale's memo on his talk with Douglas approving the draft Memo for Record; and (c) memo to Mann transmitting the draft Memo for Record.\* Also attached is the original Memo for Record which is now to be signed by the Guatemalan Ambassador.

2. If it would be of any help to you at all, I would be delighted to go along with you to see the Guat Ambassador. I am not asking to do this only offering. At any rate, if, as, and when you are successful with him, I think that I should pick up the strings with Defense as I have essentially been the ball carrier there on this problem.

\* We received phone call on Tuesday, 28 December advising that both Mann and Merchant had approved the draft memo for the record.

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27 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of  
Defense for Special Operations

SUBJECT: Special Force Trainers

1. Following our meeting of December 22 with Assistant Secretary Irwin, we met on December 23 with Assistant Secretary Mann. Mann was extremely hesitant to agree to any signature by a representative of the State Department to a document. After considerable discussion, however, he did agree to the possibility of having a Memorandum for the Record prepared (suggested draft attached) which could be signed by the Guatemalan Ambassador as an accurate statement of the understanding reached between the Government of Guatemala and the United States. The Department then could refer this signed memorandum to the Department of Defense for appropriate action.

2. I believe that this arrangement if it could be carried out would meet the points raised by Mr. Irwin. Mr. Mann felt that he would at least have to obtain the concurrence of Mr. Merchant and possibly of the Secretary. Before asking him to do this, it is of course important that we know definitely whether or not the above proposal would satisfy the DOD if carried out. Of course, we have no assurance at the moment as to whether or not the Guatemalan Ambassador will be willing to agree.

G. TRACY BARNES

Attachment: Proposed Draft



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DRAFT

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

The United States, pursuant to the request of the Government of Guatemala, has agreed to furnish in the near future for an estimated period of three to four months, a U.S. military group to provide specialized training in Guatemala to selected elements of the Guatemalan forces.

The details of this agreement, <sup>and</sup> the procedures whereby it shall be carried out are to be worked out by appropriate representatives of the United States Department of Defense and of the Government of Guatemala.

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The above accurately states the understanding reached between the Government of Guatemala and the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

*[Signature]*  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature)

27 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN SPORE

SUBJECT: Agreement with Guatemala

This afternoon, Deputy Secretary Douglas and I discussed the legal basis for introduction of U. S. military personnel into Guatemala for training "CROSSPATCH" personnel. I showed him the memo from Tracy Barnes, subject "Special Force Trainers," dated 27 December, and its attached "Memorandum for the Record" to be signed by the Guatemalan Ambassador to Washington. Also, I told him of the previous document and Assistant Secretary Irwin's objections to it.

After a thoughtful pause, Mr. Douglas said that this "Memorandum for Record" would be acceptable to Defense. He then asked what the next step was. I said that I would inform CIA, who would then handle through State according to Barnes' memo to me. When this memorandum was received by Defense, it would be best if Mr. Douglas held a meeting with Service representatives and told them that this was Defense policy. Mr. Douglas agreed to this suggestion.

After leaving Secretary Douglas, I told Tracy Barnes that Douglas believed the memorandum was acceptable. I asked if he needed a note on this, but he said that my verbal word was sufficient. He said that he would then try to get both State and the Guatemalan Ambassador to approve. I suggested that State's transmittal be addressed to the Secretary of Defense, but be delivered to OSO who would then get it to Secretary Douglas. Barnes said he would have the signed documents hand-carried to OSO for action by Defense.

Note: When the signed documents are received by OSO, Deputy Secretary Douglas should be informed. OSO should promptly arrange a meeting for Mr. Douglas with the Service representatives, so that he can tell them at first-hand that this is policy. Suggest that the number of representatives be kept to a minimum so that it doesn't become a big mob in his office on this very sensitive subject. If John Irwin is in town, he should be included.

If, for some reason, such a meeting cannot be held promptly, then a memo for the Services should be sent to them, signed by Mr. Douglas.

EDWARD G. LANSDALE  
Brigadier General, USAF

27 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Secretary of State  
for Inter-American Affairs

SUBJECT: Special Force Trainers

1. Attached is a copy of the proposed Memorandum for the Record" for submission to the Guatemalan Ambassador in connection with the Special Force Trainers discussed in your office on Friday, 23 December. If, as it is hoped, the Guatemalan Ambassador will sign the statement in the lower left hand corner of the attached draft, the document can then be "sent" from the Department of State to the Secretary of Defense for appropriate action. This internal U.S. document should, I think, be handled by only your office and ours although the receiving office in Defense, i.e. General Lansdale's office, would be informed.

2. The attached document and the above procedure have been examined and approved by Deputy Secretary of Defense Douglas and he has advised us that he will see to it that the Special Force Trainers are released in accordance with our request as soon as all steps have been completed.

3. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you could give me your reaction as soon as possible (by telephone) so that we may take appropriate steps to obtain the signature of the Guatemalan Ambassador. I assume that you would prefer to have us do this in view of the fact that we had the previous dealings with him. We propose to ask him for this second signature on the grounds that a document of this type will provide him and his Government with more secure and sounder protection than the first document.

C. TRACY BARNES

Attachment: Memorandum for the Record

c.c. C/WH-4

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

The United States Government, pursuant to the request of the Government of Guatemala, has agreed to furnish in the near future for an estimated period of three to four months, a U.S. military group to provide specialized training in Guatemala to selected elements of the Guatemalan forces.

The details of this agreement and the procedures whereby it shall be carried out are to be worked out by appropriate representatives of the United States Department of Defense and of the Government of Guatemala.

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The above accurately states the understanding reached between the Government of Guatemala and the Government of the United States.

*Signed for Govt. Mexico*  
(Signature)

*29 Dec. '60*  
(Date)

Chief, WE/4

30 December 1960

A/DDP/A

Special Force Trainers

Attached are the latest documents in connection with the Special Force Trainers. One is a memo to Frank Devine attaching a suggested draft letter of transmittal to the Defense Department covering the signed Memo for the Record. The second is a memo to Lansdale transmitting the two original signed agreements.

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30 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of  
Defense for Special Operations

SUBJECT: Special Force Trainers

1. Attached are the original signed documents in connection with the Special Force Trainers with which you are familiar. The first is the agreement, dated 21 December, signed by both Alejos, the Guatemalan Ambassador to the United States, and by Jake Esterline; and the second is a Memorandum for the Record signed by Alejos on 29 December. The latter document is identical to the one shown to Secretary Douglas by General Lansdale a few days ago.

2. The State Department will provide (I hope today) the letter of transmittal covering the Memorandum for the Record and discussed with General Lansdale. Since, as you know, we are very anxious to take action as soon as possible, I hope that you will be willing to act on the attached documents without waiting for receipt of the letter of transmittal from the Department of State. As you know, both Assistant Secretary Mann and Secretary Merchant approved the procedure so there is not the slightest doubt that such a letter will be provided.

3. I assume that when these documents have served their purpose, you will either hold them in your files or, if you prefer, return them to me and I will file them here. Anything that you can do to expedite this matter will be very much appreciated. In this connection, in order to keep me up-to-date, would you be good enough to give me a call when the matter is under way.

C. TRACY BARNES

Attachments:

1. Agreement dtd 21 Dec.
2. Memo for Record dtd 29 Dec.

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Appendix 3

Portion of  
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Washington, D. C.

by William W. Moss

for the John F. Kennedy Library\*

MOSS: Ambassador Muccio, you were ambassador to Guatemala beginning in late 1959, if my information is correct. The sources that I have indicate that the Eisenhower administration went ahead with funding of a project to invade, or to do something about recapturing, Cuba in March of 1960. The money went towards training guerrilla bands in Guatemala. I was wondering what the first knowledge you had of this was. How did it come to your attention, in what way, under what circumstances?

MUCCIO: When the liaison to Ydigoras man arrived in Guatemala he had a note to me from one of the Assistant Secretaries of State saying that so and so will approach you on a program we intend to be inaugurated in Guatemala.\*\*

\* Pages 1-6.

\*\* One such note to Muccio in Guatemala City from R. R. Rubottom, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, 15 Jul 60, read as follows: "Dear Much[?] I have asked Bob Davis [Robert K. Davis,     who will bring this letter to you, to convey some information which is very closely held." (Source: State, FADRC, Micro card file: 60-242, Geneva 762 (3-16-62)-Interior Dept (7-10-62), Operations. S.)



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MOSS: All right. Were the terms of that program made known to you at that time?

MUCCIO: No.

MOSS: All right. In what way did you begin to discover what was going on?

MUCCIO: Well, there were two sources of information that were available to me. I received nothing official out of Washington, but the liaison man had been my CAS (Covert American Source) chief for several months before being pulled out, and he and his replacement didn't get on too well.\* But the former liaison man was more or less of a compulsive talker and he felt freer to talk to me than elsewhere ...

MOSS: In what terms did he put it?

MUCCIO: ... and in that way he brought to my attention a lot of developments as they occurred, in implementing and carrying out the program.

MOSS: All right. Did he discuss the program itself with you, or merely the logistic steps, the business of taking over the plantation [Alejos's finca], and so on?

MUCCIO: I doubt whether he knew, except what was going on in Guatemala, very much of the overall strategy.

MOSS: Yes, all right. Now you say you doubt that he knew the particulars, or the purpose of what he was doing at that time.

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\* This might be a reference to [redacted] between [redacted] who was [redacted] December 1960 when [redacted]. However, [redacted] remained until after the Bay of Pigs and as noted in Part I, p. 97 footnote, [redacted] was [redacted] for the Cuban ops and [redacted] was [redacted] activity.

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MUCCIO: As far as he was concerned this was a training project. As to whether it was going to be used, where and when it would be used, was very nebulous to him.\*

MOSS: Right. When did you begin to see the thing build up and change character? I assume that in the early days it looked rather like a guerrilla warfare school, much as the Panama school is. I wonder at what point you began to sense that this was a major development, and in what ways.

MUCCIO: Anyone that knew anything about President (Miguel) Ydigoras (Fuentes) would know that he couldn't keep anything to himself. Ydigoras assumed that I knew what was going on and he talked. Almost every time I saw him he brought out some new fact of what was underway.

MOSS: Yes. Now let me ask this. As I understand it, the story broke in the American papers after -- what is it? -- *La Hora* in Guatemala picked it up.\*\* It broke in the American papers around October, just before the election; and then was picked up again by a chap named (Paul P.) Kennedy, curiously enough, for the *New York Times* in January, and Kennedy was expelled from the country over this, as I understand, and then brought back. What was your involvement in this little episode?

MUCCIO: Practically none. Ydigoras invited me up to the two *fincas* where the training was underway, repeatedly, and I repeatedly avoided going up there. I never did go up there, except on one occasion. That was when, after

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\* Apparently Muccio's CIA source was not such a "compulsive talker" as Muccio had indicated or else the source was not [ ] -- [ ] was fully aware of the operational plan.

\*\* Presumably this is a reference to the use of Guatemalan sites for training the Cubans.

it had become a matter of conjecture in the American press and media, Ydigoras invited the whole diplomatic corps up there for an *asado*, with a sleight of hand he had all the Cubans run up to the other *finca*, and brought in some of the Guatemalans who were being trained at the same time. He took all of us around and said, "See, everybody's saying that there's been Cubans here; there's nothing but Guatemalans. My boys are being trained."\*

MOSS: Did anybody swallow this?

MUCCIO: Dam[n] few. (Laughter) You must remember that most of those Cuban youngsters were from the so-called better classes. They had means, and they ran all over that country.

There were these specially marked jeeps, or unmarked jeeps, going in all directions at all times. I'm sure that more were killed on the roads of Guatemala than were killed at the Bay of Pigs.

MOSS: The whole ineptitude of the operation is amazing, not only what you're talking about now, but I was struck by the simple tactics at the beach. It was just incredible to me that it could have been done that way, but that's an aside -- my opinion.

MUCCIO: On that point let me mention that I understand the same chief of operations handled the Bay of Pigs preparation, implementation, or whatever term you want to use, that had handled the famous Guatemalan incident.

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\* The Agency cable traffic does not reflect any such outing for the diplomatic corps. US newsmen and members of the Congress of Guatemala were given such escorted tours.

MOSS: Oh, yes.

MUCCIO: When -- what was his name -- (Jacobo) Arbenz ...

MOSS: Yes. In 1954.

MUCCIO: ... 1954, was left isolated and CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) supported Castillo Armas, who came in from Honduras. I doubt whether a single shot was fired by one or the other side in the march from Honduras into Guatemala City. Guatemalan military are brought up in a school where no officer, no member of the armed force ever points a gun at another member, another individual in uniform, period. And I'm afraid some of the haphazard planning was due to the ease of the Guatemalan ...

MOSS: I see.

MUCCIO: ... incident in 1954. They were not aware of the control that (Fidel) Castro had already established in Cuba.

MOSS: Yes, Yes, I understand. Now in March of 1961, after the new administration took over, Roberto Alejos went to Washington with a letter from Ydigoras.

MUCCIO: Go ahead.

MOSS: Yes. I was going to say, had you foreknowledge of this, and were you aware that Ydigoras was trying to put pressure on the Americans to get this thing moving.

MUCCIO: Well, on two occasions the liaison officer came to me and said that they were having trouble keeping the boys under control; that they'd been trained to such a pitch that they were eager to get this thing going. He wanted to know if I wouldn't write to Washington saying that it was time to use these excellently prepared (laughter) ...

MOSS: Yes. And what was your response to this?

MUCCIO: My response was that I had not been consulted in any way, and I had no role to play in that particular phase of this operation.

MOSS: Were you informed before the Alejos trip that he was going?

MUCCIO: No. I know that Alejos had been going back and forth.

MOSS: When did you first receive official word of what was going on from the department?

MUCCIO: That was before anything really was underway, when the liaison man came down to establish his role there in Guatemala. His role was merely liaison between the operating group and President Ydigoras. Roberto Alejos was right in the midst of this.

MOSS: Now did you have any specific instructions from the State Department on this?

MUCCIO: Not any.

MOSS: Okay, now let me ask you when the operation was underway, when it became apparent that it was going to end in disaster, what was the reaction of Ydigoras, of Alejos and other Guatemalans to this, and of the CIA people who were in Guatemala at that time?

MUCCIO: Well ... None of the CIA men responsible for that operation ever came anywhere near the Embassy. They were always up in the ... They had their own transportation, their own communication facilities and everything

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else. I took the position that I had not personally seen anything going on, which was the reason why I dismissed Ydigoras' repeated invitations to go up and see how fine the boys were doing. I could legitimately say I had not seen them myself. That was very helpful, particularly when it became a public issue.\*

MOSS: Yes. Do you recall how Ydigoras responded to the failure of the invasion? Do you recall his mood, his attitude?

MUCCIO: Well, his whole attitude was that some of the people in Washington were scared of their own shadow.

MOSS: How about your CAS liaison man? Was he still there after it went off?

MUCCIO: For a while, yes.

MOSS: Do you recall his reaction?

MUCCIO: Well, that something had gone wrong.

MOSS: Nothing specific?

MUCCIO: He was there for a while because the question as to what to do with all this equipment that had been brought down there came up. Now I had a role to play in that.

MOSS: All right. Let me shift the topic somewhat. Well, let me ask you first ... I would be negligent if I didn't ask you about your personal feeling about the operation: its wisdom, its implementation, and so on, with hindsight of course, and realizing that this is one man's perspective. Would you comment in general on it?

\*  in the American Embassy.

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MUCCIO: Well, I had good grounds to be very skeptical of Ydiogras. He was a man who preferred to be mischievous, even when it was not to his advantage. They were not under CIA or the US. These were his boys. He talked about them incessantly every time I saw him. He talked loosely about this to many others. His lack of perception and sensitivity was evident in the baffling attempt to use Cubans to suppress the revolt of his army on November 13, 1960. I heard of his plan to inject Cubans into this purely Guatemalan fray as follows:

Midnight, Saturday, November 13, a third of the Guatemalan armed forces "took off" against Ydigoras. At La Aurora Air Force headquarters, junior officers disarmed and isolated the Chief of Staff. Shortly thereafter some had misgivings, could not agree on the next move and decided to let the Americans know what was underway, particularly since they had received word that Ydigoras had secretly ordered some DC-3 planes loaded with Cubans flown to Puerto Barrios where the revolt was most active.

They'd first called in Lieutenant Colonel (William J.) Cavoli, who was the air attache. Cavoli didn't know what to do and called Colonel John Berry, senior Army attache. Just as soon as Berry arrived there and saw what was underway he called my deputy (Robert F.) Bob Corrigan. Bob Corrigan said, "this is something the ambassador should know about right away." The whole American group came up to the embassy residence. The liaison man came in a few minutes later and said that the Cuban trainees were already airlifted and should have landed by now in Puerto Barrios. I turned around to the liaison man -- he had instant access to Ydiogoras at all times -- and I said, "You go tell President Ydigoras that those Cubans should not be used in Puerto Barrios; that if they have landed to keep them at the airport; if they have not landed to return them back to ---" What was the name of that airport?

Anyway the airport nearest the training firica [*sic*]. (Well, apparently the first DC-3, when it came down for landing, was fired upon whereupon the pilot took off immediately, and he was still in the air.)\* President Ydigoras sent his own pilot down there to tell these fellows to go back to camp, back to the airport. Before I knew what action had taken place by Ydigoras, the telephone rang, and it was a call from Washington. It was Secretary Christian Herter asking what was underway down there. I told him, and he said, "Well, good. I'm glad you sent word to Ydigoras, but you go over there personally right away and tell him that he's to return those men to the base immediately."

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\* The aircraft were C-46's and, according to a more reliable witness than Muccio, the C-46's were not fired on -- the pilot of the first C-46 mistook guns being fired from escape hatches and ports on his plane for ground fire and didn't stop rolling.



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