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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY INFO ON CARLOS CASTILLO ARMAS
 REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES AND PLANS AS OBTAINED FROM ANTI-COMMIE STUDENT
 ELEMENTS: REVOLT TO COINCIDE WITH ANTI-COMMIE MANIFESTATION. PROPA-
 GANDA BEARING HIS SIGNATURE TO BE AIR-DROPPED OVER GUATEMALA CITY WHEN
 REVOLT COMMENCES SIMULTANEOUSLY VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTRY. SUBJECT
 TO CROSS BORDER FROM HONDURAS NEAR PUERTO BARRIOS. HAS ARMS STORED
 COPAN HONDURAS. RAILROAD TO BE CONTROLLED FROM SAMARATE TO PUERTO
 BARRIOS DENYING ITS USE TO GOVERNMENT FORCES. PLACES MENTIONED WHERE
 MOVEMENT HAS MILITARY AND/OR CIVILIAN SUPPORT WITH STATEMENT OF CLAIMS
 BY SOURCES ARE: JUTIAPA, WHERE COUNTING ON ALL MILITARY EXCEPT CHIEF
 AND SUB CHIEF (PLANNING CUT OFF JUTIAPA FROM GUATEMALA CITY BY DYNAMIT-
 ING ROAD AT CUESTA DE LAS CORONAS AND DYNAMITE ALREADY ON LOCATION);
 JALAPA AND SAN LUIS JILCOTEPEQUE, WHERE COUNTING ON FARMERS; ZAGAPA,

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IMPORTANT MILITARY ZONE EXPECTED TO FALL EASILY; QUEZALTENANGO,
SECOND MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY ZONE, GREAT MILITARY STRENGTH; MAZAT-
ENANGO, CONSIDERED STRONGEST AREA; GUATEMALA CITY, DEPENDING ON ANTI-
COMMIE STUDENTS AND CIVILIAN LARGE SCALE UPRISING. HAS PROMISE

[] NOT INTERFERE AND LATTER POSSIBLE HELP. []

[] HAVE PROMISED FINANGIAL AID,

FORMER HAVING HAD CONFERENCES WITH CASTILLO IN BATON ROUGE, LA, IN
DECEMBER AND BOTH WITH ANTI-COMMIE STUDENT ELEMENTS GUATEMALA ON 14
JAN. [] TO OBTAIN MONEY IN HONDURAS AND DELIVER CASTILLO
THAT COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH HAS BEEN CONTEMPLATED REVOLT WOULD OCCUR LATE
JAN, HAS BEEN SET BACK TO LATE FEB. EVALUATION C3. DISTR: AMBASSA-
DOR AND FIRST SECRETARY ONLY.

2. []

[] ALL ACTIVE IN ANTI-COMMIE STUDENT GROUP. LATTER CLAIMS CON-
FERRED WITH CASTILLO AT BATON ROUGE BETWEEN 15 AND 24 DEC 51 AND
HONDURAS 12 JAN 52. TRAVEL TO AND FROM NEW ORLEANS VERIFIED.

3. COMMENT: TIME AND POSSIBLE SUCCESS HIGHLY UNPREDICTABLE.
WILL PRIMARILY DEPEND ON DEGREE ARMY SUPPORT PRINCIPALLY GUATEMALA
CITY ON WHICH HAVE NO RELIABLE INFO. GOVERNMENT OBVIOUSLY AWARE ANY
REVOLT WILL BE TIMED WITH DEMONSTRATION AND WILL TAKE PRECAUTIONS.

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