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11 December 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Possible Move of El Salvador against Guatemala.

1. On instructions of DDCI, a meeting was held with Mr. [] in his office on 8 December 1952.
2. [] stated that in late November Sr. Miguel Angel Magana, Secretary General of the party in power in El Salvador, informed him that El Salvador is so concerned with the increasing domination of the Communists in Guatemala and the extension of their activities to other Central American countries, that it is considering a move against Guatemala in late December or early January. He did not indicate if it would be done openly or by covert support of Guatemalan anti-Communists. [] has known Sr. Magana for many years, and believes that he has his complete confidence. Sr. Magana inquired of [] if some official assurance could not be given verbally by a trusted representative of the U.S. Government that such a move would be looked upon with favor. At one time Sr. Magana was representative of his country at the UN, and he is aware of the complications which might ensue if El Salvador did not have the tacit support of the U.S., if accused of aggression.
3. [] expressed the opinion that an excellent defense could be made if El Salvador or any other country in this Hemisphere acted against Guatemala. The grounds would be that the government of Guatemala today is controlled by Moscow. It is therefore not a native government and is in violation of the Monroe Doctrine and various Hemispheric pacts. It is almost the duty of countries of this Hemisphere to replace the foreign group in control by a native government. [] is convinced that sufficient evidence exists to support such a position.
4. [] has an extremely high opinion of Sr. Magana. Among other things he said that when Sr. Magana was representative of the UN Commission on Korea in 1949, he predicted the invasion of South Korea by the Communists and objected to the withdrawal of American troops from South Korea.
5. [] believes that someone of Sr. Magana's confidence should go to El Salvador to give him the green light if such may be obtained. In addition to [] there is a Foreign Service Officer by the name of [] who has Magana's confidence.

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