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1. In reviewing Subject's file the Station has come across a surprisingly large number of reference to Guatemala, which are pulled together below. Please note, however, that some of the Guatemalar ties given below are hypothetical and that the Guatemalar side of the picture has been particularly stressed for the purposes of this dispatch.

2. Lorenzo CARDENAS Barajas (P-5409). In April-May 1962 a Guatemalan Communist source was dealing with CARDENAS in procuring arms for Guatemala, and CARDENAS told the source that he had a great friend in the Soviet Embassy who was aware of CARDENAS' arms procurement activities (Source: LINLUCK). On 19 April 1963 Subject was observed holding a half-hour meeting in a restaurant under obviously clandestine circumstances with CARDENAS (Source: LIEMBRACE). On 31 May 1963 the Station placed an article in a Mexico City newspaper stating that Subject was working with CARDENAS on smuggling arms to Central American countries. On 21 February 1967 Subject's car was seen passing slowly by CARDENAS, who was standing on a street corner with a friend; Subject's wife was driving the car (Source: LIEMBRACE). On 30 March 1967 Subject, with his wife as passenger, drove twice within a few minutes past CARDENAS, who was sitting at an outdoor cafe with two friends (Source: LIEMBRACE).

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3. Ricardo *MIRANDA Aldana (201-787306), Guatemalan Communist who received guerrilla training in Cuba February - October 1962. MIRANDA has said that he was in contact with Subject when he was in Mexico in January - February 1962 on his way to Cuba. MIRANDA also said that he had met Subject before wher Subject 725 with Auastra MIKCYAN in Cuba (in February 1960). MIRANDA has said that Subject has been a close friend of Guatemalan Communist leader Bernardo LEMUS Mendoza (P-5025, 201-091575) since 1953 (when Subject first came to Mexico). (Source: captured documents). On 7 December 1966 a "friend from Guatemala" called Subject's office, saying that he already knew Subject but that Subject did not know that he was in Mexico and that he did not want to go to Subject's office or use the telephone. He was told to call back the next day. The next day "MIRANDA" (probably Ricardo MIRANDA Aldana) called Subject's office, and Subject asked him to come to his house (same as office) the following day at 1000 hours. (Source: LIFEAT).

- 4. Liliam JIMENEZ Consuegra de LEIVA (P-5169, 201-228386), Salvadoran Communist employed at the Imprenta Madero to proof-read the Soviet Information Bulletin and paid by the Soviet Press Office. She is married to Raul LEIVA Munoz, a Guatemalan Communist writer. Liliam has been occasionally reported asking for an appointment with Subject in order to discuss unspecified matters. For example, on 22 September 1967 she said she had an urgent matter to discuss with Subject, and Subject agreed to see her at her house at 0900 hours on Monday, 25 September (Source: LIFFAT).
- 5. Jose Maria ALVAREZ Posada (P-4415) is a Spanish Communist employed by the Soviet Press Office as an editor for their Bulletin. He seems to be very active among Spanish Communists in Mexico and also frequently sets up meetings between Subject and Juan REJANO Porras (P-1027, 201-109935). The latter is one of the leaders of the Spanish Communist Party in Mexico but also has close ties to other Communist groups, particularly the Cubans and Czechs as well as the Mexicans, and on at least one occasion he was seen going to the Cuban Embassy with one of the leaders of the Guatemalan Communist Party in Mexico. REJANO is in almost daily contact with ALVAREZ Posada, often says that he needs to see Subject urgently, has several times asked about scholarships to the USSR for unidentified persons. On 21 July 1967 it was reported that Subject had given ALVAREZ Posada a letter that was to be returned to REJANO, but often Subject arranges to see REJANO personally at the latter's house. (Source: LIFEAT).
- 6. In view of ALVAREZ Posada's apparent acting as a cutout for Subject, as described above, the following item may
 also be connected with Subject. On 29 June 1967 "Max" told
 ALVAREZ Posada that there was a letter "there" from Guatemala
 that had been there since 22 June but "Max" had not been able
 to reach ALVAREZ Posada before. ALVAREZ Posada said he would
 be home after 1600 hours (so that "Max" could bring him the
 letter). (Source: LIFEAT). Although it is pure guesswork,
 the Station suggests that "Max" might be Maximiliano *SALAZAR
 Garcia (201-183293), a Guatemalan Communist living in Mexico.
 SALAZAR has been very quiet recently, but on 14 July 1965 he
 was reported in contact with Carlos ILLESCAS Aguirre (cf. below)
 about finding housing and a job for an unidentified boy, and
 it is entirely possible that he continues to be active behind
 the scenes in Guatemalan exile affairs.

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Since June 1965 until as recently as March 1967 Subject has been reported receiving telephone calls from a "Carlos" with a non-Mexican accent. Normally Subject and "Carlos" simply agree to meet, without naming the place. Twice "Senor Jacobo" has been mentioned in an unclear context during their conversations. (Source: LIFEAT). Although "Carlos" as a name is not much of a lead, the Station suggests that he might be identical with Carlos ILLESCAS Aguirre (Hernandez) (P-1901, 201-764855), Guatemalan Communist living in Mexico. Although ILLESCAS has been very quiet since 1964, when the Mexican authorities clamped down on him, he is known to have been used by the Soviets in the past and probably still works In 1953, when ILLESCAS was still working at the with them. Guatemalan Embassy in Mexico, he reportedly was very active as a courier for the Soviets (Source: LINLUCK). In 1959 ILLESCAS was reported in contact with Nikolay Vasilyevich AKSENOV (201-106469), suspect KGB officer who was then Assistant Soviet Cultural Attache, a job later taken over by Subject (Source: LIFEAT). In 1931-62 ILLESCAS was reported to be still in contact with the Soviets in regard to guerrilla plans for Guatemala (Source: LINLUCK). On 23 August 1967 it was reported that ILLESCAS passed 22,000 Mexican pesos to one of the Guatemalan Communist leaders in Mexico. This money was described as a monthly subsidy from either the Cubans or the Soviets intended to help the Guatemalan Communists in jail in Mexico. (Source: LIREBEL-2). The above references to "Senor Jacobo" might possibly have meant Jacobo ARBENZ Guzman, former president of Guatemala; unfortunately the tapes of the conversations have been erased and the exact context in which this name was mentioned can no longer be reconstructed.

- 8. Hava (Eva) (P-11484), wife of Guatemalan Communist Sergio de la PENA, was reported to have met Subject in May 1965. On 29 May 1965 Subject invited Hava to dinner, apparently at the suggestion of Enrique SEMO Calev, Mexican Communist leader. Subject told Hava that he was interested in her contacts with other embassies and particularly asked her to put him in touch with Americans. Hava was subsequently reported having Subject and his wife to dinner on several occasions. (Source: LIFEAT). (It seems obvious that Subject was fishing for leads through Hava; however, Hava's Guatemalan contacts may well have been of no interest to Subject.)
- 28 9. Victor RICO Galan (P-7354, 201-336474), Spanish-born Mexican Communist journalist, agent of Cuban government known to have been sent by the Cubans to talk to Guatemalan guerrillas in 1963, in prison since August 1966 for subversive activities allegedly directed against the Mexican government was in frequent contact with Subject in 1965-66. They usually simply arranged to see each other to discuss undisclosed matters, and Subject apparently called RICO from a pay phone rather than from his office. (Source: LIFEAT) (Subject has apparently provided RICO with propaganda for news articles, but they appear to have had other common interests as well. one of which could well have been RICO's guerrilla activities.)

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