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LEMUS identified SISNIEGA as the leader of the rightist guerrilla force known as MANO, which for all practical purposes had now united with the rightist guerrilla force of the MLN which now uses the initials CRAG in Guatemala.

LEMUS stated he intended to remain, at least on a temporary basis, in San Salvador.

LEMUS requested that the above information not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

In accordance with Bureau letter 10-10-66, no effort will be made by the Mexico City Office to recontact LEMUS.

On October 13, 1966, ROBERTO CASTANEDA FELICE stated that GUILLERMOZTORIELLO has been observed by him in the company of Col. FELIPE DOROTES MONTERROSO TRANDA, Chief of the Guatemalan Air Force. MONTERROSO told CASTANEDA that he attended this party in spite of his knowledge that TORIELLO is a leftist because TORIELLO is a hunting friend of the Chief of the United States Air Force Mission to Guatemala. CASTANEDA requested that this information not be disseminated.

CASTANEDA also said that it was his understanding that Peter Pan Werbell, a firm believed operated by MITCHELL WERBELL III. at Powder Springs, Georgia, was a possible source of arms for LEONEL SISNIEGA OTERO and the MANO. CASTANEDA requested if in fact the Peter Pan Werbell firm is a source of arms, his information not be utilized in a manner which would dry up the source.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

Location

T-1: CARLOS AUGUSTO LEMUS GALLARDO

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T-2: MEX 65

T-3: TROBERTO CASTANEDA FELICE, Attorney, Enclosed LHM

Guatemala City, Guatemala,

Former secretary to ex-President CASTILLO ARMAS

(per request)