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VIA: AIR DISPATCH NO. HSS-W-12
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TO: Chief of Station
FROM: Chief, WH
SUBJECT: GENERAL -
SPECIFIC - Eunice ODIO

1. Reference is made to your cable [redacted] [redacted], concerning Eunice ODIO. [redacted] 16, 1 October 1947 stated that among various prizes given by the Guatemalan Government for prose and poetry, one prize was awarded in the last week of September to a young Costa Rican woman named Eunice ODIO.

2. During her stay in Guatemala City after receiving the award, Señorita ODIO gave two recitations of her poems. One was given in the CTG assembly hall, and the second was given before the Faculty of Humanities of the San Carlos University. There, she was presented by the Guatemalan poet, Miguel Angel ASTURIAS.

3. Miss ODIO's style is distinctly Meridian. This is not strange, as she is a very active Communist in Costa Rica, being a member of the famous Communist literary cell - Eugenio Maria de Hostos - to which Corina Rodriguez also belongs.

4. Eunice ODIO was described in 1947 as being about twenty-five years of age, white, with black hair and black eyes, about five feet five inches tall, and weighing approximately 118 pounds. She is of attractive appearance and wears her hair long, which extends half way to her waist. Her platform personality is pleasing, and her voice, which is the most attractive feature, easily captivates her audiences, because of its low soothing tone.

5. Her fanaticism for the cause of Communism and her work and efforts were fully appreciated by the so-called Politburo of the Partido Vanguardia Popular in Costa Rica.

6. SANJ-133, IE-28963, 21 November 1947, mentioned a letter written by Joaquin GUTIERREZ Mangel, son of the Costa Rican Ambassador to Washington, addressed to Eunice ODIO in which he speaks highly of Corina RODRIGUEZ, well-known Costa Rican Communist. The source continued by saying that young

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GUTIERREZ was a suspected Communist and that his close association with Communists such as Corina RODRIGUEZ and Eunice ODIO strengthened the suspicion.

7. In a rather complicated document, ^{16-15, 16-30} [redacted] ¹⁶⁻²⁶ 1191, 18 September 1950, which went to [redacted] but not to [redacted] the Colombian [redacted] reports on arms shipments in Costa Rican territory which are rumored may be intended to reach Colombia. He was sent to Costa Rica and made a general report covering the arms shipments, the involvement of the Caribbean Legion, the infiltration of the Legion by Communists, and the Costa Rican Communists who were involved. Discussing the Costa Rican Communists who had been obliged to seek sanctuary in Guatemala, Mexico and Venezuela, he listed Eunice ODIO, Costa Rican poet, Communist agitator, residing in Guatemala.

8. No other information concerning Eunice ODIO is available at headquarters. Also, there is no confirmation of the allegation that Eunice ODIO had been the mistress of Jacobo ARBENZ.

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