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COUNTRY	GUATEMALA/VENEZUELA/MEXICO	REPORT NO.	TDCS - 3/492,513
SUBJECT	1. PLANS AND VIEWS OF JUAN JOSE AREVALO BERMEJO.	DATE DISTR.	8 NOVEMBER 1961
DATE OF INFO.	EARLY NOVEMBER 1961	PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	VENEZUELA, CARACAS (EARLY NOVEMBER 1961)	REFERENCES	IN -19132 19339
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THIS IS **UNEVALUATED** INFORMATION. SOURCE GRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

SOURCE PERSONAL FRIEND (C) OF AREVALO.

1. JUAN JOSE AREVALO BERMEJO, FORMER PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA, TOLD FRIENDS ABOUT EARLY NOVEMBER 1961 THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WOULD GO TO GUATEMALA IN FEBRUARY 1962 "SO THAT THEY WOULD PREPARE TROOPS". ACTUALLY, HE PLANS TO LEAVE CARACAS IN FEBRUARY 1962 AND GO TO MEXICO CITY, WHERE HE WILL STAY UNTIL THE 1963 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN GUATEMALA. AREVALO IS CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA. HE SAID THAT HE DECIDED ONLY RECENTLY TO RETURN TO POLITICS IN GUATEMALA INSTEAD OF GOING TO EUROPE TO LIVE. (FIELD COMMENT. AGENCY FRANCE-PRESS REPORTED THAT AREVALO ANNOUNCED ON 6 NOVEMBER THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO GUATEMALA IN 1962.)

2. ABOUT EARLY NOVEMBER 1961 AREVALO SAID:

A. HE NO LONGER DEFENDS THE CONDUCT OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT.

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B. HE BELIEVES THAT THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS IS THE SAME OLD THING OF LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS STRETCHING OUT THEIR PALMS TO BEG FROM THE UNITED STATES.

C. HE IS OUTRAGED OVER THE SOVIET BOMB TESTS. IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GUATEMALA TO REMAIN SOVEREIGN, HE PREFERS THAT IT BE A COLONY OF THE UNITED STATES RATHER THAN OF THE SOVIET UNION.

D. REGARDING THE DENIGRATION OF STALIN, HE SAID THAT THE COMMUNISTS WERE STALINISTS FOR THIRTY YEARS, SINCE THE ENTIRE LIFETIME OF COMMUNISM. NOW THEY ARE ADMITTING THAT FOR THIRTY YEARS THEY WERE WRONG.

3. FIELD DISSEM. STATE, ARMY, NAVY, AIR, FBI, I&S, AND CINCARIB.

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