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TO : CRB - Mr. Walker ✓
ARA - Mr. Woodward ✓
Mr. Daniels ✓

FROM : CRB - Mr. Hauch *CH*

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SUBJECT: Crash of Cuban aircraft in Guatemala and Dominican Ambassador's comment thereon.

It will be recalled that when the Dominican Ambassador called on Mr. Woodward on April 15, he presented a statement that a Cuban aircraft had crashed on April 12 in Guatemala killing several Cubans and Dominicans on board. His report stated that the accident was connected with subversive preparations being made in Guatemala against Honduras and the Dominican Republic.

The Embassy in Guatemala now reports that the plane in question was transporting arms, and believes it likely that the destination was either Costa Rica or Honduran emigrés in Guatemala. The Embassy adds that there is no doubt that the ultimate aims of the organization behind this international arms traffic include the overthrow of Trujillo and refers in this connection to its earlier despatch of April 5 regarding the probable concerted effort of certain revolutionary elements to overthrow Somoza, Carias, and Trujillo.

Attachments:

Guatemala despatch 199 of April 26, 1948 and previous file on above subject. *Le*

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