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ALLEGED REVOLUTIONS IN COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA
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The following information was received on December 8, 1955, from a source who has furnished reliable information in the past. (S) (u)

According to the source, the November 30, 1955, issue of "Diario de Costa Rica," a Costa Rican opposition newspaper, quoted from a "Latin-American Report" dated November 15, 1955, prepared by one William Gaudet, which predicted that a revolution would occur in Costa Rica within sixty days, and further that Nicaraguan authorities were expecting an invasion of Nicaragua on December 7, 1955, and had acquired sixteen war planes. The source advised that Gaudet, who resides and works at New Orleans, Louisiana, most of the time, has in the past had remarkably accurate information, presumably concerning Central American affairs. (S) (u)

The source also advised that the Costa Rican Ambassador to the United States has prepared a report dated December 2, 1955, relating to rumored preparations in Venezuela for an invasion of Costa Rica. This report alleges that Jorge Maldonado, Venezuelan Consul, Los Angeles, California, acts as liaison man between Venezuela and groups of Costa Ricans and nationals of other countries living in Los Angeles, and that the head of the rumored preparations in Los Angeles is Fernando Plerco-Sannot, former Costa Rican Consul General at Los Angeles. The report further alleges that the Venezuelan Government has destined \$4,000,000 for this "project" and is attempting to enlist 4,000 mercenaries in addition to some 150 Costa Ricans who have already enlisted in the movement. Reportedly, the initial attack will come by (S) (u)

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air and sea against the Caribbean Coast of Costa Rica, and Nicaragua will try to remain out of the picture at first, at least until the invaders have established a foothold in the Costa Rican Province of Limon at which time assistance could safely be sent from Nicaragua by way of the San Juan River. According to this report, the training of Costa Rican allies and mercenary forces in Venezuela is taking place at La Carlota Airport and at the Military Zone or Camp of Oro. (S) (SI)

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On 12/2/55, WF 232-S (C) advised that on 11/30/55 "Diario de Costa Rica," opposition newspaper to present Costa Rican Government, published editorial quoting from a Latin American report, dated 11/15/55, and prepared by WILLIAM GAUDET. This report states revolution would occur in Costa Rica within 60 days and, also, official Nicaraguan circles expecting invasion of Nicaragua 12/7/55. As result, President SOMOZA, Nicaragua, has acquired 16 war planes.

Regarding GAUDET, informant advised he is acquainted with this individual who resides and works out of New Orleans most of the time. Informant did not know where GAUDET obtained this information for his report, but stated that in the past GAUDET's information has been remarkably accurate. (C)(U)

Informant also furnished WFO copy of memorandum prepared by Costa Rican Ambassador to the United States on 2/12/55. Information contained in this memorandum obtained by Ambassador from Colonel ROLFO HERRERA, former Costa Rican Military Attache to U.S. who returned to Costa Rica 11/25/55. HERRERA is also chief of Costa Rican police and Intelligence Services in Costa Rica. Costa Rican Ambassador's memorandum as follows: (C)(S)

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 "DATA RECEIVED ABOUT THE RUMORED PREPARATIONS IN VENEZUELA AGAINST COSTA RICA."

"Jorge Maldonado, Venezuelan Consul in Los Angeles, acts as liaison man between Venezuela and groups of Costa Rican exiles."

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Ricans and nationals of other countries living in Los Angeles; he now left for Venezuela. Head of the rumored preparations in Los Angeles is Fernando Flores Banuet, former Costa Rican Consul General in that city during Calderón regime. (S)

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"The goal of the preparations in Venezuela is to gather 4,000 mercenaries; about 150 Costa Ricans would participate and are enlisted. The Venezuelan Government has destined \$ 4,000,000 for the "project." Nicaragua would try to remain at the beginning out of the picture; at least until the invaders are not able to obtain a hold in the Caribbean Province of Limon, Costa Rica. Then a flow of help could start safely through the San Juan River. (S)

"Francisco Calderón Guardia, brother of the former President, is living in Venezuela and married the sister of Pérez-Jimenez. (S)

"The initial attack would come by air and sea against the Caribbean coast. (S)

"The training of Costa Rican and other mercenaries in Venezuela is held in two places: La Carlota Airport and the Military Zone or Camp of Coro." (S)

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