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FROM **Mr. Gallienne**  
**GUATEMALA** to  
**Mr. Broad.**

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**Comments of the British Legation, Guatemala, on the changes in the Costa Rica Government.**

Transmits a copy of a letter from Mr. Gallienne, Guatemala, to Mr. Steptoe, No. 70/51/48, dated 22 October.

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P. Broad Esq.,  
North American Department,  
Foreign Office,  
LONDON.

With the compliments of  
His Majesty's Minister,  
GUATEMALA.

22nd October, 1948.



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BRITISH LEGATION,  
GUATEMALA.  
22nd October, 1948.

70/51/48.

BY KING'S MESSENGER

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Dear Steptoe,

Your letters B/4/1 of the 23rd September and the 27th September.

I am afraid I have not much information and we cannot spare the time just now to make difficult enquiries. You might, however, read this letter in connexion with another which I shall write today about the Caribbean Legion.

As regards your letter of the 23rd September I believe there is some truth in the report that President Arévalo of Guatemala is offended at Facio, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, and may have asked Figueres, the acting President of Costa Rica, to dismiss him. Figueres is certainly under Arévalo's thumb but is trying to wiggle out.

The document of which you sent a copy with this letter seems to me to be plausible but that is about all I can say.

With regard to your letter of the 27th September I would say that Sol Milet was Salvadorean Minister here and not Ambassador. I think he hoped to be promoted Ambassador but instead was transferred to

Costa Rica...

H.N. Steptoe Esq.,  
H.M. Minister,  
British Legation,  
SALVADOR.

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Costa Rica. Escobar Serrano has arrived here to be Salvadorean Ambassador. He and I were colleagues in Tegucigalpa in 1934. Though he has not yet presented his credentials, he has attended a couple of official functions.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Broad although it does not contain much of interest.

Yours ever,

Sd. W. H. GALLIENNE

(W.H. Gallienne)