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PANAMA, COSTA RICA

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Administration
in
Panama*

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FROM

F.E.F. ADAM.

to Mr Shuckburgh.

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Dated

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23 June

Views of British Residents on Communist Activities & the Revolution in Costa Rica.

Encloses letter from Miss M. LYNCH & memorandum by Mr AUSTIN for perusal and return, regarding the recent revolution in Costa Rica, and the communist influence in the Picado Administration, as seen through the eyes of British residents

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

See within

References.

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H) Mr Adam. to the Board of 26th June

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*Mr Adam.
from Mr Shuckburgh
8 June*

*Mr Adam.
from Mr Board.
18 June*

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Minutes.

Philip

This ties in very much with our own information about the progress of the revolution, but the memorandum by Mr. Austin (who seems a fervent Figuerista himself) is rather melodramatic and ascribes to Calderon a communist allegiance which is not quite accurate. Calderon has always been known as a progressive, but any communist influence on the Govt. side came from Manuel Mora, who took charge of the Govt. troops in the capital.

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Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

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Dear Shuckburgh,

51, ELM PARK GARDENS,
CHELSEA, S.W. 10,
June 7th, 1948.
AN 2368
23 JUN 1948

I understand from Perkins that you might be interested to see a private letter I have received from Miss M. Lynch, a British subject in Costa Rica who did excellent work as my Secretary when I used to go on my periodical visits to San José from Panama. So I send it with its enclosure, a memo.

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random by a young man named Mr. Austin, who served in the R.A.F. during the war & has now returned to Costa Rica; he also is a British subject.

While you have no doubt full information from Sullivan, these two documents give a vivid picture by reliable British residents with long experience of Costa Rica; I should be grateful if you would treat them as confidential. I know most of

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51, ELM PARK GARDENS,
CHELSEA, S.W.

the people mentioned in Miss Lynch's letter, I should not like the details to stray back to S. José. Would you kindly send me back her letter and the memorandum when you have done with them?

I share the admiration for the capture of Port Limón from remote bases across the Cordillera de Talamanca

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by 65 airborne men; & the general
 satisfaction at the discomfiture of
 Mora.

Yours very sincerely

J.B. Adam

C.A.R. Shuckburgh Esq.

Foreign Office,
 S.W.1.

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Mr. F.E.F. Adams,
51, Elm Park
Gardens,
Chelsea, S.W.10

From: Mr. Broad.

Thank you very much for your letter of the 7th June about the recent disturbances in Costa Rica, which Evelyn Shuckburgh has passed on to me. As you say, the enclosures, which I am returning herewith, give a vivid picture of events seen through the eyes of ~~long established~~ British residents.

Miss Lynch's and Mr. Austin's stories fill in the details in the account given by Mr. Sullivan, and we have read them with interest. Our own feelings, however, are that the Communist influence in the Picado Administration was not perhaps as great as Mr. Austin would suggest.

We are very glad to have seen these letters and I am grateful to you for having sent them along.

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OUT FILE FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

18th June, 1948

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(Philip Broad)

F.E.F. Adams, Esq.,
51, Elm Park Gardens,
Chelsea, S.W.10.

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Mr Broad

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.,

OUT FILE

8th June, 1948.

FN 2368/441/32

Dear Adam,

Thank you for your letter of June 7th enclosing correspondence from Miss M. Lynch in Costa Rica.

My bailiwick only extends as far north as Colombia so I am passing the correspondence to the Head of the North American Department, Philip Broad, who I am sure will be interested and will return it to you when he has read it.

(C.A.E. Shuckburgh)

F.E.F. Adam, Esq., C.M.G.,
51, Elm Park Gardens,
Chelsea, S.W. 10.

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INDEXED 51, ELM PARK GARDENS,
CHELSEA, S.W. 10,
June 26th 1948.

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Dear Broad,

Many thanks for returning the letters about events in Costa Rica; I am glad they were of interest, & am grateful for the information you added in your letter.

Communism in my time was merely a left-wing cult in those parts. In many of the Republics it may by now have acquired

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its usual connotation.

Yours ever

J.H. Adam.