

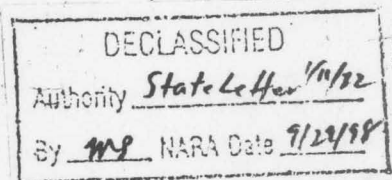
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Dated August 14, 1934

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Secretary of State,
Washington

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38, August 14, 10 a.m.

CONFIDENTIAL. Supplementing my air mail despatch No. 379, August 8, 1934, situation in Costa Rica becoming increasingly alarming. Communist organization now assuming open leadership of strike which they threaten to spread throughout entire country for ultimate reported object control of Government. Avowed objective of strike in banana regions, better pay and working conditions. Cabinet Ministers seriously alarmed, urging reluctant President Jimenez to use force. Fruit Company may not load scheduled boats over week-end and is considering possibility sending vessel to remove women and children from Port Limon. Company has not asked protection this Legation but I am informed this request will be made if deemed necessary. Government's situation handicapped by lack of sufficient police and army to afford protection in rural sections of disturbance spread. Situation dangerous in possible consequences.

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