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Mr Sullivan

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Possibility of Costa Rican counter resolution

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 U.S & Chinese representatives share opinion that alleged plot was elaborated to justify suspension of guarantees etc. U.S Ambassador does not doubt that Calderon is trying for Nicaragua support, but does not think Somoza will move before substantial counter resolution starts in Costa Rica.

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(Minutes.)

References.

This tel. confirms that in any disturbances in Central America — and they seem probable within the next few months — Costa Rica and Nicaragua will almost certainly be on opposing sides. (From other reports, Guatemala will line up with the former and Honduras with the latter).

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Is Mr. Sullivan telegraphing too much?

(Yes, perhaps; but we need not check him this time).

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Mr. Sullivan

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My telegram No. 33. AN

My impression is that the account of alleged plot was elaborated by way of justification for suspension of guarantees, arrests and imposition of capital levy and this impression is shared by my Chinese and my United States colleagues. The latter however tells me there is no doubt that Calderon is attempting to get Nicaraguan support for a come back and that there is a certain amount of foundation for Figueres allegation but United States Ambassador does not think Somoza will move unless substantial counter revolution starts inside Costa Rica or an attack is made with Costa Rican support by Central American Unionists on the garrisons.

The Ambassador said that Figueres' men are poorly armed as weapons used in the revolution, which were loaned by Central American Unionists, have been returned and that the efforts by Figueres to purchase arms abroad have so far been unsuccessful. He is therefore in no position either to resist or initiate attack. The Ambassador also thought supporters of Calderon inside Costa Rica and Communist parties could not possess much material as a great deal was removed to Managua by air and land shortly before and at the time of the surrender of last [gp. undec.].

Unstable economic condition of Costa Rica and the inexperience of the Ministers are factors in my opinion which may influence future course of events.

Please pass to Washington and if advisable to Managua.

[Repeated to Washington].

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