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POLICE CONTINUE SEEKING ALLEGED KING KILLER

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[Text] Guatemala City--Police sources have asserted they are almost certain that James Ray, the alleged assassin of Negro leader Martin Luther King, is in Guatemala.

The hunt for Ray was pressed today with the raiding of the 5-story Elgin Building south of the capital near Aurora Airport, although nothing was turned up.

U.S. FBI agents recently came to Guatemala following a tip from the owner of the Katok Restaurant, 87 kilometers from this capital on the Pan-American Highway, who had reported seeing the presumed Martin Luther King murderer.

BRIEFS

COMMUNIST AGENT--Gustavo Colindres Barrios, a 39-year-old plumber and father of seven children, was sentenced on 3 May to 40 months in prison for distributing subversive propaganda. He was arrested on 5 July 1967 on charges of possession of arms and war equipment. It was established that Colindres had joined a clandestine communist organization a few months before his arrest. (Guatemala City PRENSE LIBRE 4 May 68 X)

NICARAGUA

SOMOZA ACTS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, PCN AVERS

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[Text] Managua--The Nicaraguan Conservative Party (PCN), the main opposition group, announced yesterday that it plans to accuse President Gen Anastasio Somoza of violating the constitution. According to the party, the accusation will be presented before the Chamber of Deputies in mid-May. It was said that this accusation is based on the fact that the President refuses to appoint minority representatives to the various legislative groups of the republic, to keep them from influencing affairs of government.

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RELATIONS WITH USSR--Acting Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Leandro Marin denied 8 May that the government is preparing to open relations with the USSR and the Soviet bloc countries. He pointed out: "We are not interested in establishing relations with the USSR, either from the economic or the political point of view. Nicaragua's position is firm in this respect." [Text] (Lima AFP Spanish 1735 GMT 9 May 68 P) (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

LEFTIST PLOT--"The government is keeping a close watch on a leftist plot seeking to unleash violence in the capital," the daily PRENSA GRAFICA reported 8 May. It pointed out that seven persons were arrested recently in the country by National Security officers who are now searching for a cache of weapons. [Text] (Lima AFP Spanish 1728 GMT 9 May 68 P) (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)