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RE: HOLES 974 X 974 ON ONE AUGUST 9 THIS STORY HAD TO TELL.

REALLY ALMOST ENTIRELY WITH HIS DOUBTS THAT THE ASSASSINATION WAS A
COMMUNIST ACT.
ANOTHER FACT — CASTILLO'S CANDIDACY TO REELECT PULIDO STIRRED IS THAT
WHILE HE WAS IN GUATEMALA THE LAST TIME.

HE WAS TOLD BY ONE OF HIS FRIENDS THAT AT A RECENT PRIVATE
FEETING OF THE PARTY LEADERS CASTILLO ARRAS GAVE SOME INDICATION THAT
HE WOULD LIKE TO DO AIT AS PRESIDENT, AND WOULD SUPPORT COLONEL
MIGUEL MENDOZA FOR ELECTION AS HIS SUCCESSOR. ALL OF THESE
APPOINTMENTS WITH CASTILLO, EXCEPT THE FIRST ONE, WERE MADE THOUGH
MENDOZA AND TOOK PLACE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS. PERHAPS OTHERS
WAS NOT IT NOT AGREED THAT MENDOZA SHOULD TAKE OVER.

SAYS CASTILLO ARRAS WAS RUNNING A CLEAN GOVERNMENT AND
WAS EXTREMELY CONFIDENT THAT HE COULD HANDLE ANY COMMUNIST-INSPIRED
TROUBLE THAT AROSE. HE WAS PROUD OF HIS SECURITY POLICE, VERY CLOSELY
SCIENTIST, AND IT IS UNLÍKELY THAT A COMMUNIST COULD BE ASSOCIATED TO
THE GUARD, PARTICULARLY INSIDE. HE NEVER SAW AN ENLISTED MAN INSIDE
THE APARTMENT AREA. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ARRANGED
BY SOMEONE WHO WANTED A RETURN TO THE SPOILS SYSTEM, BUT IS CERTAIN
TO BE EXPLOITED BY THE COMMUNISTS.