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INCAP Officials Kidnaped in Guatemala City by the PRTC

United States citizen Richard Newman and Guatemalan Carlos Tejada, administrative officer and director of the Central America and Panama Nutrition Institute (INCAP), respectively, were abducted the morning of 24 June from INCAP headquarters in Guatemala City. Four armed men invaded the office while a staff meeting was in session and specifically selected the two INCAP officials. The incident occurred without injury to any of those present, and the terrorists, with their captives, escaped in an INCAP vehicle. The abductors left a document at INCAP headquarters in which they identified themselves as a "vanguard organization of armed workers of the people of Guatemala". According to anonymous telephone calls received on 25 June by the families of both officials, the latter are unharmed, and contact with the families will continue. [REDACTED]

On 27 June a package of papers for INCAP delivered at a Guatemala City volunteer fire station contained identical letters addressed to the United Nations Secretary General and to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) from an organization identifying itself as the Central American Workers Revolutionary Party (Partido Revolucionario de Los Trabajadores Centro Americanos--PRTC). The letters describe three ransom terms for the release of the hostages. First, two PRTC communiques are to be published, one on a world-wide basis and the other at the Central American and U.S. level. The communiques are to be published immediately upon receipt in the official language of each country, using the most important local media. Second, a "war tax" is to be paid by the hostage families and the institutions involved in the current crisis. And last, the CPC (the Program and Coordinating Committee of INCAP) is to prepare itself for obtaining strict compliance with an as yet unidentified political petition from the PRTC. On 27 June the Guatemalan press also received a communique asking for the compliance with PRTC demands for the release of the INCAP officials. The INCAP is a Central American organization with administrative ties to the PAHC. [REDACTED]

Little is known about the activities and makeup of the PRTC in Guatemala. Occasionally PRTC graffiti appear on

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walls of buildings in Guatemala City. Neighboring El Salvador has an active terrorist organization also known as the PRTC. According to Salvadoran press reports the PRTC claimed responsibility for the armed attack during April against the Guatemalan Ambassador to El Salvador in retaliation for the death of one its members killed in Guatemala. During January the PRTC machine-gunned the Guatemalan Embassy causing property damage but no casualties. Before the January attack, the Salvadoran PRTC had been inactive since it kidnaped U.S. businessmen Dennis McDonald and Fausto Bucheli in September 1979. [REDACTED]

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