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[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE AMERICAN AND SPANISH CITIZENS, MICHAEL GLENN ((ERNEST)) AND MARIA MAGDALENA ((MONTEVERDE)) ASCANIO, ARRESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA (GOG) ON 14 JANUARY 1983 WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL ON 17 OR 18 JANUARY AND PROBABLY RELEASED TWENTY-FOUR TO FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER THAT. THE GOG HAS DETERMINED THAT NEITHER INDIVIDUAL IS GUILTY OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. BUT THE GOG PREFERS THAT THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM RELEASE THEM SO THAT THE

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ARMY WILL NOT BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED AND EMBARRASSED BY THE INCIDENT. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ON 14 JANUARY THE LOCAL PRESS ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF AN AMERICAN AND A SPANIARD IN SAN LUCAS TOLIMAN (1438N 9108W), DEPARTMENT OF SOLOLA, WHO WERE LEADERS OF THE GUERRILLA GROUP, THE ORGANIZATION OF PEOPLE IN ARMS (ORPA).

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE INDIAN WITNESSES WHO HAD POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED THE AMERICAN AS BEING THE MURDERER OF A RANCH ADMINISTRATOR LATER CHANGED THEIR TESTIMONIES UPON CLOSER QUESTIONING. THE INDIANS ARE NOT BEING BLAMED FOR THEIR MISTAKEN IDENTIFICATION OF THE AMERICAN SINCE TO THEM ALL ANGLOS HAVE A SIMILAR APPEARANCE. THE AMERICAN AND SPANIARD AROUSED SUSPICION IN THE SMALL COMMUNITY OF SAN LUCAS TOLIMAN BECAUSE THEY KEPT TO THEMSELVES AND DID NOT SOCIALIZE WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS. THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT SOCIALIZE WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS BECAUSE THE SPANIARD WAS FEARFUL

THAT HER HUSBAND, FROM WHOM SHE IS SEPARATED, WOULD LEARN WHERE SHE WAS LIVING. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ACCORDING TO RESIDENTS IN THE SAN LUCAS TOLIMAN AREA THE ARRESTED AMERICAN BEARS A STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO AN UNIDENTIFIED ORPA LEADER WHO OPERATES IN THE SAN LUCAS TOLIMAN AREA. THE INCIDENT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.)

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