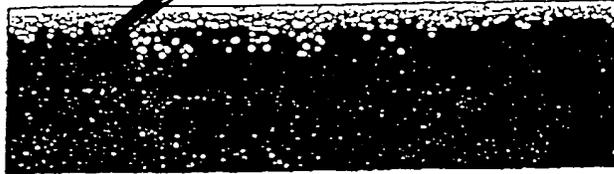


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Alpirez's denials of any involvement in the Bamaca case are not credible. The longer you permit them to go unchallenged the more you call into question your government's commitment to uphold human rights.

Information relating to his involvement in the case is extensive and comes from multiple sources. One -- Santiago Cabrera -- came forward long ago with information linking Alpirez to Bamaca's detention and interrogation.

Other sources are likely to come forward eventually with additional incriminating evidence. If you do not act credibly on the information available to you from us and from other sources you will jeopardize your reputation and your country's.

It is a matter of public record that Alpirez was a ranking officer in Zone 18 when Bamaca was captured in March 1992.

At least three different reports -- in addition to Santiago Cabrera's testimony -- assert that Alpirez was present when Bamaca was interrogated.

We also have information we judge to be credible that Alpirez has first-hand knowledge of what happened to Bamaca following his interrogation. It strains credulity to believe that an officer in his position at the time would be unaware of Bamaca's capture, interrogation and subsequent disappearance.

Indeed, it is widely known in Army circles that Alpirez is deeply involved in the Bamaca case.

Alpirez himself is known to have boasted aloud that he personally interrogated Bamaca.

The information we have is not evidentiary and probably cannot be used in a court of law. But it is persuasive and convinces us that a thorough investigation by law enforcement authorities will produce usable evidence.

Given this information, we call on you to conduct a diligent and impartial investigation into these charges without delay.

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