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# on Guatemala

The EXCOM met on Friday, May 5 to hear a briefing on Guatemala. The briefing will soon be offered to the new DCI, the Intelligence Oversight Board (IOB), and our Congressional committees. George Tenet, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Intelligence Programs, previewed the briefing last week as well, and an executive-level briefing is planned for Anthony Lake, the President's National Security Advisor.

While investigations by the Inspector General and the IOB continue, the briefing summarizes extensive research done by the DO's Latin America (LA) Division and by the Guatemala Working Group, headed by [REDACTED]. The research clearly demonstrated that:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

- The allegations about a rogue CIA operation, criminal conduct, and the diversion of covert funds after official

aid to Guatemala was cut off are patently false.

The briefing also acknowledged what ADCI Studeman said in his Congressional testimony on April 5: the Agency failed to notify the Congress about some reporting in 1991 that was potentially relevant to the death of US citizen Michael Devine.

With the exception of this serious mistake, the research told a quite different story than the one being repeated in the media. We had little significant reporting on a number of the human rights cases being discussed. The research also demonstrated clearly that we were not complicit in the murders of Devine and Efrain Bamaca.

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[REDACTED] Acting Chief/LA, [REDACTED] DO/LA, and [REDACTED] DI/ALA, will be giving this briefing to many audiences during the coming weeks. As [REDACTED] said to the EXCOM, "The hard work, the complementary skills, and the teamwork that have gone into telling our side of the story are examples of the best spirit of partnership." (This is ~~SECRET~~.)

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