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[REDACTED] THE MYRNA MACK CHANG CASE: ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS ARE MUCH CLOSER KNIT THAN THEIR NON-INTELLIGENCE OFFICER COLLEAGUES AND ARE KNOWN WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES AS "LA COFRADIA."

[REDACTED] THIS TERM REFERS TO THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS WHICH IS FOUND IN MOST RURAL, INDIGENOUS VILLAGES IN GUATEMALA. [REDACTED] THE UNIVERSAL REACTION AMONG ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS TO THE 30-YEAR PRISON TERM PASSED DOWN TO ACCUSED MYRNA MAMACK MURDERER NOEL DE JESUS ((BETETA)) WAS THAT HE WAS CONVICTED FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND THEY REMAIN HOPEFUL THE CONVICTION CAN BE OVERTURNED ON APPEAL. HE SAID ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS ARE CONVINCED BETETA WAS INNOCENT AND THE COURT WAS FORCED TO CONVICT HIM BECAUSE PRESIDENT SERRANO WAS PRESSURED BY INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, SOME OF WHICH ARE WITTING, AND OTHERS UNWITTING TOOLS OF THE URNG. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS BELIEVE THE URNG IS BEHIND HELEN ((MACK)) CHANG'S EFFORTS TO PUSH THE GUATEMALA COURTS TO PROSECUTE AS "INTELLECTUAL AUTHORS" THE MILITARY OFFICERS WHO WERE IN BETETA'S CHAIN OF COMMAND AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER. THEY SEE THIS AS PART OF A NEW URNG TACTIC TO ATTACK THE ARMY AS AN INSTITUTION IN A POLITICAL WAR FOUGHT IN THE NAME OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT WITHIN THE GUATEMALAN OFFICER CORPS THERE IS A GENERAL FEELING OF OUTRAGE AGAINST THE U.S. MILITARY FOR DENYING GUATEMALAN OFFICERS THE EXPECTED SIX TRAINING SLOTS TO ATTEND THE SPANISH LANGUAGE COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE AT FT. BENNING, GEORGIA. THE OFFICERS ARE NOW QUESTIONING WHY THEY SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN ANY KIND OF COUNTERNARCOTICS OPERATIONS, WHICH THEY BELIEVE BENEFIT ONLY THE UNITED STATES. THEY BELIEVE COCAINE CONSUMPTION IS ONLY A PROBLEM IN THE U.S., THAT THE GUATEMALAN ARMY HAS ASSISTED THE U.S. IN ATTEMPTING TO RESTRICT THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS THROUGH GUATEMALA TO THE NORTH, AND THAT THE U.S. MILITARY DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY'S ROLE.

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