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SPECULATED THAT CAPTAIN HUGO ROBERTO ((CONTRERAS)) ALVARADO WAS KILLED TO KEEP HIM FROM REVEALING WHICH SENIOR OFFICERS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JUNE 1990 MURDER OF U.S. CITIZEN MICHAEL ((DEVINE)).

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CONTRERAS HAD BEEN GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO RETRIEVE TWO GUATEMALAN ARMY GALIL ASSAULT RIFLES THAT HAD BEEN STOLEN AND SOLD, ONE OF THEM SUPPOSEDLY TO DEVINE. AFTER THE DETENTION OF DEVINE, CONTRERAS HAD REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED THROUGH "STAFF CHANNELS" AND WAS TOLD TO "DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION."

[REDACTED] BELIEVE THAT THE ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE INTERROGATION WENT ALL THE WAY UP THE CHAIN-OF-COMMAND TO INCLUDE FORMER MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL JUAN LEONEL ((BOLANOS)) CHAVEZ, FORMER CHIEF OF THE DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE (D-2) COLONEL CESAR AUGUSTO "NITO" ((CABRERA)) MEJIA, AND FORMER CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENTIAL STAFF GENERAL

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EDGAR AUGUSTO ((GOMBY)) GALLAN. [REDACTED]
CONTRERAS'S LATER THREATS TO FORMER CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL
DEFENSE STAFF GENERAL JORGE ROBERTO ((PERUSSINA)) RIVERA TO
REVEAL THIS INFORMATION IF HE HAD TO SERVE TIME IN PRISON
MAY HAVE FORCED SENIOR OFFICERS DISPOSE OF CONTRERAS
PERMANENTLY.

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[REDACTED] BELIEVE THAT SENIOR OFFICERS ARE STILL
ATTEMPTING TO PROTECT THE OLD RETIRED OFFICERS THAT ARE
TRULY RESPONSIBLE FOR ORDERING THE INTERROGATION OF
DEVINE. WHILE FEELINGS AMONG OFFICERS ARE MIXED TOWARDS

COLONEL JULIO ROBERTO ((ALPIREZ)), THEY BELIEVE THAT HE IS BEING OFFERED UP AS A SACRIFICIAL LAMB TO PROTECT OTHERS.

[REDACTED] AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE, ALPIREZ IS ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING IN THE MURDER OF DEVINE IN 1990. CONTRERAS WAS CONVICTED OF THE CRIME IN MAY 1993, BUT FLED FROM CAPTIVITY SHORTLY AFTER THE CONVICTION. IN ADDITION TO THIS REPORTED SIGHTING OF CONTRERAS IN COLOMBIA (DATE UNKNOWN), [REDACTED] CARACAS HAS REPORTED A LEAD ON CONTRERAS IN VENEZUELA. THE EMBASSY HERE IS ANXIOUS TO SEE CONTRERAS CAPTURED AND RETURNED TO GUATEMALA, WHERE HIS CASE IS STILL PENDING APPEALS.

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