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[REDACTED] FORMER GUATEMALAN ARMY
CAPTAIN HUGO ROBERTO ((CONTRERAS)) ALVARADO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DECISION TO FLEE TO COLOMBIA WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT
COLOMBIA DOES NOT HAVE AN EXTRADITION TREATY WITH GUATEMALA.
(GUATEMALA CITY FIELD COMMENT: CONTRERAS WAS CONVICTED TO 20 YEARS
IN PRISON IN MAY 1993 FOR THE JUNE 1990 DEATH OF DEVINE NEAR
POPTUN (16-21N, 89-26W), WHERE THE DEVINE FAMILY OWNS A RANCH. AT
THE TIME OF THE CRIME, CONTRERAS WAS THE DEPUTY STAFF INTELLIGENCE
OFFICER (G-2) FOR MILITARY ZONE 23 (SANTA ELENA, THE PETEN), AND
WAS IN COMMAND OF THE GROUP OF ENLISTEDMEN THAT ALLEGEDLY KILLED
DEVINE. ONE STORY SUGGESTS THE GROUP WAS SENT TO RECOVER AN ARMY
ASSAULT RIFLE THAT WAS SOLD TO DEVINE BY AN ARMY DESERTER.

[REDACTED] OTHER
INFORMATION INDICATES CONTRERAS MAY HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN
VENEZUELA.) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RUMORS
HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING [REDACTED] THAT CONTRERAS WAS KILLED BY
THE ARMY IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP HIM QUIET.) (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT:
CONTRERAS' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS IS UNKNOWN. EFFORTS TO LOCATE HIM
[REDACTED] HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL THUS FAR.)

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[REDACTED] COLONEL MARIO ROBERTO ((GARCIA))
CATALAN HAS ONLY EIGHT MONTHS REMAINING UNTIL RETIREMENT, [REDACTED]
THE ARMY WILL SUPPORT HIM WITH LAWYERS AND OTHER UNSPECIFIED
ASSISTANCE UP UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT, BUT [REDACTED] AFTERWARDS, HE WILL
BE ON HIS OWN. [REDACTED] THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY IS
PROVIDING BOTH COLONEL JULIO ROBERTO ((ALPIREZ)) AND GARCIA WITH
FOUR LAWYERS, AND IS ASSISTING IN ARRANGING TESTIMONY FROM
PERTINENT WITNESSES. (GUATEMALA CITY FIELD COMMENT: GARCIA WAS
THE COMMANDER OF MILITARY ZONE 23 WHEN DEVINE WAS MURDERED. HE
WAS MOST RECENTLY IN COMMAND OF MILITARY ZONE 302
(CHIMALTENANGO/SACATEPEQUEZ). ALPIREZ WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE
GUATEMALAN SPECIAL FORCES ("KAIBIL") BASE AT POPTUN WHEN DEVINE
WAS KILLED, BUT WAS MOST RECENTLY THE SECOND COMMANDER OF THE LA
AURORA MILITARY BASE. BOTH GARCIA AND ALPIREZ WERE SUSPENDED BY
THE ARMY IN LATE APRIL 1995 PENDING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THEIR
INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVINE MURDER.)

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[REDACTED] THE BAMACA CASE IS CLOSED, AND SHOULD BE
TAKEN UP BY THE HISTORICAL CLARIFICATION COMMISSION AFTER A FINAL
PEACE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED WITH THE GUATEMALAN INSURGENCY. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ANY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT INTO BAMACA'S FATE IN THE
FUTURE SHOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS
VERIFICATION MISSION IN GUATEMALA (MINUGUA). [REDACTED]

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