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(HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN PART CORROBORATES, AND IN PART CONTRADICTS, PAST REPORTING FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCES OF VARYING RELIABILITY. THE REPORT PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS A DEFINITIVE VERSION OF EVENTS.)

COLONEL JULIO ROBERTO ((ALPIREZ)) WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE DEATH OF REVOLUTIONARY

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ORGANIZATION OF PEOPLE IN ARMS (ORPA) COMMANDER EFRAIN ((BAMACA))
VELASQUEZ, ALIAS "COMANDANTE EVERARDO."

BAMACA WAS TURNED OVER TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE IN GUATEMALA CITY
SOMETIME AFTER HIS CAPTURE.

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THE CAPTURE OF
BAMACA WAS AN EMOTIONAL EVENT WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES, WHICH
RESULTED IN THE HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION TO THE CASE.
THE COMPARTMENTATION AND SECURITY OF THE OPERATION WAS NOT
MAINTAINED BECAUSE OF THE EXCITEMENT WHICH RESULTED FROM THE
CAPTURE OF A GUATEMALAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY UNION (URNG)
COMMANDER. (SOURCE COMMENT: AT THE TIME OF HIS CAPTURE, BAMACA
WAS THE ONLY URNG COMMANDER EVER CAPTURED BY THE ARMY.) BAMACA
WAS TAKEN AROUND SAN MARCOS DEPARTMENT TO HELP THE ARMY UNDERSTAND
URNG MODUS OPERANDI, AND WAS RECOGNIZED BY ENLISTED MEN IN THE
AREA AS HE TRAVELED AROUND ASSISTING ARMY OFFICERS WITH
IDENTIFYING SUCH THINGS AS INSURGENT ARMS CACHES.

ALPIREZ HAD OFFERED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
THE BAMACA SITUATION TO SAVE THE IMAGE OF THE ARMY. ALPIREZ
REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED THIS OPTION WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL
MARIO RENE ((ENRIQUEZ)) MORALES, WHO DID NOT ACCEPT ALPIREZ'S
OFFER.

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