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[REDACTED] DECIDED THAT AS LONG AS THE ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH GUATEMALAN INSURGENTS IS ONGOING AND A PEACE AGREEMENT NOT SIGNED, THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT CANNOT POSSIBLY HANDLE THE CONSEQUENCES OF A THOROUGH AND TRUTHFUL INVESTIGATION INTO THE MURDER OF U.S. CITIZEN MICHAEL ((DEVINE)) OR ANY OTHER CASES INVOLVING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY ARMY PERSONNEL, SUCH AS THE CASE OF GUATEMALAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY UNION (URNG) COMMANDER EFRAIN ((BAMACA)) VELASQUEZ, ALIAS "COMANDANTE EVERARDO." AS A RESULT, [REDACTED] SUBMIT A BILL TO THE GUATEMALAN CONGRESS WHICH WOULD POSTPONE THE INVESTIGATIONS UNTIL AFTER A

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[REDACTED]

PEACE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED AND THE ARMED CONFRONTATION COMES TO AN
END.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE MILITARY AS AN INSTITUTION CANNOT COPE WITH THE FACT THAT
SOME 20 MILITARY OFFICIALS WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN
THE JUNE 1990 DEVINE MURDER COVER-UP WOULD HAVE TO BE PUNISHED AND
EXPELLED FROM THE MILITARY AS A RESULT OF THEIR ACTIONS. THE
DEVINE CASE WAS COMPARED TO A PROVERBIAL PANDORA'S BOX.

[REDACTED] IF THE CASE IS PURSUED AND THE OFFICERS
INVOLVED PUNISHED, SUBSEQUENT ACCUSATIONS, WHETHER TRUE OR FALSE,
WOULD HAVE TO BE INVESTIGATED AS WELL. SUCH A COURSE OF EVENTS
COULD CAUSE TOTAL CHAOS IN THE MILITARY, AND COULD THREATEN
STABILITY IN GUATEMALA.

[REDACTED] THERE WAS AN UNSPOKEN BUT UNDERSTOOD
FEAR [REDACTED] OF POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY RADICAL
ELEMENTS OF THE ARMY. THE FEAR APPEARED TO BE SHARED BY
PROGRESSIVE MILITARY OFFICERS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE
FEARS OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE EXACERBATED BY RECENT
REPORTS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A GROUP OF EXTREME RIGHTWING LANDOWNERS
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARE
ORGANIZING AND ARMING THEMSELVES [REDACTED].
TRADITIONALLY, THESE EXTREME RIGHTWING GROUPS DO NOT COME TO LIFE
UNLESS THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY SEGMENTS OF THE MILITARY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THERE IS NO WAY TO SATISFY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, EVEN IF THE DEVINE CASE IS RESOLVED, SINCE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD THEN MAKE COMPLAINTS AND DEMANDS ON OTHER CASES. [REDACTED]

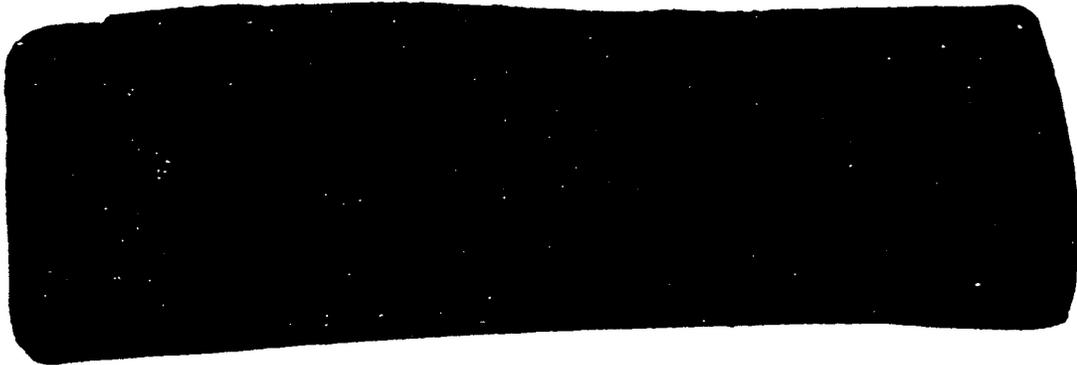
[REDACTED] THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO DESTROY THE GUATEMALAN ARMY AND HELP THE GUATEMALAN INSURGENCY GAIN POLITICAL SPACE IN GUATEMALA, EVEN BEFORE A PEACE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE DECLARATIONS BY FORMER ARMY INTELLIGENCE STAFF (G-2)

[REDACTED]

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MEMBER ANGEL NERY ((URIZAR)) GARCIA ARE THE RESULT OF A PLOT BY THE U.S. EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA, WHOSE STAFF MEMBERS ARE DETERMINED TO DESTROY THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY. (GUATEMALA CITY FIELD COMMENT: ON 23 MAY 1995, THE GUATEMALAN PRESS CORPS PRINTED ALLEGATIONS BY URIZAR THAT THE ARMY CAPTURED EFRAIN BAMACA ALIVE, AND THAT URIZAR SAW BAMACA AT THE SANTA ANA BERLIN DETACHMENT IN COATEPEQUE, QUETZALTENANGO DEPARTMENT. URIZAR ALSO ALLEGED THE ARMY KILLED CRISTOBAL ((CHE)) PEREZ, ALIAS "VALENTIN," A FORMER INSURGENT WHO WAS COLLABORATING WITH THE ARMY, AND BURIED CHE IN A GRAVE IDENTIFIED AS BAMACA'S IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD A LEGEND THAT BAMACA WAS KILLED IN ACTION.)



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