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ABDUCTION OF PRESIDENT OF SUPREME COURT AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION. ASSASSINATION OF LATTERS' SON AND CHAUFFEUR.

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1. LUIS FERNANDO MORALES MARTINEZ, SON OF BALIAZAR MORALES DE LA CRUZ, SECRETARY OF INFORMATION OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT, AND ISABEL ("CHABELO") POITAN CANIZALES, THE LATTER'S CHAUFFEUR, WERE BOTH SHOT TO DEATH AT 4:20 PM., 4 MAY AT SECOND STREET BETWEEN 8TH AND 9TH AVENUES, ZONE 1, GUATEMALA CITY. THE ASSASSINS USED A JEEP, LICENSE PLATES P-14-429 WHICH THEY ABANDONED AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.

2. ROMEO AUGUSTO DE LEON, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT, WAS

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KIDNAPPED BY UNIDENTIFIED ARMED PERSONS ON THE NIGHT OF 4 MAY AS HE WAS RETURNING TO HIS HOME FROM HIS OFFICE,

3. BALTAZAR MORALES DE LA CRUZ WAS KIDNAPPED ON THE EVENING OF 4 MAY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF HIS SON AND CHAUFFEUR. THE ASSAILANTS MADE OFF WITH MORALES IN HIS OFFICIAL CAR, OFFICIAL LICENSE PLATE O-47-11. MORALES WAS ON HIS WAY BACK TO HIS OFFICE FROM HIS HOME AT THE TIME OF HIS ABDUCTION AND THE KILLING OF HIS SON AND HIS CHAUFFEUR. YOUNG MORALES WAS NOT RIDING WITH HIS FATHER BUT IN A SEPARATE CAR.

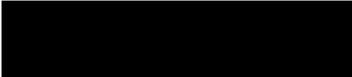
4. AS OF 10:00 A.M. 5 MAY NEITHER MORALES DE LA CRUZ NOR HIS CAR HAD BEEN LOCATED. POLICE STILL HAD NO CLUES AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF DE LEON. THE ONLY LEAD THEY HAD WAS THAT ONE OF THE LICENSES ON THE JEEP, P-15-846, FOR 1965, HAD BEEN ISSUED TO EFRAIN SANTIZO CANET FOR A PLYMOUTH CAR. [REDACTED] THE 5 MAY PRESS REPORTED THAT THE JEEP WAS EQUIPPED WITH TWO SETS OF LICENSE PLATES, THE TOP PLATES BEARING THE NUMBER P-15-846, AND THE BOTTOM PLATES THE NUMBER P-14-249. SANTIZO HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED NOR IDENTIFIED FURTHER).

5. [REDACTED] THE MORNING PRESS OF 5 MAY REPORTED THE KILLINGS OF LUIS FERNANDO MORALES MARTINEZ AND ISABEL POITAN CANIZALES, AND THE KIDNAPPING OF ROMEO AUGUSTO DE LEON. THE NEWSPAPERS

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ALSO REPORTED THAT MORALES DE LA CRUZ HAD DISAPPEARED AND THERE WERE CONFLICTING STORIES AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED).

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