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NOVEMBER 1968. ALTHOUGH RAMIREZ SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT THE FAR WOULD ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE INTENDED TARGET IS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, WHO IS THE CURRENT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.)

2. RAMIREZ REMARKED THAT THE PARTY HAD RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM A NEW PGT PENETRATION OF THE FAR. THE NEW PARTY SOURCE ATTENDED THE MEETINGS OF THE PGT CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND POLITICAL COMMISSION ON 19 AND 20 OCTOBER, AT WHICH TIME HE TOLD PGT LEADERS THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAR PLANS. THE PGT SOURCE ALSO CLAIMED THAT SEVERAL GUATEMALAN ARMY OFFICERS ARE COLLABORATING WITH THE FAR. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PLANNED ASSASSINATION IS TO FORCE A MILITARY COUP, THUS PLACING THE ARMY COLLABORATORS IN A BETTER POSITION TO AID THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ALTHOUGH RAMIREZ DID NOT MENTION THIS POINT, THE FAR ALSO BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE ABLE TO RALLY SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT TO ITS CAUSE, IF THE MILITARY WERE TO OVERTHROW THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.) [REDACTED] COMMENT: ANOTHER SOURCE HAS REPORTED THAT THE FAR HAD THE COLLABORATION OF SOME HIGH-LEVEL ARMY OFFICERS.)



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3. RAMIREZ SAID THAT HE WAS WARNING SELECTED PARTY MEMBERS OF THE PLANNED FAR ACTION SO THAT THEY COULD MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS TO GO INTO HIDING ON SHORT NOTICE. HE COMMENTED THAT IF THE ASSASSINATION WERE CARRIED OUT, THE GUATEMALAN SECURITY FORCES WOULD UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE REPRESSIVE ACTION AGAINST ALL COMMUNISTS. FINALLY, RAMIREZ WARNED THE PGT MEMBERS NOT TO REVEAL THAT THE FAR PLANS TO ASSASSINATE THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH LOWER-LEVEL PARTY MEMBERS. THE PGT MEMBERS WERE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE LATTER ONLY THAT THE FAR IS PLANNING A "BIG ACTION", AND THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

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4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] FROM A SOURCE [REDACTED] REPORTED FAR DISCUSSIONS REGARDING A POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JULIO CESAR MENDEZ-MONTENEGRO OR ALBERTO MENDEZ MARTINEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PR, GOVERNMENT PARTY). FAR OBJECTIVES IN THE REFERENCED REPORT WERE SIMILAR TO THE OBJECTIVES LISTED IN PARA 2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROJECTED PLANS TO ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT OR THE PR LEADER WERE NOT TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.)

5. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THOSE FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION OF CHARGE WHICH

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IN EFFECT. MEASURES WILL BE MAINTAINED CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND EXPOSURE
HELD TO MINIMUM CONSISTENT WITH NORMAL ACTIVITIES.)

6. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE, ARMY, AIR, CINCSO, CINCLANT. (ALSO
[REDACTED])

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