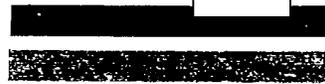




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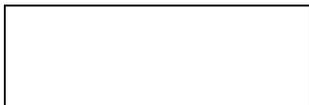
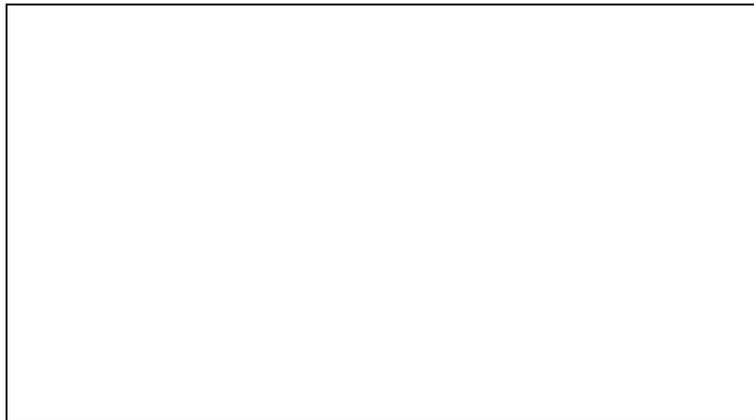


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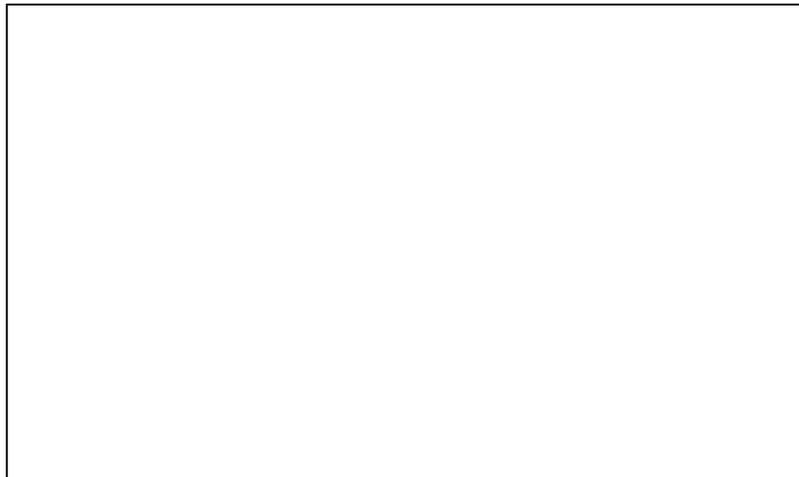
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GUATEMALA: Presidential Runoff

Christian Democratic candidate Vinicio Cerezo appears to have an insurmountable lead over Jorge Carpio of the National Centrist Union in the runoff election on Sunday. [REDACTED] Cerezo's strong showing in the first round last month and Carpio's inability to form an anti-Cerezo coalition have dampened public interest in the runoff. It also reports that Cerezo is concentrating on forming his cabinet and meeting with business and military leaders. Carpio has had difficulty raising funds and largely limited his campaign to calling Cerezo a leftist in the press. [REDACTED]

Comment: Cerezo is already acting as president-elect and treating the runoff as a formality, while Carpio appears resigned to defeat. The balloting will probably be orderly, and neither leftist nor rightist extremists appear to be planning major disruptions. Cerezo is likely to use the period before his inauguration in January to strengthen his moderate credentials. [REDACTED]

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