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  ((TEXT)) GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE
GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SAID AT ANY TIME THAT THE THREE PRISONERS
HAD AN ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE ZONA ROSA KILLINGS.
  THE SPOKESMEN SAID THAT ONLY WILLIAM CELIO RIVAS BOLANOS,
WHO CONFESSED, DIRECTLY PARTICIPATED IN THE KILLINGS.
  THE TWO OTHER PRISONERS, JOSE ABRAHAM DIMAS AND MIGUEL
GARCIA MELENDEZ, ADMITTED IN THEIR TESTIMONY THAT WERE MEMBERS
OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF CENTRAL AMERICAN WORKERS
((PRTC)), BUT DENIED PARTICIPATING IN THE ZONA ROSA KILLINGS.
  THEY SAID THAT THEY WERE COVERING THE RETREAT OF THOSE WHO
CARRIED OUT THE KILLINGS, BUT THAT THEY DID NOT ACTUALLY
PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTION.
  THE GOVERNMENT'S SPOKESMEN ACCUSED THE FMLN-FDR TERRORISTS
OF TRYING TO CONFUSE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS MEDIA.
  THEY ALSO SAID THAT JOSE ABRAHAM DIMAS AND MIGUEL GARCIA
MELENDEZ WERE COVERING THE RETREAT OF THOSE WHO CARRIED OUT THE
KILLINGS.
  MEANWHILE, WILLIAM CELIO RIVAS BOLANOS, WHO WAS
KIDNAPPED 3 YEARS AGO BY FMLN-FDR TERRORISTS IN SAN JOSE
CANTON, O SAN ESTEBAN CATARINA, SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT,
WHEN HE WAS ONLY 13. CONFESSED THAT HE WAS AT LESS THAN 6 METERS
FROM THE VICTIMS OF THE SHOOTING WHEN HE PULLED THE TRIGGER OF
HIS AUTOMATIC WEAPON
  HE SAID THAT ISMAEL DIMAS AGUILAR, ALIAS ULISES, GAVE
THE ORDER TO FIRE AND THAT HE FIRED 30 ROUNDS WITHOUT KNOWING
WHO HE WAS SUPPOSED TO KILL. HE ONLY KNEW THAT THE ATTACK WAS
AGAINST U. S. OFFICIALS.
  IN HIS TESTIMONY, WILLIAM CELIO RIVAS BOLANOS SAID THAT
HE HAD NEVER KILLED DEFENSELESS PEOPLE AND THAT HE WAS USED TO
FIGHT AGAINST ARMED MEN. HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE HE OBEYED THE
ORDER TO SHOOT TO BECOME ONE OF THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
KILLINGS IN ZONA ROSA ALONG WITH ISMAEL DIMAS AGUILAR, WHO
ALSO FIRED HIS AUTOMATIC WEAPON AND THE COUP DE GRACE SHOTS IN
THE HEAD OF EACH OF THE DEFENSELESS VICTIMS IN A ZONA ROSA
RESTAURANT.
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