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POLITICAL FRONT GROUPS OF THE GUATEMALAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY UNION (URNG) HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PROMOTING A FALSE CLAIM THAT CLANDESTINE PRISONS EXIST IN GUATEMALA WHERE POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE ALLEGEDLY ILLEGALLY DETAINED BY THE ARMED FORCES. [REDACTED] "URNG APPROVED" FRONT GROUPS MASQUERADING AS HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS, [REDACTED] THE MUTUAL SUPPORT GROUP (GAM), THE COMMITTEE FOR CAMPESINO UNITY (CUC), PEACE BRIGADES (BRIGADES DE PAZ) AND THE UNITED GUATEMALAN OPPOSITION (RUOG) HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CONVINCED INTERNATIONALLY-BASED GROUPS SUCH AS "AMERICAS WATCH" THAT CLANDESTINE PRISONS EXIST IN GUATEMALA AND THAT THIS HAS BROUGHT ABOUT UNDESERVED CONDEMNATION OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] CLASSIFIED AS PREPOSTEROUS AND PROBABLY INSPIRED BY THE URNG A CLAIM BY U.S. CITIZEN SISTER DIANA

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((ORTIZ)) THAT SHE WAS HELD IN A CLANDESTINE HOLDING FACILITY AND TORTURED IN 1989 AT THE SITE OF THE OLD MILITARY ACADEMY ("ESCUELA POLITECNICA") IN GUATEMALA CITY.

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[REDACTED] GUATEMALAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, THE SAME AS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN MOST COUNTRIES, HAVE SMALL HOLDING CELLS USED TO CONFINED MILITARY PERSONNEL BEING HELD IN PRETRIAL CONFINEMENT PENDING MILITARY COURTS MARTIAL. [REDACTED] IN SOME RURAL AREAS WHERE THERE IS NO CIVILIAN AUTHORITY, CIVILIANS ACCUSED OF SERIOUS CRIMES HAVE SOMETIMES BEEN HELD FOR SHORT PERIODS IN HOLDING CELLS ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WAITING FOR CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES TO ESCORT THEM TO CIVIL JAILS. [REDACTED] URNG-APPROVED FRONT GROUPS HAVE EXAGGERATED AND MISREPRESENTED THE PURPOSE AND USE OF THESE HOLDING CELLS ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS TO SELL THE IDEA TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THAT THESE ARE "CLANDESTINE PRISONS."

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