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MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL LUIS ENRIQUE ((MENDOZA)) GARCIA

RELIEVED FOR FAILING TO RESOLVE THE CASE OF A UNITED STATES (U.S.)
CITIZEN KILLED IN PETEN DEPARTMENT BY GUATEMALAN TROOPS IN 1990,
FAILING TO IMPROVE THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM AND BECAUSE OF
PRESSURES PUT UPON GUATEMALA BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT (NFI). (SOURCE COMMENT: IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN MENDOZA AND
THE PRESIDENT ALSO HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY THE DISMISSAL OF THE
FORMER CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE, GENERAL MARCO ANTONIO ((VARGAS))
ESPINOLA, WHO IS PERSONALLY CLOSE TO MENDOZA. MOREOVER, MENDOZA AND
THE PRESIDENT HAD HAD A SERIES OF CONFRONTATIONS OVER VARIOUS ISSUES
DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.)

THAT HE ANGRILY REJECTED A FINANCIAL OFFER BY SERRANO, GIVEN AT THE TIME OF HIS DISMISSAL.

IN FACT, MENDOZA ACCEPTED A "BONUS" OF 250,000 QUETZALES, EQUAL TO APPROXIMATELY \$50,000.00. IN ADDITION, MENDOZA WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE A SUBSTANTIAL "COMMISSION," POSSIBLY AS MUCH AS 4,000,000 QUETZALES, FROM THE PURCHASE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF VEHICLES FROM THE VEHICLE SALE, WHICH INVOLVES 100 MILITARY TRUCKS, 100 PICK-UP TRUCKS, BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES, IS BEING HANDLED BY PRIVATE SECURITY CONSULTANT" WITH TIES TO THE ARMY AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN MILITARY SALES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN GUATEMALA AND OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES.



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