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## HPSCI Chairman Announces Guatemala Inquiry

HPSCI Chairman Larry Combest issued the following press statement on March 30:

"The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is undertaking an inquiry into various charges of CIA and other US intelligence agencies' 'complicity' in the killings in Guatemala of US citizen Michael Devine and Guatemalan guerrilla Efraim Barnaca Velasquez or of intelligence agencies having contemporaneous knowledge of the circumstances of their deaths. We will also look into charges of a coverup in the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Army. ||

To date, the Committee has seen no evidence supporting charges of CIA or other government agencies' complicity in or contemporaneous knowledge of either of the killings. We also have no knowledge, as yet, of any information supporting the anonymous allegations of the destruction of evidence by NSA or the Army. We will, however, conduct our own investigation into the matter prior to reaching any final conclusion." (This is UNCLASSIFIED.) ✓

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