SECRET

AGSAEMP PERSONNEL THAT PRESIDENT FRANCO (RIOS) MONTS PROMISED THAT NO MORE GUERRILLAS WILL BE RELEASED AS HAPPENED IN EARLY FEBRUARY WHEN THREE KNOWN GUERRILLAS WERE SET FREE. AS DOCUMENT:

THE THREE WERE NOT SET FREE, THEY WERE GIVEN TEMPORARY REPRIEFS FROM DEATH SENTENCES BY A STAY OF EXECUTION ISSUED AT THE LAST MINUTE BY THE SUPREME COURT. THIS IS TECHNICAL A WART OF AMPARO, AND THE SUPREME COURT IS STILL DECIDING AFTER TWO WEEKS OF LEGAL MANEUVERS WHETHER THE PERSONS CONVICTED BY THE SPECIAL COURTS WILL BE FREED AS INNOCENTS OR WHETHER THE SENTENCES OF EXECUTION BY FIRING SQUAD WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAND.) AGSAEMP PERSONNEL WERE VERY ANGRY WHEN THESE GUERRILLAS WERE NOT EXECUTED. 

3. AGSAEMP PERSONNEL WERE PISSED OFF AT THE WAY THEY WERE TREATED. THEY SAID THAT KNOW GUERRILLAS WILL NO LONGER BE REMOVED TO THE SPECIAL COURTS, BUT RATHER WILL BE DEALT WITH BY AGSAEMP.

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THE AGASEMP HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF RURAL MILITARY OPERATIONS.
IN THE MOST RECENT IN LATE JANUARY 1982, 18 AGASEMP PERSONNEL
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ARMY LIEUTENANT PARTICIPATED IN AN OPERATION
OUT OF PLAYA GRANDE, EL GUATÉ (188N 9044W). GUIDED
BY TWO EX-SOLDIERS WHO LIVED IN THE TOWN, THE AGASEMP PERSONNEL
DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. SURROUNDED A TOWN NEAR CHICHICAN
(188N 9048W). AFTER ASSUMING THEIR POSITIONS AROUND THE TOWN,
THEY PROCEEDED TO ATTACK WITH REGULAR ARMY TROOPS BACKING
THEM UP. THE AGASEMP PERSONNEL KILLED 27 GUERRILLAS AND CAPTURED
TWO OTHERS. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A MILITARY PRESS
RELEASE DATED 31 JANUARY, SOLDIERS FROM PLAYA GRANDE DISCOVERED
A GUERRILLA HIDEOUT IN THE TOWN OF CHINATÍEZUA (COORDINATES ULOCATED).
DURING THEIR ATTACK, THE MILITARY KILLED 17 GUERRILLAS AND CAPTURED
OLIVE DRAB UNIFORMS, PROPAGANDA AND CLAYMORE MINES. NO FIREARMS WERE
SEIZED IN THE ATTACK. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE NEWS ARTICLE
REFERS TO THE SAME ATTACK IN WHICH THE AGASEMP PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED.

8. COMMENT: THE INCAPABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO DEAL
EFFECTIVELY WITH KNOWN TERRORISTS AND GUERRILLA CADETS THROUGH
ITS REGULAR JUDICIAL SYSTEM PROMPTED THE GOVERNMENT TO CREATE
COURTS OF SPECIAL JURISDICTION UNDER THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.
AS IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY EVIDENT THAT THE SPECIAL COURTS
CANNOT DISPENSE JUSTICE IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO THE ARMY AND
THE SECURITY SERVICES, THERE WILL BE INCREASED PRESSURE FROM ALL
LEVELS TO BYPASS LEGAL RESTRAINT AND IMPLEMENT SUMMARIES
PUNISHMENT.

4. (AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: I AM FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE VIOLENCE
DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH THREE IS GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA ORDERED AND
DIRECTED VIOLANCE AND NOT "RIGHT WING VIOLANCE" AND THAT THESE WERE
NOT "RIGHT WING HIT SQUAD EXECUTIONS" BUT AGAIN EXECUTIONS ORDERED BY
ARMED SERVICES OFFICERS CLOSE TO PRESIDENT RIOS MONT.)