



BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

GUATEMALA  
Colonel Byron Disrael LIMA Estrada  
June 1985

(U) NAME: Colonel Byron Disrael Lima (LEE-mah)  
Estrada, Army.

(U) POSITION: Commander, Military Zone 20, Quiche,  
since February 1985. He succeeds Colonel Roberto  
Enrique Mata Galvez.



(U) 1971

He has served as Commander of Military Zone 11 in  
Santa Rosa, as Commander of the Tactical Security  
Group in Guatemala City, and as the Chief of  
Intelligence on the National Defense Staff (1983-85).

He  
attended the Basic Infantry Course at Fort Benning, Georgia (1965); and also  
the Military Police Course at the US Army School of the Americas (USARSA),  
Fort Gulick, Panama (1968).

(U) PERSONAL DATA: Born in Guatemala City on 26 May 1941, Colonel Lima is a  
Caucasian of small build (5'6" or 1.67 m, 139 lb. or 63 kg) with brown eyes,  
heavy eyebrows, a moustache and black hair (graying at the temples). His face  
is oblong-shaped, and his complexion is olive-colored. Colonel Lima enjoys an  
occasional Scotch (with a water chaser) at social events; he smokes Viceroy  
cigarettes, and his favorite sports are baseball and volleyball.

He speaks slowly  
and precisely. His English is good.

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[REDACTED] He is married to the former Maria Luisa Oliva Aquino, a Guatemalan national born on 11 January 1940 in San Rafael las Flores, Santa Rosa, Guatemala. The Limas are practicing Roman Catholics. They have three children: Byron Michel (m), born 1969; Elizabeth (f), born 1965; and Cesar (m), born 1961. Colonel Lima's father is a retired Army colonel, and his family is quite wealthy.

(U) CAREER:

- 1958-1959 - Student, Military School of Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1959-1962 - Cadet, Military Academy, Guatemala. Participated in Cadet Tour, 1960, to Honduras and Mexico.
- 1962-1965 - Commissioned Second Lieutenant.
- Commander, 1st Platoon, 3d Company, Zacapa Military Zone.
  - Executive Officer, 2d Company, Jutiapa Military Zone.
  - Platoon Leader, Transportation Company, Mariscal Zavala Brigade.
  - Platoon Leader, Rifle Company, Quiche Military Brigade.
- 1965-1967 - Student, Basic Infantry Course, Fort Benning, Georgia.
- Platoon Leader, 1st Rifle Company, Jutiapa Military Zone.
  - Assigned to General Headquarters, Guatemala City.
  - Executive Officer, Weapons Platoon, 1st Company, 1st Battalion, Zacapa Military Brigade.
  - Platoon Leader, Weapons Platoon, 1st Company, 1st Battalion, Zacapa.
  - Platoon Leader, 1st Platoon, 2d Rifle Company, Quiche Military Brigade.
- 1967 - Promoted to 1st Lieutenant, 30 June 1967.
- Platoon Leader, 1st Platoon, 2d Rifle Company Quiche Military Brigade.
  - Platoon Leader, Weapons Platoon, 2d Rifle Company, 1st Battalion, Quiche Military Brigade.

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- Executive Officer, Heavy Weapons Company, 1st Infantry Battalion, Quiche Military Brigade.
- 1968-1970
- Student, Military Police Course, US Army School of the Americas (USARSA), Fort Gulick, Panama.
  - Executive Officer, 1st Military Police Company, General Headquarters, Guatemala City.
  - Commander, 2d Rifle Company, Puerto Barrios Military Zone.
- 1970-1973
- Promoted to Captain.
  - Student, Counter-Intelligence Course, Guatemala City, taught by a US Mobile Training Team, 1970.
  - Commander, 2d Rifle Company, Puerto Barrios Military Zone.
  - S2, Puerto Barrios Military Zone.
- 1973
- Promoted to Major.
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- Deputy, Regional Telecommunications Center.
- 1977
- Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.
  - Continued as Deputy, Regional Telecommunications Center.
- 1981-1983
- Promoted to Colonel.
  - Second Commander, Huehuetenango Military Zone.
  - Commander, Tactical Security Group, Guatemala City.
  - Commander, Military Zone 11, Guilapa.
- 1983-1985
- D-2, Chief of Intelligence, National Defense Staff, 9 August 1983-February 1985.
- 1985
- Commander, Military Zone 20, Quiche, appointed February.
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