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1. The Special Comando Unit of the Guatemalan Army (SCUCA, government-sponsored terrorist organization which has heretofore been used primarily for assassinations and political abductions) is planning to expand its operations to include an intelligence-gathering [redacted]. The SCUCA intelligence network will endeavor to collect information from informants and through interrogations of captured Communist revolutionaries. It will also attempt to recruit informants from among those who have been captured by action units of the SCUCA.

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3. The principal aim of [redacted] will be collecting intelligence. The members will be required, however, to undertake special assignments from time to time. An example of the latter was the assassination of the Acting Mayor of Retalhuleu, who was shot to death by members of the SCUCA intelligence network. The SCUCA intelligence network has also been assigned the task of assassinating Colonel Luis Morales Melgar, Governor of the Department of Retalhuleu.

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Comment: Guatemalan press of 9 November 1967 reported that Juan Ramirez Juarez, Acting Mayor of the Monterrey suburb of the city of Retalhuleu, was shot and killed by a group of six unidentified men in front of the former's house in Retalhuleu on 8 November 1967.

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