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1. THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF OUTRAGE BY GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT ROMEO L U C A S GARCIA CALLING FOR A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO THE BACKGROUND OF THE BURIAL SITE DISCOVERED NEAR COMALAPA, CHIMALTENANGO DEPARTMENT, WEST OF GUATEMALA CITY, IS ONLY FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE NATIONAL POLICE HIERARCHY ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE BURIAL SITE.

2. THE BURIAL SITE WHICH WAS DISCOVERED BY ACCIDENT IN MID-MARCH 1980, WAS A PLACE WHERE THE NATIONAL POLICE DETECTIVE CORPS DISPOSED OF ITS VICTIMS AFTER INTERROGATIONS. THE BURIAL SITE CONTAINS UPWARDS OF 26 PERSONS WHO FALL INTO THE COMMON CRIMINAL CLASS (DELINQUENTES

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POLICY HAS BEEN TO LEAVE THE BODIES OF COMMON CRIMINALS WHERE THEY WOULD BE DISCOVERED TO SERVE AS DETERRENENTS TO OTHER CRIMINALS.) AS OF 22 MARCH 1980, ONLY TWO CORPSES HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED. ONE, CESAR ANIBAL. C A N O GARCIA, WAS KIDNAPPED BY FOUR DETECTIVES FROM THE DETECTIVE CORPS AND KILLED FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

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