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1. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] AS OF LATE JANUARY 1989, SELECTED INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE PN HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF NUMEROUS CRIMINALS IN GUATEMALA. FORMER PN MEMBERS WHO HAD LEFT THE PN FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS WERE REHIRED INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (DIC) OF THE PN FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF CAPTURING AND KILLING INDIVIDUALS WITH LONG CRIMINAL RECORDS. A SIMILAR GROUP ALSO EXISTS IN THE TREASURY POLICE. THESE GROUPS HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RASH OF MURDERS RECENTLY PUBLICIZED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. (COMMENT: THIS ACTION STEMS FROM FRUSTRATION ON THE PART OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WHO BELIEVE IT IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE TO ARREST AND ENSURE THE SENTENCING OF COMMON CRIMINALS. MOST POLICE OFFICIALS ARE ANGERED AT THE EVER GROWING CRIME RATE AND THE INABILITY OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO COPE WITH IT. GIVEN PN PROCLIVITIES, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THESE PN OFFICERS ARE ACTING ON THEIR OWN. THEY MUST BE ACTING ON THE ORDERS OF THE PN CHIEF OR POSSIBLY A HIGHER AUTHORITY.)

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2. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE ARMY'S "CUARTEL GENERAL" HAS ALSO CREATED A SIMILAR GROUP TO COMBAT CRIME. THE "CUARTEL GENERAL" HAS ISSUED NUMEROUS CIVILIAN MILITARY COMMISSIONER AND ASSISTANT MILITARY COMMISSIONER IDENTIFICATIONS TO CIVILIANS AND TASKED THEM WITH ROUNDING UP CRIMINALS AND UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS. THE COMMISSIONERS WORK ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS, WITH CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS PATROLLING THE STREETS ONE NIGHT PER WEEK USING PERSONAL VEHICLES. ONCE AN INDIVIDUAL IS ARRESTED, HE IS TURNED OVER TO THE "CUARTEL GENERAL" FOR DISPOSITION. (COMMENT: THE "CUARTEL GENERAL", BEING A MILITARY INSTITUTION, HAS NO LEGAL BASIS TO ARREST AND DETAIN CIVILIANS, AND NEITHER DO THE CIVILIAN MILITARY COMMISSIONERS.)

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[REDACTED] IS INVOLVED IN THIS ACTIVITY. WHILE HE DID NOT SPECIFY, IT IS LIKELY THAT MEMBERS OF THE "CUARTEL GENERAL" KILL THOSE CRIMINALS WHO ARE TURNED OVER TO THEM SINCE THEY HAVE NO LEGAL MEANS TO PROSECUTE [REDACTED] DID NOT SAY WHO IN THE "CUARTEL GENERAL" IS DIRECTING THIS ACTIVITY.)

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3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SANTA ROSA, RECENT MURDER VICTIMS INDEED HAVE BEEN THOSE "KNOWN" BY LOCALS TO BE CRIMINALS. FURTHER, IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AT LEAST, LOCAL POLITICIANS ARE AWARE THAT THE POLICE AND MILITARY ARE CONDUCTING THESE VIGILANTE STYLE ASSASSINATIONS; HOWEVER, THEY CONSIDER IT PRUDENT NOT TO INTERVENE. IN SANTA ROSA, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE ASSASSINATIONS ARE IN ANY WAY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND FOR THE TIME BEING CITIZENS IN THE AREA ARE NOT CRITICAL OF THE HASTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BEING METED OUT.)

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THESE GROUPS ARE BELIEVED TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THE "JAGUAR JUSTICIERO" OR "LA DOBLE J," WHICH HAS RESURFACED RECENTLY WITH THE ANNOUNCED INTENT OF KILLING CRIMINALS SINCE "LA DOBLE J" TAKES CREDIT FOR ITS ACTIVITIES. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS OF 2 FEBRUARY, THE J.J. HAS A CURRENT HIT LIST OF 200 INDIVIDUALS.)

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