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SERIAL: (U) [REDACTED]

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BODY

COUNTRY: (U) GUATEMALA (GT).

SUBJ: [REDACTED] THE FATE OF THOSE CAPTURED (U)

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SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF/INT)~~ AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF

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GUERRILLAS ARE ON THE ARMY PAYROLL. THESE GUERRILLAS HAVE UNDERGONE INTERROGATION AND HAVE AGREED TO WORK FOR THE ARMY THEREAFTER. THOSE WHO REFUSE ARE SUMMARILY KILLED. ONLY THOSE WITH PROPAGANDA VALUE ESCAPE THIS FATE.

TEXT: 1. (S/NP/WN) [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE GUATEMALAN ARMY HAS AN UNSPECIFIC NUMBER OF FORMER GUATEMALAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY UNITY (URNG) COMBATANTS ON ITS PAYROLL. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] GUERRILLAS THAT HAVE BEEN CAPTURED AND INTERROGATED BY THE ARMY FOR INFORMATION OF INTELLIGENCE VALUE, ARE GIVEN TWO CHOICES ONCE THE INTERROGATION IS COMPLETE. THE FIRST IS THAT THEY CAN ENLIST IN THE ARMY, FIRST TO WORK FOR THE DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE (D-2) AGAINST THE UNIT OR UNITS THEY FORMERLY BELONGED TO. ONCE THEIR USEFULNESS HAS BEEN FULLY EXPLOITED BY THE D-2, THEY ARE THEN ASSIGNED TO OTHER JOBS, DEPENDING ON THEIR SKILLS AND CAPABILITIES. THE ARMY DOES NOT PERMIT FORMER GUERRILLAS TO INTEGRATE INTO A COMBAT UNIT NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO CARRY A RIFLE IN COMBAT.

2. (S/NP/WN) THOSE WHO REFUSE TO INTEGRATE INTO THE ARMY ARE SUMMARILY SHOT AND BURIED IN UNMARKED GRAVES.

[REDACTED] CONTINUED THAT THIS TECHNIQUE HAS BEEN USED BY THE GUATEMALAN ARMY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS CONFLICT AND CONTINUES TO BE USED TODAY, EVEN THOUGH THE ARMY RECOGNIZES THAT IT IS A NEW ERA, WHERE THE ARMY HAS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS.

[REDACTED] ELABORATED THOUGH THAT THE ARMY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IS VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE KILLING OF GUERRILLAS, BECAUSE THE GUERRILLAS KNOW THAT BY ENGAGING IN OPEN WARFARE AGAINST THE GUATEMALAN ARMY, THEY FACE DEATH.

3. (S/NP/WN) THE ONLY GUERRILLAS THAT ARE PARADED BEFORE THE NEWS MEDIA AND SEEN BY THE PUBLIC ARE THOSE WHOSE APPEARANCE AND PUBLIC STATEMENT WILL GIVE THE ARMY A GREATER VALUE FROM THE PROPAGANDA STANDPOINT THAN FROM AN EXTENSIVE INTERROGATION AT THE HANDS OF THE D-2. ALL OTHER GUERRILLAS, [REDACTED] CONTINUED, ARE HIDDEN AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC EYE AND THE ARMY DISAVOWS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR EXISTENCE. [REDACTED] EMPHASIZED THAT THE ARMY DOES NOT TAKE PRISONERS OF WAR, NOR DOES THE URNG. [REDACTED] STRESSED THAT ALL GUERRILLAS TAKEN BY THE ARMY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE USED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, ARE INTERROGATED AND IN THE MAJORITY OF THE CASES, ARE KILLED AND BURIED.

4. (S/NP/WN) AS TO THE FATE OF THE FORMER GUERRILLA, EFRAIN ((BAMACA)) VELASQUEZ, [REDACTED] STATED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, THE ARMY DOES NOT HAVE BAMACA IN CUSTODY. [REDACTED] CONTINUED THAT IN HIS OPINION, IF THE ARMY DID KNOW WHERE BAMACA WAS, WHETHER HE BE DEAD OR ALIVE, THEY WOULD WILLINGLY TURN HIM OVER TO HIS

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ALLEGED WIFE, JENNIFER HARBURY, TO PUT AN END TO THE MEDIA ATTENTION THIS CASE IS RECEIVING. [REDACTED] POINTED OUT THAT BAHACA WAS A GUERRILLA FIGHTING AGAINST GUATEMALA AND STATED THAT [REDACTED] OFFICERS COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THIS PARTICULAR CASE WAS GETTING SO MUCH ATTENTION FROM THE UNITED STATES, WHEN THOUSANDS OF OTHERS HAVE DIED AND HAVE NEVER BEEN MENTIONED.

COMMENTS: 1. (S/NF) [REDACTED] REGARDLESS OF THE STATUS OF THE PEACE TALKS, THE AVERAGE GUATEMALAN OFFICER STILL SEES HIMSELF AT WAR WITH THE GUERRILLAS THAT OPERATE IN THIS COUNTRY. FOR OFFICERS, CAPTURE MEANS AN IMMEDIATE, OFTEN BRUTAL EXECUTION ON THE SPOT. [REDACTED] FOR SOLDIERS, IT MEANS THE OFFER TO INTEGRATE INTO THE URNG AND FAILING THIS, A SUMMARY EXECUTION. MOST COMBATANTS HAVE LOST FRIENDS AND FAMILY OVER THE THIRTY-FOUR YEARS THIS WAR HAS ENDURED IN GUATEMALA.

2. (S/NF) AT THE SAME TIME, THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT LESSONS ARE BEING LEARNED BY THE GUATEMALAN OFFICER CORPS AND THERE ARE EXAMPLES OF EXTREME CARE BEING TAKEN WITH CAPTURED GUERRILLAS. IN ONE SUCH CASE, AN INSURGENT WAS CAPTURED, HELD INCOMMUNICADO AND TREATED SO WELL THAT HE LATER ESCAPED WITHOUT PROBLEM, TO RETURN TO HIS FORMER UNIT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN YET ANOTHER CASE, PRIOR TO THE CAPTURE OF THREE GUERRILLAS, THE ZONE COMMANDER COORDINATED WITH THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR HIS DEPARTMENT AND ORGANIZED A JOINT ARMY/NATIONAL POLICE OPERATION TO TAKE DOWN THE GUERRILLA HIDE SITE. ONCE THE GUERRILLAS WERE CAPTURED, THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO THE NATIONAL POLICE. [REDACTED]

3. (S/NF) WHAT MUST BE REMEMBERED FIRST AND FOREMOST ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE ALLEGEDLY CAPTURED BY THE ARMY AND BY THE GUERRILLAS, IS THAT THEIR NUMBERS ARE EXTREMELY SMALL IN COMPARISON TO THOSE TAKEN DURING THE EARLY TO MID 1980'S WHEN THE WAR WAS AT ITS HEIGHT. AT BEST, THERE ARE PROBABLY NO MORE THAN TWENTY TO TWENTY-FIVE CAPTURED EACH YEAR, IF EVEN THAT MANY. THIS IS A RESULT OF THE REDUCED NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS ACTUALLY FIGHTING IN GUATEMALA AND THE FACT THAT ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN THE ARMY AND THE GUERRILLAS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN, USUALLY ONLY IN AREAS SUCH AS MILITARY ZONE'S 19 (HUEHUETENANGO), 20 (QUICHE), AND 22 (PLAYA GRANDE). FOR THE MOST PART, THE GUERRILLAS AVOID SUSTAINED CONTACT WITH THE ARMY BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY ARE THE LIKELY LOSERS OF ANY PROLONGED ENGAGEMENT.

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