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2. SUMMARY: ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOTLEY'S DAY AND A HALF IN GUATEMALA ALLOWED HIM TO MEET WITH THE CHIEF OF STATE, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDRADE, THE ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY AND SENIOR OFFICERS, A GROUP INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND VARIOUS GROUPS OF BUSINESSMEN, AS WELL AS AT DINNER WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF THE SUPREME COURT AND THE SUPREME ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTED OPAQUELY ABOUT HIS

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON A SCHEME TO REPATRIATE REFUGEES NOW LOCATED IN CAMPS NEAR

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THE BORDER FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MEXICAN CORDIALITY AND IMPROVED BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS ON CONTADORA PROCESS. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOTLEY WARNED FOREIGN MINISTER AGAINST ANY EFFORT TO SPLIT HIM OFF FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF CORE FOUR AND STRESSED GREAT IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING UNITY OF CORE FOUR. ANDRADE PONTIFICATED ABOUT GUATEMALA RESUMING ITS PROPER ROLE AS THE DOMINANT POWER IN CENTRAL AMERICA. HE ALSO INSISTED ON A TERRITORIAL CESSION ON THE MAINLAND BY BELIZE. GENERAL MEJIA ASKED FOR US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTA ASSISTANCE AND REITERATED THAT GENERAL VIDES CASANOVA HAD OFFERED TO SERVE AS CONDUIT FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GUATEMALA. IN CONTRAST, ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF COL. GRAMAJO FLATLY STATED THAT GUATEMALA DID NOT WANT US MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND THAT US SHOULD LIMIT ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAINING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. GRAMAJO LATER EXPLAINED PRIVATELY . TO US COMMILGRP THAT HE HAD MADE THESE. REMARKS BECAUSE HE AND OTHER MILITARY HAD GIVEN UP HOPE THAT US ADMINISTRATION COULD OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

BEFORE DINNER AT RESIDENCE SEPTEMBER 2, PRESIDENT F THE SUPREME ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL BRIEFED ASSISTANT ECRETARY MOTLEY ON THE STEPS TOWARD ORGANIZING THE ONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD JULY 1, 1984.

4. GUATEMALAN REFUGEES IN MEXICO - DURING DINNER, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDRADE BRIEFED SECRETARY MOTLEY ON



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HIS DISCUSSION DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MEXICO CONCERNIN GUATEMALAN REFUGEES THERE. ANDRADE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAD ESTIMATED THAT GUATEMALAN REFUGEES IN HIS COUNTRY NUMBERED SOME 10,000 TO 12,000, AS CONTRASTED WITH THE FIGURE OF SOME 40,000 ATTRIBUTED TO THE UNHCR. ANDRADE REPORTED THAT MEXICO HAD AGREED TO COOPERATE IN ENCOURAGING GUATEMALAN REFUGEES TO RETURN HOME, BUT HE DECLINED TO SPECIFY WHAT HIS MEXICAN COUNTERPART HAD AGREED TO UNDERTAKE. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR RETURNI

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REFUGEES AND SAID THAT GUERRILLAS HAD PHYSICALLY HARMED SOME EARLIER RETURNEES TO DISCOURAGE SUCH MOVEMENT AND MAINTAIN THE CAMPS IN MEXICO AS GUERRILLA SAFE HAVENS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD SUCCEEDED IN WINNING A COMMITMENT FRO CATHOLIC LEADERS IN GUATEMALA TO ENCOURAGE THE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES. HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS STEP WOULD COME IN RETURN FOR A GOVERNMENT DECISION TO EXEMPT CATECHISTS FROM SERVICE ON CIVIL DEFENSE PATROLS. UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF RIOS MONTT, HE SAID, ONLY PROTESTANT MINISTERS HAD BEEN EXEMPTED FROM SERVICE. (COMMENT: HE DID NOT MENTION CATHOLIC PRIESTS WHO, WE UNDERSTAND, WERE SIMILARLY EXEMPTED.) AMBASSADORS MOTLEY AND CHAPIN RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF INVOLVING THE ICRC OR THE UNHCR IN THE REPATRIATION. THE OPPOSITION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GUATEMALAN RED CROSS TO AN ICRC ROLE WAS ALSO TOUCHED ON. ANDRADE WAS VAGUE ON THESE POINTS.

FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND LOBBY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS - ANDRADE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE

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AID CONTRACTOR CASE - THE CONVERSATION ABOUT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS LED NATURALLY TO AMBASSADOR MOTLEY TELLING THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT HE NEEDED HIS HELP WITH THE CONGRESS ON THE CASE OF THE FOUR PERSONS



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CONNECTED WITH THE AID PROJECT, WHO HAD BEEN MURDERED. LIKE THE FOUR CHURCHWOMEN IN SALVADOR AND THE SHERATON MURDER CASE, THE AID PROJECT CASE HAD BECOME AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL IN THE US. IT MIGHT BE SIMPLISTIC BUT THIS WAS REALITY. FOREIGN MINISTER ANDRADE INITIALLY SHIFTED SUBJECTS AT THE DINNER TABLE, BUT ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOTLEY TOOK ANDRADE ASIDE PRIVATELY IN ANOTHER ROOM AFTER DINNER TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CASE TO EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR GUATEMALA. AMBASSADOR MOTLEY ALSO VERY DEFTLY AND DELICATELY RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH CHIEF OF STATE

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GENERAL MEJIA (THE AUTHOR OF THE ORIGINAL COVER UP OF THE CASE) DURING A CALL ON HIM SEPTEMBER 3. AMBASSADOR MOTLEY SAID HE WAS SPEAKING AS A POLITICIAN AND THAT HE WAS NOT REFERRING TO THE MERITS OF THE CASE. HE UNDERSTOOD THE GUATEMALAN ARGUMENTS AND AGREED THAT THERE WAS A DIFFER DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO SALVADORAN CASES AND THE GUATEMALAN CASE, BUT THESE DISTINCTIONS BECAME BLURRED IN THE MINDS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO HAD TO DEVOTE THEIR ATTENTION TO MANY DIFFERENT PROBLEMS. WHENEVER HE RAISED GUATEMALA WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, THE AID CASE WAS MENTIONED. HE NEEDED SOME PROGRESS ON THIS MATTER. GENERAL MEJIA IN RESPONSE REFERRED TO THE RECENT VISIT OF THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER AND THE NINE PAGE DOCUMENT HE HAD GIVEN TO THE REPORTER ON THE TRIAL OF THE JUNIOR LIEUTENANT, WHICH IS, OF COURSE, IRRELEVANT TO THE HEART OF THE ISSUE, THAT THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDERS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. GENERAL MEJIA LET IT GO AT THAT.

7. THE CONTADORA PROCESS - AFTER DINNER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADORS MOTLEY AND CHAPIN MET PRIVATELY. THE CONVERSATION FIRST TURNED TO THE FOREIGN

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MINISTER'S RECENT MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SEPULVEDA AT CANCUN. ANDRADE WAS ECSTATIC ABOUT THE RAPPORT HE HAD ESTABLISHED WITH SEPULVEDA NOT ONLY ON REFUGEE MATTERS BUT OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES AND THE DIFFERENT VIEW ON THE CONTADORA PROCESS.

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ANDRADE RESPONDED THAT GUATEMALA WAS EMERGING FROM ITS ISOLATION UNDER THE RIOS MONTT GOVERNMENT AND REASSERTING ITS PROPER ROLE AS THE DOMINANT POLITICAL FORCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA. GUATEMALA

WOULD MAINTAIN ITS LEADERSHIP

IN THE CORE FOUR AS WELL AS THE UNITY OF THAT GROUP.
GUATEMALA HAD ITS OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS TO PROTECT AND
WOULD NOT FAIL TO DO SO. AMBASSADOR MOTLEY AGREED THAT
PROTECTION OF NATIONAL INTERESTS WAS THE NAME OF THE
GAME AND THAT CORE FOUR UNITY WAS ESSENTIAL.

8. BELIZE - ANDRADE SAID THAT TALKS WERE CONTINUING

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WITH THE BRITISH ON BELIZE AND THAT GUATEMALA ABSOLUTELY HAD TO HAVE A TERRITORIAL CESSION IN THE SOUTH IN ORDER TO PROVIDE IT WITH ADEQUATE SEAWARD ACCESS. AMBASSADOR MOTLEY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD US LEGAL EXPERTS BELIEVED THAT SUCH ACCESS COULD BE GUARANTEED BY TREATY BETWEEN BELIZE AND GUATEMALA WITHOUT A FORMAL TERRITORIAL CESSION ON THE CONTINENT. ANDRADE WAS ADAMANT ON A TERRITORIAL CESSION AS WAS CHIEF OF STATE GENERAL MEJIA THE NEXT DAY. MEJIA BROUGHT OUT A MAP TO BUTTRESS HIS RATHER GENERAL STATEMENTS. THE IMPORT WAS CLEAR: A



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GUATEMALAN POINT OF VIEW.

9. MEETING WITH GENERAL MEJIA - ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOTLEY OPENED THE MEETING BY EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THE DECLARATIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL AT THE OUTSET OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE MEASURES TAKEN SUCH AS LIFTING THE STATE OF ALARM, ENDING THE SPECIAL TRIBUNALS, ESTABLISHING AN AMNESTY AND CONFIRMING THE ELECTORAL TIMETABLE. GENERAL MEJIA RESPONDED THAT THESE WERE NOT JUST DECLARATIONS BUT ACTIONS AND HE WOULD STAND BY



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THEM. TALK NEXT TURNED TO HIS VISIT TO THE USS RANGER AND MEJIA REITERATED HOW IMPRESSED HE HAD BEEN. THIS LED GENERAL MEJIA TO REPEAT THAT WHILE THEY WERE TOGETHER GENERAL VIDES CASANOVA HAD OFFERED TO HAVE SALVADOR SERVE AS A CONDUIT FOR US ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO GUATEMALA IF IT WERE IMPOSSIBLE TO PERSUADE THE US CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE THEM DIRECTLY. AMBASSADOR MOTLEY RESPONDED WITH AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEMS AND THE AID CASE, AS SUMMARIZED IN PARA 6 ABOVE GENERAL MEJIA RESPONDED BY REFERRING TO THE VISIT OF THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER AND SAID THAT IF THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF NEW WEAPONS, IT SHOULD DONATE OBSOLETE WEAPONS LYING AROUND IN WAREHOUSES. ASIDE FROM HELICOPTERS AND HELICOPTER SPARE PARTS WHICH THE ARMY NEEDED FOR MOBILIT TO BRING SUPPLIES TO ISOLATED CIVILIAN HAMLETS AND TO EVACUATE THE WOUNDED, THEY COULD USE TRACTORS, BULLDOZER AND OTHER ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT TO BUILD RURAL ROADS AND MOBILE HOSPITALS. GENERAL MEJIA CLEARLY ADVOCATED ADDITIONAL US MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THE CONTADORA



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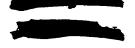
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PROCESS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS, WITH AMBASSADOR MOTLEY REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT HE HAD STRESSED THE PREVIOUS EVENING TO FOREIGN MINISTER ANDRAD THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE UNITY OF THE CORE FOUR GENERAL MEJIA ALSO DISCUSSED BELIZE AS REPORTED IN PARA ABOVE. AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT AS THE MEETING WAS BREAKING UP IN ORDER FOR THE GENERAL TO MEET ANOTHER COMMITMENT, THE GENERAL ASKED THAT THE US TRAVEL ADVISORY BE LIFTED SPUR TOURISM.

COMMENT: UNLIKE SIMILAR MEETINGS WITH GENERAL RIOS MONT WHERE HE WAS OFTEN ALONE OR HAD ONE OR BOTH OF HIS VERBO ADVISERS PRESENT IF INTERPRETING WAS REQUIRED, MEJIA WAS FLANKED BY HIS ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, COL. MOREIRA, THE



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CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENTIAL STAFF, COL. MARROQUIN, AND THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY, COL. NUILA.

10. BRIEFING BY ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF - FROM GENERAL MEJIA'S OFFICE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOTLEY WENT TO A 75 MINUTE BRIEFING ON THE GUERRILLA SITUATION IN GUATEMALA BY THE ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF, COL. GRAMAJO. (CHIEF OF STAFF LOPEZ FUENTES HAD LEFT THAT MORNING FOR EUROPE.) COL. GRAMAJO OPENED WITH A LONG STATE-MENT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DATES MARCH 23, 1982 AND AUGUST 8, 1983. HE SAID MUCH PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE SINCE THE FIRST DATE BUT THE EXTRAORDINARY PERSONALITY OF ONE MAN (WHOSE NAME HE NEVER MENTIONED) AND HIS INABILITY TO RECOGNIZE HIS OWN LIMITS, HAD LED TO THE EVENTS OF AUGUST 8. THERE FOLLOWED AN OLD CANNED BRIEFING ON THE REASONS FOR THE RISE OF THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT AND SLIDES ON THE LOCATIONS OF THE FOUR DIFFERENT GUERRILLA GROUPS. COL. ROUANO, THE BRIEFER WHO IS JUST BACK FROM THE INTER AMERICAN DEFENSE COLLEGE, DID NOT APPEAR VERY MUCH AT HOME WITH THE FIRST PART OF THE BRIEFING. THE MOST INTERESTING STATEMENT WAS THAT ONLY 10,000 PERSONS WERE BEING FED AT ONE TIME UNDER THE "BEANS AND BULLETS" PROGRAM. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BRIEFING, COL. GRAMAJO WALKED OVER TO A HUGE LOCKED CABINET, WHICH HE OPENED, REVEALING AN ALMOST CEILING TO FLOOR MAP OF GUATEMALA WITH OVERLAYS SHOWING THE CURRENT POSITIONS OF ACTIVE AND INACTIVE GUERRILLA GROUPS AND THE DISPOSITION OF GUATEMALAN UNITS. AFTER SOME

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DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION, COL. GRAMAJO SUDDENLY

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OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS (PROBABLY INCLUDING CHIEF OF STAFF LOPEZ FUENTES) HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE CONGRESS WILL SIMPLY NOT PROVIDE ANY MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GUATEMALA IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

CHAPIN'S COMMENT: IF THIS IS SO, AND AMBASSADOR I HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT COL. GRAMAJO'S STATEMENT, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR TO WASHINGTON THAT IT WILL BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN PROGRESS ON THE AID CONTRACTOR CASE. NOT ONLY WAS GENERAL MEJIA THE AUTHOR OF THE ORIGINAL COVER UP; BUT THE OFFICERS HAVE CLOSED RANKS ON THIS ISSUE; THE STRONGEST MEJIA SUPPORTER ON AUGUST 8 WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE HUEHUETENANGO BASE WHEN THE AID CASE OCCURRED AND HE IS STILL THERE; AND NOW IMPORTANT ARMY OFFICERS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THERE WILL BE NO U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE ANYWAY, SO WHY STIR UP A HORNET'S NEST INSIDE THE MILITARY HIERARCHY?

11. VISIT TO GUATEMALA DISPLACED PERSONS - AMBASSADOR MOTLEY HAD A BRIEF LUNCH WITH GENERAL FUENTES CORADO, FORMERLY HEAD OF THE NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE AND WHO NOW HAS TAKEN ON HARRIS WHITBECK'S FORMER DUAL ROLE OF COORDINATOR OF ALL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND VISITORS TO THE INTERIOR, WORKING OUT OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, AND SECRET NEGOTIATOR ON BELIZE. GENERAL FUENTES CONFIRMED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON BELIZE WERE CONTINUING OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. ONCE THE ESSENCE OF AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN

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REACHED, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD REDUCE IT TO A FORMAL AGREEMENT. THE GENERAL DECLINED TO GO INTO DETAILS. HE DISCUSSED THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO FORMER GUERRILLAS AND CAMPESINOS WHO HAD BEEN RECRUITED

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BY OR FORCED TO JOIN THE GUERRILLAS. THOUSANDS WERE RALLYING TO THE GOVERNMENT SIDE, COMING IN BY THE DOZENS OR HUNDREDS. BASIC SHELTER, I.E. ALUMINUM ROOFING HAD BEEN SUPPLIED TO OVER 120,000 PEOPLE. THE PROGRAM WAS TO FEED THE STARVING CAMPESINOS WHEN THEY INITIALLY CAME IN, PROVIDE WHAT BASIC MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WAS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY TO THE CHILDREN, AND THEN RELOCATE THE CAMPESINOS BACK IN THEIR ORIGINAL HAMLETS AS SOON AS THE AREA COULD BE MADE SECURE AND THE CAMPESINOS PERSUADED TO GO BACK. THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM WAS PROVIDING CORN AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS. GENERAL FUENTES SAID HE HAD SUPPLIES ONLY FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. AMBASSADOR CHAPIN'S COMMENT: AMBASSADOR CESAR MIQUEL, THE UNREP IN GUATEMALA, TOLD ME THAT HE HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED \$40 MILLION OF NEW ASSISTANCE FOR GUATEMALA. GENERAL FUENTES SEEMED TO BE UNAWARE OF THIS NEW PROGRAM. AID MISSION DIRECTOR AND I WILL CHECK WITH THE UN SEPTEMBER 7. AS USUAL, I FOUND GENERAL FUENTES CHARMING BUT VAGUE ON PROGRAMMATIC DETAILS.

12. FOLLOWING LUNCH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOTLEY, GEN. FUENTES AND AMBASSADOR WENT BY HELICOPTER TO VISIT GUATEMALA'S ONE DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP AT NEBAJ. THE HELICOPTER WAS DIVERTED BY GENERAL FUENTES AT THE LAST MINUTE FROM LANDING AT THE STRIP NEAR THE REFUGEE CAMP, WHICH WE NEVER DID VISIT. TO THE TOWN A FEW KILOMETERS AWAY WHERE THE LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDER WAS WAITING TO SHOW US SOME RECENTLY ARRIVED RALLIERS WHO WERE SERIOUSLY MALNOURISHED. WE VISITED THE 160 PEASANTS

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AND ON THE PORCH WITH CORN AND TORTILLAS (IT WAS ABOUT 2:15 P.M.). TWO ARMY DOCTORS ARRIVED TO SAY THAT THEY HAD ARRIVED IN TOWN THE DAY BEFORE AND WERE SETTING UP A HOSPITAL IN PART OF AN ENORMOUS HEALTH CENTER

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OUTSIDE OF TOWN, THE SHELL OF WHICH WAS BUILT STARTING IN THE LUCAS GARCIA GOVERNMENT WITH IDB MONEY BUT WHICH WAS NEVER FINISHED OR EQUIPPED. THE ARMY DOCTORS ASSURED US THAT THE HOSPITAL WOULD BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN 24 HOURS. A WOUNDED OFFICER HAD RECENTLY BEEN BROUGHT IN AFTER HOURS ON HORSEBACK. TWO ARMORED MILITARY AMBULANCES WITH A 30 CALIBER AND 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN EACH WERE PARKED OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL IN CREATION. THE ARMY DOCTORS CANDIDLY ADMITTED THAT THEY HAD VIRTUALLY NO MEDICINES TO TREAT THE RALLIERS OR THEIR CHILDREN. THE ESSENTIAL THING WAS TO IMPROVE THEIR DIET. SOME CHILDREN WERE DYING. GENERAL FUENTES SAID HE HAD TRIED TO EVACUATE ONE CHILD TO GUATEMALA BUT THE CHILD HAD DIED BEFORE HE COULD GET A HELICOPTER IN.

- **13. AFTER VISITING THE MEDICAL CENTER/HOSPITAL, WE VISITED A CAMP WHERE MEN AND BOYS WHO HAD COME IN AS RALLIERS WERE BUILDING LOG CABINS WITHOUT NAILS FROM THE TREES FOUND IN THE AREA AND ADOBE BRICK BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS LONG OPEN-SIDED SHELTERS WITH THATCHED ROOFS TO PROVIDE BASIC SHELTER FOR CAMPESINO RALLIERS. THIS WAS BEING DONE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A BUILDING FOREMAN AS PART OF THE FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAM. THE OPERATION, IF RUSTIC, SEEMED WELL PLANNED AND DIRECTED. THE LOCAL ARMY COMMANDER TOLD US THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 7,500 REFUGEES IN HIS AREA, OF WHOM ABOUT 3,500 HAD BEEN VIRTUALLY PERMANENTLY SETTLED AT THE CAMP LA VIDA NUEVA NEAR THE AIRSTRIP.
 - 14. WE WERE NEXT INVITED FOR A BRIEFING ON THE GUERRILLA SITUATION AND THE ARMY'S CAMPAIGN IN THE AREA IN THE LOCAL ARMY COMMANDER'S HEADQUARTERS



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IN A HOUSE IN TOWN. THREE REPORTED RALLIERS FROM THE GUERRILLAS WERE BROUGHT IN FOR US TO TALK TO: ONE YOUNG GIRL WHO SHOWED FAMILIARITY WITH THE M-16 CARRIED BY OUR SECURITY DETAIL; AN OLD MAN WHO HAD BEEN AN ORGANIZER OF THE ELDERLY IN HIS HAMLET (ALDEA): AND A YOUNG MAN WHO HAD ACTED AS A MESSENGER AND IRREGULAR (FIL) FOR THE GUERRILLAS. THEY ALL TOLD MORE OR LESS THE SAME STORY. THEY HAD BEEN LURED INTO JOINING THE GUERRILLAS BY FALSE PROMISES THAT THE GUERRILLAS WOULD END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE INDIANS AND DIVIDE UP THE WEALTH OF THE "RICH" SO EVERYONE WOULD HAVE CARS AND HELICOPTERS. THEY HAD COME TO REALIZE THAT THE GUERRILLAS WERE JUST AS HARD ON THE INDIANS AND WERE UNABLE TO DELIVER ON THEIR MESSIANIC PROMISES. THEY FOUND THAT THE ARMY DID NOT KILL FORMER GUERRILLAS SO THEY CAME BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT'S SIDE. IT WAS AGREED THAT DISPLACED CAMPESINOS NOW IN NEBAJ WOULD BE RESETTLED BACK IN THEIR HAMLETS, SOME OF WHICH WERE NOW DESERTED OR ONLY OCCUPIED BY A MILITARY PLATOON, AS SOON AS THE AREA HAD BEEN CLEARED OF GUERRILLAS.

15. AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: THE WEATHER WAS CLOSING IN SO WE DID NOT VISIT THE OLD DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP NEAR THE AIRSTRIP, BUT FROM THE AIR IT LOOKED IMMENSELY BETTER THAN WHEN I VISITED THE RUDIMENTARY SITE 11 MONTHS AGO. CORN WAS GROWING AROUND EACH HUT, THE HUTS HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THE TIN ROOFS WERE IN PLACE. IT LOOKED A VIABLE COMMUNITY. BECAUSE OF

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WEATHER, WE ALSO DID NOT VISIT PLAYA GRANDE, WHERE

NEW GROUPS OF RALLIERS WERE ALSO REPORTED TO BE

RECEIVING ASSISTANCE.

16. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOTLEY ALSO MET WITH FATHER BILL MULLAN, A MARYKNOLL PRIEST WHO HAS WORKED IN GUATEMALA FOR 21 YEARS, AND ADOLFO HERNANDEZ, A GUATEMALAN LABOR UNION LEADER, TO DISCUSS THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN GUATEMALA.





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HERNANDEZ EXPLAINED THAT ONLY ABOUT 5 PERCENT OF THE GUATEMALAN LABOR FORCE WAS ORGANIZED. THIS HE ATTRIBUTED PRINCIPALLY TO TWO FACTORS: FIRST, THE MURDERS OR KIDNAPPINGS OF MANY LABOR ORGANIZERS WHICH OCCURRED UNDER THE LUCAS-GARCIA GOVERNMENT; SECOND CURRENT HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT LEVELS WHICH MADE WORKERS UNWILLING TO RISK THEIR JOBS. HERNANDEZ WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTLOOK FOR LABOR UNIONS UNDER CURRENT HEAD OF STATE GENERAL MEJIA VICTORES. HE SAID THAT UNDER RIOS-MONTT THE UNIONS HAD ACTED IN GOOD FAITH IN RESPONSE TO HIS PROMISES OF FREEDOM OF ACTION, BUT THAT NOW THEY HAD NO FREEDOM TO ORGANIZE AND THAT THEIR COMMITTEES WERE NOT FUNCTIONING. GENERAL MEJIA, SAID HERNANDEZ, HAD THUS FAR MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL SECTORS OF GUATEMALAN SOCIETY EXCEPT FOR THE WORKERS. AN ADDITIONAL PROBLEM FOR GUATEMALAN WORKERS, ACCORDING TO HERNANDEZ, WAS THAT NO POLITICAL PARTY REALLY CARED ABOUT THEM OR HAD A REALISTIC POLICY FOR IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS. ALL THAT PARTIES IN GUATEMALA WERE INTERESTED IN, OBSERVED HERNANDEZ, WAS WINNING ELECTIONS.

FR. MULLAN TOLD ASST SEC MOTLEY THAT ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION, VIOLENCE HAD DECLINED IN THE VILLAGES AND THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD NO REPORTS OF ANY LARGE-SCALE KILLINGS WHICH HAD OCCURRED SINCE MAY. REPORTS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM PRIESTS WORKING IN THE PETEN (THE LARGE NORTHERN AREA OF GUATEMALA LOCATED BETWEEN MEXICO AND BELIZE), AND HUEHUETENANGO (A MOUNTAINOUS REGION NORTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER) WERE THAT THE ARMY WAS NOT CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN ANY POLICY OF TERROR OR



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REPRESSION. HOWEVER, FR. MULLAN STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE OPERATION OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE PATROLS SAYING THAT THE INDIGENOUS (WHO CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY OF THE PATROL MEMBERS IN THE COUNTRY) WERE BEING FORCED TO PARTICIPATE AND THIS PARTICIPATION IN A FORM OF ORGANIZED VIOLENCE VIOLATED THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE. HERNANDEZ JOINED IN THE CRITICISM, SAYING THAT THE CIVIL DEFENSE PATROLS WERE FUNDAMENTALLY ANTI-UNION

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AND PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO EXERT TOTAL CONTROL OVER ALL OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE OF VILLAGES IN THE COUNTRY. IN THE PAST, HE SAID, THE CIVIL DEFENSE PATROLS WOULD BE GIVEN LISTS OF PEOPLE TO ARREST OR KILL IN THEIR AREA AND THAT UNION ORGANIZERS WERE FREQUENT TARGETS. HERNANDEZ CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE MASSACRE OF ABOUT 25 PERSONS WHICH OCCURRED IN "CHIJTINIMIT" (A VERY SMALL VILLAGE NEAR CHICHICASTENANGO) AROUND JULY 30 (GUATEMALA 6856).

FR. MULLAN ALSO RELATED THE STORY OF A SMALL VILLAGE IN THE PETEN WHERE THE LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDER HAD ORDERED THE VILLAGES TO IMPROVE THEIR SANITARY CONDITIONS AND TO PAINT THE STONES LINING THE ROAD IN FRONT OF THEIR HOUSES WHITE SO THAT THEY WOULD LOOK NEAT AND ORDERLY. ACKNOWLEDGING THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF THE LOCAL COMMANDER, HE ARGUED THAT NEVERTHELESS THIS AUTHORITARIANISM VIOLATED MAYAN CULTURE AND MORES.

ADOLFO HERNANDEZ CLOSED THE DISCUSSION BY REQUESTING THAT U.S. AID TO GUATEMALA SHOULD BE MADE CONDI-

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TIONAL ON THE GOVERNMENT GIVING THE WORKERS THE

FREEDOM TO ORGANIZE.

17. IN THE EVENING, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOTLEY ATTENDED THE INAUGURATION OF A HOTEL EQUIPMENT TRADE SHOW SPONSORED BY THE HOTEL ASSOCIATION AND THE U.S. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. HE TOURED THE EXHIBITS AND MET THE EXHIBITORS. LATER HE MET OTHER AMERICAN AND GUATEMALAN BUSINESSMEN, PRIMARILY IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS AND BANKERS, AT A RECEPTION

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FOR A VISITING EX-IM DELEGATION. MR. MOTLEY ALSO MET THE LEADERS OF THE AMCHAM AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE GUATEMALA CITY ELECTORAL COMMISSION IN THE MARCH 1982 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WHO EXPLAINED THE TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION WHICH HAD PREVENTED FRADULENT VOTING OR TABULATING OF THE ELECTION RESULTS. HE HAD A LONG CONVERSATION WITH THE LONG TIME RESIDENT PUBLISHER OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWS SHEET.

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FINALLY, THERE WAS AN INFORMAL DINNER WITH A NUMBER OF LEADERS OF THE GUATEMALAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN WHICH THEY EXPOUNDED THEIR VIEWS.

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