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Briefing of HPSCI Staffers on Missing Guatemalan Guerilla Bamaca

On 07 November, AC/DO/LA and three additional DO and DI officers briefed five members of the HPSCI staff on reporting relating to the case of Efraim Bamaca Velasquez, a missing Guatemalan guerrilla, whose U.S. wife is carrying out a hunger strike in Guatemala City to force a Guatemalan Government response to his status. In response to increased focus on this case due to the wife, Jennifer Harbury's, hunger strike and a related 06 Nov "60 Minutes" segment on Harbury, CIA briefed both oversight committees on all CIA reporting/documents on this case.

Referring to [redacted] disseminated reports containing Bamaca's name from early 1993 to the present, DI analyst [redacted] provided the chronology of the reported capture and possible torture and internment of Bamaca. Concluding that the CIA has no information on the current status of Bamaca or on his possible death, DO advised that they are attempting to obtain updated information [redacted] on Bamaca's fate. HPSCI staffers [redacted] appeared satisfied with the briefing and had no pending questions on this case. State Department liaison officer Jim Lande sat in on the briefing at his request, as he had on the SSCI staffer briefing on 04 Nov on the same issue.

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