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The Director of Central Latelligence Washington D.C. 2000



10 November 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert O. Homme.

FROM:

John Allen

National Intelligence Officer for Latin

America

SUBJECT:

Response on Bamaca Case

Attached is a memo I received from the DO responding to the aspects of the Harbury/Bamaca Case you asked me to look into. As you will see, DO in conjunction with DI/ALA is at work trying to provide the clarification's or additional information ARA has requested. As a footnote, I talked separately with and he, too, was surprised that ARA has declared itself disappointed with the 01 November meeting. His impression was that they had been generally satisfied with what the Agency committed itself to do on this case.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer/

Latin America Division

VIA:

Acting Chief, Latin America Division

FROM:

Latin America Division

SUBJECT:

Response to ARA Concerns from

1 November 1994 Heating

1. Thank you for passing the comments from the Department of State on the 1 November meeting on the Bamaca case. We are a bit surprised regarding their disappointment at the result of this meeting. As we recall there were no concerns expressed at the time, and we agreed at the end of the meeting to aggressively pursue further reporting on these issues. To respond to ARA's concerns, however, DO and DI/ALA are preparing detailed answers to their questions.

we are preparing 2. With regard to additional clarification It is important to emphasize, however, that this information is fragmentary, ... and in some case contradictory when put in the context of other information available. The speculative nature is reflected in the memorandum of 24 October 1994 that was provided to our ARA colleagues.

3. As we discussed on 1 November, we are exploring opportunities with Guatemala City Station to secure additional information on the report

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- 4. Both the DO and the DI are reviewing the testimony of Santiago Cabrera Lopez that was provided at the meeting on 1 November. These comments will be provided as soon as possible.
- 5. We are conducting a review of our file holdings to determine whether there is additional information on the allegations of the two imprisoned Guatemalans. We will provide the Department any additional information we identify upon completion of this review.
- 6. As agreed at the 1 November 1994 meeting, we have been in contact with the same associated with the Banaca case.

The DO and DI also are reviewing file holdings on the clandestine prison issue.

7. Please be assured that we take this issue most seriously and will address ARA's concerns as quickly as they are completed.

cc: DI/ALA

CONCUR:

Acting Chief,/Latin America Division

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