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TO: DIRECTOR.

ON THE BAHACA CASE

1. [REDACTED]

2. THE STATION ADVISED HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED] THAT WE WOULD REVISIT WITH [REDACTED] THE TOPIC OF THE DEATH, OR ALTERNATIVELY, THE POSSIBLE CAPTURE OF ORPA GUERRILLA LEADER EFRAIN ((@BAHACA)) @VELASQUEZ IN SAN MARCOS DEPARTMENT (MZ 18) IN MARCH 1992. [REDACTED] SAID HE IS CONVINCED BAHACA WAS KILLED IN A FIREFIGHT WITH ARMY TROOPS IN MARCH 1992.

[REDACTED] HE SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE BAHACA WAS TAKEN PRISONER [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] ALSO SAID [REDACTED] THAT THE TWO FORMERLY "CONTROLLED" GUERRILLAS WHO ESCAPED, AND LATER SHOWED UP TO TESTIFY IN GENEVA THAT THEY HAD SEEN BAHACA ALIVE IN A CLANDESTINE PRISON, DID SO FOR POLITICAL REASONS IN SUPPORT OF URNG PROPAGANDA OBJECTIVES. HE SAID PRIOR TO APPEARING IN GENEVA, THE TWO GUERRILLAS HAD BEEN COLLABORATING CLOSELY WITH THE D-2'S MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION IN COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS.

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5. STATION WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT EVEN THOUGH THE CASE BROKE IN 1992, THE ISSUE IS STILL OF EXTREMELY HIGH INTEREST TO THE U.S. POLICYMAKING COMMUNITY. BAHACA'S ALLEGED WIFE, U.S. CITIZEN JENNIFER ((HARBURY)), CONTINUES TO MAKE TRIPS TO GUATEMALA IN SEARCH OF NEWS ON HER ALLEGEDLY CAPTURED HUSBAND. AS OF MID-AUGUST, SHE WAS HERE WITH A CAMERA CREW THAT WAS FILMING A DOCUMENTARY ON THE CASE. IN ADDITION, HARBURY HAS WITH SOME SUCCESS LOBBIED MANY STAFFERS AND MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS TO CONDITION U.S. ASSISTANCE TO GUATEMALA ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE BAHACA CASE.

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6. FILE: [REDACTED]

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