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THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY IS NOW ON THE OFFENSIVE WITH REGARD TO ACCUSATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. [REDACTED] THE INITIAL IMPACT OF THE BFRAIN ((BAMACA)) VELASQUEZ CASE, AS PRESENTED BY BAMACA'S U.S. CITIZEN SPOUSE, WAS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE; HOWEVER, [REDACTED] EVEN WITH THE CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM A MEMBER OF THE U.S. CONGRESS AND "SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING," HER CASE APPEARED TO BE LOSING STEAM. [REDACTED] THE BAMACA CASE IS TYPICAL OF THE CONFRONTATIONS THAT THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY WILL HAVE TO FACE IN THE FUTURE, [REDACTED] THE CONFLICT HAS CHANGED FROM AN INSURGENCY TO A "DIRTY WAR" OF ACCUSATIONS AND DENUNCIATIONS. [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH THE U.S. CITIZEN SPOUSE HAD REQUESTED 15 DAYS TO EXCAVATE THE AREA AROUND THE "LAS CABANAS" DETACHMENT IN SAN MARCOS DEPARTMENT IN HER SEARCH FOR BAMACA'S REMAINS, [REDACTED] SHE IS SEARCHING FOR ANY AND ALL EVIDENCE OF WRONGDOING WITH THE INTENTION OF DESTROYING THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY.

2. [REDACTED] IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT ARMY SPECIALIST NERY ((URIZAR)) GARCIA, ALIAS "OJIVA," DECLARED THAT THE GUATEMALAN ARMY HAD ATTEMPTED TO HIDE THE BODY OF BAMACA BY PLACING THE BODY OF ANOTHER INSURGENT AT HIS SUPPOSED GRAVE SITE. [REDACTED] THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA HAD BEEN DOING EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO HELP THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RESOLVE THE BAMACA CASE, TO INCLUDE ALLOWING THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN

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RIGHTS VERIFICATION MISSION IN GUATEMALA (MINUGUA) TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE INVESTIGATION AND BY PROVIDING ARMY OFFICIALS TO MINUGUA TO
MAKE STATEMENTS. [REDACTED] IF BAMACA'S BODY WAS NOT
FOUND AT THE GRAVESITE, IT WAS BECAUSE THE GUATEMALAN NATIONAL
REVOLUTIONARY UNION (URNG) HAD SWITCHED THE BODIES, NOT THE ARMY.
[REDACTED], THE ARMY ORDERED URIZAR TO PRESENT HIMSELF
BEFORE INVESTIGATORS SINCE HE WAS STILL ON ACTIVE DUTY, BUT IN
RESPONSE, URIZAR RENOUNCED HIS POSITION IN THE ARMY. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AS OF MID-JUNE, URIZAR AND ALL OF HIS FAMILY HAD BEEN
ESCORTED TO THE U.S.

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[REDACTED] THAT THE MICHAEL ((DEVINE)) CASE IS
STILL PENDING, BUT [REDACTED] THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THIS CASE IS
VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT DEALS NOT WITH THE KILLING OF AN
INSURGENT, AS IS THE CASE OF BAMACA, BUT WITH THE MURDER OF A U.S.
CITIZEN.

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[REDACTED] THE VOLUNTARY CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEES (CVDC) [REDACTED] WILL BE

DISBANDED UNDER THE PEACE ACCORDS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE MILITARY WILL HAVE A STRONG SAY IN WHAT IS INCLUDED
IN THE ACCORD ON THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY
WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE GUATEMALAN PEACE COMMISSION
(COPAZ) AND THE URNG DURING THE SUMMER OF 1995. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AMNESTIES FOR WRONGS COMMITTED DURING THE
INSURGENCY HAD BEEN RATIFIED BY THE GUATEMALAN CONGRESS IN 1986 AS
PART OF THE SIGNING OF A NEW CONSTITUTION, AND AGAIN IN 1988.

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