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TEXT:

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FORMER CONVICTED CAR THIEF JORGE LEMUS PLAYED AN AUDIO TAPE FOR JOURNALISTS IN WHICH EX-PRESIDENTIAL STAFF SPECIALIST NOEL DE JESUS BETETA ALVAREZ ADMITS THAT HE SURVEILLED AND LATER KILLED ANTHROPOLOGIST AND ACTIVIST MYRNA MACK CHANG AT THE ORDER OF FORMER "ARCHIVOS" COMMANDER COLONEL JUAN VALENCIA OSORIO.

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- BETETA IS SERVING A 30-YEAR SENTENCE FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE MURDER. (COMMENT: THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS WAITING FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED THE ATTACK TO BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.)

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MORE LIKELY, GUATEMALAN CONGRESSMEN WILL CONVOKE AN ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER AN AMNESTY TO FORGIVE "POLITICAL CRIMES" AND THE FAILURE TO PAY TAXES DUE THE GOVERNMENT.

- O VARIOUS DEPUTIES ARE TRYING TO SELL THE FORMER PROPOSAL AS NECESSARY FOR PEACE. IT WOULD ABSOLVE FROM PROSECUTION THOSE GUILTY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES CONNECTED WITH THE INSURGENCY, THE MACK AND JORGE CARPIO NICOLLE MURDERS, AND THE "AUTOGOLPE" OF 25 JUNE 1993.

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