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[REDACTED] THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IT IS TIRED OF GUATEMALAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY UNION (URNG) "GAMES" IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE INDIGENOUS RIGHTS PEACE PROCESS ISSUE.

-- ROSADA SAID THAT AS FAR AS THE GOVERNMENT PEACE COMMISSION IS CONCERNED, THE ROUND IS OVER, AND NO FURTHER TALKS ARE NECESSARY.

-- URNG COMMANDER RODRIGO ASTURIAS AMADO, ALIAS "GASPAR ILOM," IS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING ROSADA IS BEING WRONG AND IMMATURE.

-- ASKED WHETHER THE TALKS ON INDIGENOUS RIGHTS WILL BE FINISHED IN 1994, "GASPAR ILOM" SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, SINCE THE UNITED NATIONS HAS SUSPENDED THE ROUND. (FIELD COMMENT: THE U.N. ONLY SUSPENDED THE ROUND AFTER IT BECAME OBVIOUS THE URNG WOULD NOT MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS TO KEEP IT MOVING.)

-- "GASPAR ILOM" ALSO CONFIRMED THAT A URNG URBAN UNIT LAUNCHED A ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADE ATTACK AGAINST A POLICE STATION IN GUATEMALA CITY EARLIER IN DECEMBER. HE SAID IT WAS NOT AN ATTACK AGAINST POLICE IN GENERAL, JUST AGAINST

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POPULATION.

PRESIDENT DE LEON WOULD NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE WILL MOVE MORE GUATEMALAN TROOPS TO THE MEXICAN FRONTIER IN RESPONSE TO AN UPSURGE IN ACTIVITY BY THE ZAPATISTA ARMY OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (EZLN).

-- DE LEON ADDED THAT GUATEMALA HAS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND ARMY.

PRESIDENT DE LEON WILL BE PLACING HIS CABINET UNDER A MICROSCOPE NEXT WEEK TO DETERMINE WHO HE WILL KEEP ON HIS TEAM AND WHO WILL BE LET GO ACCORDING TO SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY HECTOR LUNA TROCCOLI.

-- LUNA CALLED ON ALL CABINET MEMBERS TO PRESENT THEIR RESIGNATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT, AS IS TRADITIONALLY DONE EACH YEAR.

HELEN MACK CHANG, SISTER OF ANTHROPOLOGIST MYRNA MACK CHANG, WHO WAS KILLED IN 1990 BY ARMY SPECIALIST NOEL DE JESUS BETETA, SAYS SHE WILL PRESS CHARGES AGAINST FIVE MORE MILITARY OFFICIALS WHO ARE ACCUSED OF BEING IN SOME WAY THE INTELLECTUAL AUTHORS OF THE DEATH OF HER SISTER.

-- THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT RULED ON 20 DECEMBER THAT THREE MILITARY OFFICERS AND TWO ARMY SPECIALISTS CAN STAND TRIAL FOR THE MURDER.

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