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DIST: 25 APRIL 2008

COUNTRY: GUATEMALA

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TOPIC: [redacted]

SUBJ: CLANDESTINE MEETING BETWEEN CURRENT AND EX GUATEMALAN MINISTERS OF GOVERNMENT (b)(3)

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SUMMARY: NONE

TEXT: 1. [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)

2. [redacted] current and former senior members of the Guatemalan government met to strategize and come to an agreement over how to explain the death of Venezuelan advisor to the Ministry of Government, Victor ((Rivera)) Azuaje. Those present at the meeting included Guatemalan Minister of Government Vinicio ((Gomez)), ex-Minister of Government Carlos ((Vielmann)), ex-Minister of Government Adele ((Camacho)) de Torrebiarte, and the Director of Civil Intelligence, Francisco ((Jimenez)). [redacted] comment: Victor Rivera was assassinated in Guatemala City, Guatemala on 7 April 2008.) (b)(1) (b)(3)

3. The Guatemalan government officials were concerned about the ongoing investigation into the death of Rivera by the International Commission Against Impunity (CICIG), the Guatemalan Ministry of Government, the FBI, and other international law enforcement organizations. The officials planned to form a pact to try and slant the opinion of the investigators to form a conclusion that coincided with their way of thinking. It is not known exactly what conclusion they wanted the investigators to come to. [redacted] Comment: One possibility is that they would allow Vinicio Gomez to continue as Minister of Government, provided that he would operate under the control of the others.) Carlos Vielmann is the brother-in-law of the current Guatemalan Vice President, Rafael ((Espada)), and continues to wield a lot of power in Guatemalan political circles. These Guatemalan officials belong to the same circle as the Guatemalan organization of business community leaders (CACIF) who were provided security protection by Rivera. (b)(1) (b)(3)

4. [redacted] Comment: Members of the Guatemalan Security Advisory Team (Consejo Asesor Seguridad or CAS), who were appointed by current Guatemalan President Alvaro ((Colom)), were about to complete their term. It is possible that the participants [redacted] (ex Ministers of Government) were trying to integrate themselves into the CAS (b)(1) (b)(3) (b)(1) (b)(3)

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to replace the outgoing appointees. This would be very bad for Guatemalan internal security since they primarily follow the desires of the CACIF and answer to organized crime.)

5. Ex-Guatemalan Chief of National Police, Erwin ((Sperisen)) Vernon had arrived in Guatemala [redacted] Sperisen was tied into this group of ex-Ministers of Government and was Chief of Police while Carlos Vielmann was Minister of Government. [redacted] Comment: It was rumored, but not confirmed, that Javier ((Figueroa)) Diaz, ex-subdirector of Criminal Investigations, had returned to the area, but was waiting in El Salvador, to be called. Figueroa and Sperisen are close enough to be like brothers. Both of them left Guatemala suddenly after the death of three Salvadorian Parlacen members and their driver and follow-on death of four Guatemalan policemen that had been accused of killing the Parlacen members. It was a strongly held belief in Guatemalan circles that Vielmann, Sperisen, and Figueroa played a key part in the death of the Parlacen members and the four Guatemalan policemen that they tried to frame as the murderers. Victor Rivera knew volumes of information about Vielmann, Sperisen, and Figueroa. It is suspected that with the death of Rivera they now feel safe to return to public view in Guatemala. Both Rivera and Figueroa, who were fierce rivals, were suspected of operating death squads in Guatemala.)

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