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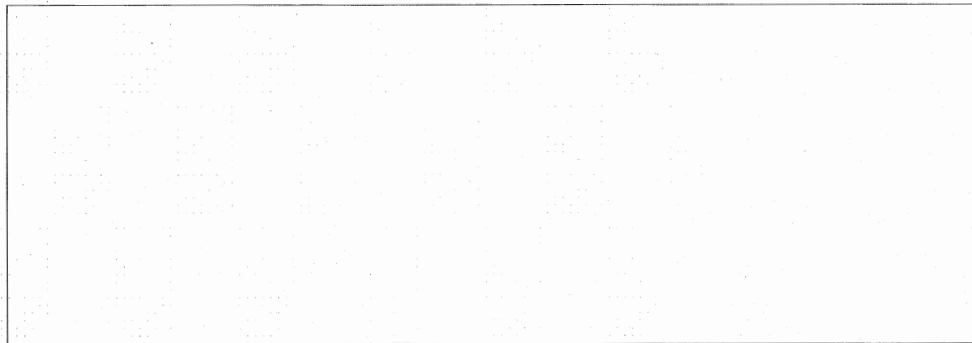
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SUBJECT :

1. INFORMATION FROM A GUATEMALAN COMMUNIST THAT FORMER REBEL ARMED FORCES (FAR) LEADER "CESAR MONTES" WAS INVOLVED IN RECENT KIDNAPPINGS IN EL SALVADOR.
2. COMMENT BY LONG-TIME REVOLUTIONARY THAT THE FAR IS SPLIT INTO SMALL GROUPS

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1. A HIGH-LEVEL LEADER OF THE GUATEMALAN COMMUNIST PARTY (GPT)

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WHO IS RESIDING IN MEXICO SAID IN LATE JUNE 1971 THAT THE KIDNAPPINGS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY OCCURRED IN EL SALVADOR WERE CARRIED OUT BY A SALVADORAN GROUP WHICH IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH "CESAR MONTES". THIS GROUP INCLUDES ROQUE ANTONIO D A L T O N, ROBERTO A R M I J O NAVARETTE WHO IS A POET AND ONE "CHOCO" M I R A. MIRA IS THE LEADER OF THIS GROUP, AND IT WAS THROUGH HIM THAT "CESAR MONTES" ORGANIZED THESE KIDNAPPINGS. THE GPT LEADER SAID THAT HE HAD LEARNED THIS INFORMATION FROM THE GPT ORGANIZATION IN GUATEMALA. ([Redacted])

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COMMENT: "CHOCO" MIRA IS PROBABLY JOSE DOMINGO M I R A OLIVA. ALL THREE OF THESE SALVADORANS HAVE REPORTEDLY TRAVELLED TO CUBA AND FAVOR THE CUBAN LINE. [Redacted]

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RITIES APPARENTLY HAVE NO INFORMATION TO INVOLVE THE ABOVE SALVADORANS IN THE REGALADO CASE, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO KIDNAPPINGS OF A POLITICAL NATURE SINCE THE REGALADO INCIDENT. ACCORDING TO A MARCH 1971 ISSUE OF "GUERRILLERO," A FAR PUBLICATION, THE FAR ADMITTED RESPONSIBILITY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH SALVADORAN REVOLU-

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TIONARIES, FOR HAVING KILLED REGALADO. "CESAR MONTES" IS JULIO
CESAR M A C I A S MAYORA, A FORMER COMMANDER OF THE FAR. [Redacted]

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THAT "CESAR MONTES" HAD RETURNED TO GUATEMALA IN JUNE 1971 AND
HAD STATED THAT HE PLANNED TO COORDINATE THE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS
IN GUATEMALA, MEXICO AND EL SALVADOR. [Redacted]

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FAR LEADERS AND TWO CUBAN ADVISORS TO THE FAR HAD TRAVELLED TO
EL SALVADOR IN APRIL 1971 AND HAD MET WITH A GROUP OF SALVADORANS
TO DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF A NEW REVOLUTIONARY GROUP IN EL SALVADOR.)

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2. [Redacted]

[Redacted] THE FAR WAS CURRENTLY SCATTERED INTO SMALL GROUPS
AND WAS PRACTICALLY INACTIVE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE 13 NOVEMBER
REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MR-13) HAD VIRTUALLY CEASED TO EXIST.

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3. JOSE MARIA O R T I Z VIDES STATED RECENTLY THAT WHEN HE
LEFT GUATEMALA IN APRIL 1971 THE FAR WAS SPLIT INTO SMALL, INEFFEC-
TIVE GROUPS WHICH WERE ACTING INDEPENDENTLY. HE SAID THESE GROUPS
WERE UNTRAINED AND INEXPERIENCED. HE SAID THAT THE ONLY GROUP WHICH
IS WELL ORGANIZED IS THE ONE HEADED BY "EL INDIO" H E R N A N D E Z.
THIS GROUP CONSISTS OF FIVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING HERNANDEZ. HE SAID

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THAT WHEN HE LEFT GUATEMALA HERNANDEZ WAS IN HIDING, WAITING UNTIL THE CURRENT REPRESSION BY THE GUATEMALA GOVERNMENT ABATED. ORTIZ ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT OF THE MR-13 GROUP. [Redacted]

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COMMENT: ORTIZ IS A PGT MEMBER WITH A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE IN GUERRILLA WARFARE. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] ORTIZ WAS TRYING TO FORM A GUERRILLA GROUP IN WESTERN GUATEMALA UNDER PGT AUSPICES. [Redacted] ORTIZ HAD TRAVELLED TO MEXICO IN APRIL 1971 WITH PGT APPROVAL TO PREPARE A DOCUMENT OUTLINING HIS DIFFERENCES WITH THE PARTY LEADERSHIP. "EL INDIO" HERNANDEZ IS PEDRO FERNANDO HERNANDEZ HERNANDEZ, ALIAS "GABRIEL SALAZAR," A LONG-TIME REVOLUTIONARY LEADER IN GUATEMALA.

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