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COUNTRY: GUATEMALA

SUBJECT: VERSION OF THE COCOB MASSACRE (D01: 23 APRIL 1981)

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2. ONCE THE VILLAGE WAS SECURED, THE AIRBORNE TROOPS CONDUCTED

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A house to house search and discovered weapons, a large quantity of ammunition, EGP propaganda, uniforms and other military supplies. Included among the arms were ten M16 automatic rifles, one .30 caliber carbine, and one 9mm Mauser sub-machine gun. Propaganda material found revealed that the EGP unit belonged to the "Juan Souza Front," which has recently become active in the area. In a search of the area surrounding the village, the troops found a series of sophisticated fox holes similar to the "spider holes" used by the Viet Cong. One soldier almost fell into the entrance of one hole and was killed at point-blank range by a female guerrilla hidden inside. The guerrilla was immediately killed by other troops.

3. That the village was totally under control of the EGP and that the local population appeared to fully support the guerrillas. During the battle, it was impossible to differentiate between the actual guerrillas and innocent civilians, and according to the soldiers, were forced to fire at anything that moved. Comment: the Guatemalan authorities admitted that "many civilians" were killed in cobb, many of whom undoubtedly were non-combatants. The repercussions of this incident will reflect negatively against the army throughout the area. The authorities point out, however, that the EGP appeared to completely control the village, and enjoyed the full support of the
ENTIRE POPULATION.

ACCOUNT OF THE MASSACRE IN COCOB, AND FOR DETAILS OF A

THE EGP WAS THREATENED TO

TARGET THE FAMILIES OF THE EGP MILITARY IN RETALIATION FOR THE

MASSACRE.

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