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COUNTRY: GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT

CAPTURE BY POLICE OF SUSPECT IN ASSASSINATION OF  
JUDICIAL POLICE AGENT GELICIANO SALAZAR MAZARIEGOS

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CHARACTER

SECURITY OFFICIAL WITH GOOD ACCESS TO POLICE FILES AND OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON  
COUNTER GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES, WHOSE WORK INCLUDES INVESTIGATION OF THE  
PLANS AND ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE GUATEMALAN COMRADE PARTY. HIS  
INFORMATION HAS USUALLY BEEN ACCURATE OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS, AND HE REPORTS  
FREQUENTLY. HE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION DURING THE NORMAL COURSE OF HIS  
DUTIES.

AT 10:00 AM ON 15 JULY THE GUATEMALAN NATIONAL POLICE  
CAME UPON TWO MEN ON A MOTORCYCLE WHEN THEY THREW A HAND GRENADE  
AT A CROSSING PATROL CAR. THE TWO MEN TRIED TO ESCAPE BUT THEIR MOTOR-  
CYCLE WENT OUT OF CONTROL AND CRASHED. ONE OF THE MEN CAPTURED WAS  
IDENTIFIED LATER AS FRANCISCO CRUZ FIGUEROA. HE ADMITTED TO HAVING  
SHOT JUDICIAL POLICE AGENT FRANCISCO SALAZAR MAZARIEGOS AND HIS WIFE  
COMPANION ON 5 JULY 1965. CRUZ HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO PRISON.  
COMMENT: SALAZAR MAZARIEGOS AND HIS FEMALE COMPANION WERE SHOT AND  
WOUNDED BY TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN ON A MOTORCYCLE ON 5 JULY. ON 9 JULY

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SALAZAR WAS SHOT AND ADMITTED TO DEATH IN THE HOSPITAL OF THE GUATEMALAN  
MILITARY SCHOOL WHERE HE WAS RECOVERING FROM HIS WOUNDS. IT HAS  
ALREADY BEEN REPORTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE FUERZAS ARMADAS REBELDES  
(FAR-UNITED GUERRILLA FRONT) WERE CONSIDERED RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
SHOOTING AND DEATH OF SALAZAR).

2. (FIELD COMMENT: <sup>22</sup> HGG 3724, ( TDCS-314/02716-65 ) DATED 1  
MARCH 1965, IDENTIFIED FRANCISCO CRUZ FIGUEROA, AS A GUATEMALAN  
GUERRILLA WHO WENT TO COMMUNIST CUBA IN FEBRUARY 1963. OTHER  
REPORTS SAID THAT IN CUBA, FIGUEROA HAD BEEN TRAINED IN GUERRILLA  
WARFARE).

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