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30 OCT 64 IN 13785

1. BELOW IS A TRANSLATION OF PART OF A LETTER WHICH ROQUE DALTON GARCIA SENT TO "DIARIO DE HOY" AND WHICH THIS NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED 30 OCT 64: "THERE (COMMENT: IN CONSEQUENCE) THEY LOCKED ME IN A COLD, DAMP CELL, ALWAYS INCOMMUNICADO, UNTIL 23 SEPT. ON THAT DATE I WAS REJECTED TO MY FIRST INTERROGATION: *UNTIL THEN THEY HAD NOT EVEN MADE ANY CHARGES AGAINST ME.* 5 3, 5 36 5 95 3:3, -13 -6 : -483 -8-8, 5 .3." A NORTH AMERICAN DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES INTERROGATED ME. HE SAID HE HAD ARRIVED IN THE COUNTRY PARTICULARLY TO DEAL WITH MY CASE, BUT FROM INFORMATION I GOT LATER I MUST ASSUME THAT HE IS ONE OF THE FOREIGN 'ADVISORS' TO THE POLICE AND OTHER NATIONAL MILITARY INSTITUTIONS. THIS MAN ACCUSED ME OF PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERNATIONAL PLOT AGAINST THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT (DIRECTED, OF COURSE, AND ACCORDING TO THE ACCUSATION, FROM CUBA), AND ABOUT WHICH THERE WAS ABUNDANT PROOF. HE THEN SHOWED ME A SERIES OF DOCUMENTS OBVIOUSLY FALSIFIED AND FABRICATED AD-HOC, IN WHICH THERE WERE REFERENCES TO ME AND TO MANY OTHER PERSONS I DO NOT EVEN KNOW. THE FINAL POINT ("PLANTEAMIENTO") OF

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THE 'INVESTIGATOR' WAS THE FOLLOWING: EITHER I SHOULD ADMIT THE CHARGES AND ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ALL THE PERSONS INVOLVED ACCORDING TO HIM, OR I WOULD SIMPLY BE 'ELIMINATED' BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO WHAT HE SAID, 'THESE ARE NOT PROBLEMS FOR THE COURTS.' IF I LEADED GUILTY TO THE ACCUSATIONS, I WOULD GET 'MY ONLY CHANCE TO LIVE' AND A MONTHLY INCOME SO I COULD LIVE AHEAD WITH MY FAMILY. ON 25 SEPT I WAS TRANSFERRED UNDER CLOSE GUARD TO A PRIVATE VILLA IN LOS PLANES DE RENDERO. THE FOREIGN FUNCTIONARY THERE CONTINUED INTERROGATING ME, INCREASING HIS THREATS AND OFFERS, AND GOING SO FAR AS TO INTRODUCE ME TO A PERSON COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO ME WHO SPOKE WITH A STRONG CUBAN ACCENT, AND WHO, VERY CURTLY AND IN MY PRESENCE, ASSERTED THAT HE HAD BEEN THE ONE IN CUBA WHO HAD CONCERTED WITH ME TO THAT I WOULD COME TO EL SALVADOR TO 'MAKE ATTEMPTS AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE.' THROUGH OTHER MEANS, HOWEVER, I HAVE LEARNED THAT SAID 'CUBAN' WAS SOME TIME AGO AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE NATIONAL POLICE. SINCE I PERSISTED, NATURALLY, IN DENYING ALL THESE ABSURD CHARGES, THE INTERROGATIONS STOPPED, BUT NOT WITHOUT THE THREAT, MADE BY THE ALLEGED CUBAN, THAT I WOULD BE ASSASSINATED AND 'BURIED AROUND HERE' AND THAT REPRISALS WOULD BE MADE AGAINST MY FAMILY. ON 1 OCT I WAS AGAIN TRANSFERRED TO THE POLICE AT COJUTEPEQUE, WHERE I REMAINED INCOMUNICADO UNTIL SUNDAY, 25 OCT, WHEN, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A WEAKNESS IN THE WALL OF MY CELL CAUSED BY EARTH TREMORS AND EAR-RY CONSTRUCTION WORK, I WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE AND GET TO SAN SALVADOR ON MY OWN. THESE ARE, IN VERY GENERAL TERMS, THE CONCRETE FACTS OF MY CASE WHICH THE ^NEWSPAPERS, STUDENT AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE SUPREME COURT, THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, AND THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE IN GENERAL HAVE A RIGHT TO

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"NOW. IT IS THE DUTY OF THESE GROUPS TO DRAW THE PROPER CONCLUSIONS FROM THESE EVENTS. I MUST ADD, HOWEVER, THAT THE THREATS AGAINST MY LIFE AND LIBERTY ARE STILL IN EFFECT AND POSSIBLY INTENSIFIED AS A RESULT OF MY ESCAPE. THIS PUTS MY FAMILY AND ME IN A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION--A SITUATION WHICH THE ORGANS OF THE STATE, ESPECIALLY, ARE, AS I UNDERSTAND, OBLIGATED TO EXPLAIN."

2. CHARGE BRIEFED BY ^{OUR OFFICER} [REDACTED] HE AGREED TO REPLY TO ANY PRESS QUERIES BY ASSERTING CHARGES TOO RIDICULOUS FOR COMMENT OR, IF PRESSED, SAY HE SATISFIED THAT NO AMERICAN OFFICIAL INTERROGATED DALTON AND THAT LATTER USING "POETIC LICENCE."

3. [STATION] ²⁶⁻⁷⁶ SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE EFFECT DALTON STORY MIGHT HAVE ON ^{ANOTHER ASSET} [REDACTED] NEXT MEETING WITH HIM SCHEDULED FOR 3 NOV.

4. POUCHING CLIP HQS 30 OCT.

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