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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)
2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY AND TRENDS.
(A) COMPILED FROM PRESS REPORTS AND OTHER SOURCES
AVAILABLE TO US, THE JUNE FIGURE OF 337 DEATHS REFLECTS
A SLIGHT DECREASE FROM THE 355 FIGURE FOR MAY. SIGNIFICANT,
IN JUNE, HOWEVER, WAS THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN CAMPESINO

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(PRIMARILY INDIAN) DEATHS FOR THE MONTH. A TOTAL OF 255
CAMPESINOS WERE KILLED, VIRTUALLY ALL IN THE INDIAN
HIGHLANDS AREA. THE 163 REPORTED KILLED IN MAY REFLECTED

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THE HIGHEST FIGURE AS OF THAT DATE IN THE STEADY INCREASE OF INDIAN DEATHS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THE INCREASE BY NINETY-TWO FOR JUNE IS THE LARGEST JUMP IN INDIAN DEATHS WE HAVE EVER RECORDED. OF THE 337 VICTIMS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE ONLY EIGHTY-TWO WERE NOT INDIANS AND OF THIS EIGHTY-TWO, TWENTY-EIGHT WERE GUERRILLAS, VIRTUALLY ALL INDIANS AS WELL. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF NONCOMBATANTS KILLED IN THE INDIAN HIGHLANDS WERE VICTIMS OF THE EXTREME LEFT. FOR THE THIRD MONTH THE NUMBER OF DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO THE FAR LEFT EXCEEDS THE TOTAL OF EITHER THE EXTREME RIGHT OR THE NON-ATTRIBUTION CATEGORY. THE NUMBER OF KIDNAPPINGS AT FORTY-NINE WAS ALSO A RECENT HIGH, ALTHOUGH AS REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 4, THE GOG LATER TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOME OF THESE AND THE KIDNAP VICTIMS WERE LATER DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE GOG.

(B) JUNE 1982 DEATHS:
PROBABLY POLITICAL 330
POSSIBLY POLIITICAL 7
DEATH SQUAD 0
TOTAL 337

PROBABLE POLITICAL DEATHS BY ACTION OF:

RIGHT EXTREME 11
LEFT EXTREME 180
GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS 28
CIVIL DEFENSE GROUPS 0
NON-ATTRIBUTION 111
TOTAL 330
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3. IDENTIFIABLE DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO "PROBABLE AND POSSIBLE" POLITICAL MOTIVES (DOES NOT INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS WITH UNKNOWN OCCUPATIONS):

255 CAMPESINOS 5 POLICEMEN
2 BUSINESSMEN 1 MILITARY POLICE
1 FARM OWNER (PMA)
2 POLITICIANS 1 PRIVATE SECURITY
(MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR) 4 MILITARY COMMISSIONERS
7 CIVIL DEFENSE MEMBERS
(ALSO COUNTED AS 3 SOLDIERS
CAMPESINOS) 28 GUERRILLAS
BECAUSE THE GOG HAS BEGUN TO EXERCISE TIGHT CONTROLS

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OVER SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND MILITARY ENGAGEMENTS REPORTED BY THE PRESS, THE REPORTED NUMBER OF MILITARY CASUALTIES IS SOMEWHAT SUSPECT.

4. DISAPPEARANCES. THE ABDUCTION OF FORTY-NINE INDIVIDUALS IN JUNE IS A SHARP INCREASE OVER THE TWENTY-THREE ABDUCTED IN MAY AND THE FOUR RECORDED FOR APRIL. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN REFTEL C SOME OF THESE ABDUCTIONS WERE LATER REVEALED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY GOG SECURITY ELEMENTS. FIFTEEN STUDENTS OR YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER AGE TWENTY-FIVE WERE KIDNAPPED IN MAY AND SOME IN JUNE. THE YOUNGSTERS WERE ACCUSED OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES WHILE MEMBERS OF FP-31 OR THE FERG (FRENTE ESTUDIANTE RUBEN GARCIA), BUT WERE RELEASED IN THE CUSTODY OF THEIR PARENTS AFTER ACCEPTING THE GOG'S OFFER OF AMNESTY OPERATIVE DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE. THE SIXTEEN STUDENTS RELEASED ON JUNE 9 IS NOT ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THE LIST OF STUDENTS ABDUCTED DURING THE MONTH. ONLY FIVE OF THE NAMES OVERLAP: SONIA ESTRADA GALINDO, SANDRA SOLARZANO, AND MARVIN, ALBA AND LESBIA PEREZ DIONICIO, ALL MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY. TWO CONCLUSIONS CAN BE DRAWN CONCERNING THE OTHER ELEVEN STUDENTS WHO WERE RELEASED,
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BUT WHO DID NOT APPEAR AS KIDNAP VICTIMS AND THOSE STUDENTS WHO WERE KIDNAPPED BUT NOT RELEASED: (1) THE ELEVEN STUDENTS RELEASED JUNE 9 WERE NOT REPORTED AS KIDNAP VICTIMS BY THE PRESS, AND (2) THE 10 STUDENTS KIDNAPPED IN JUNE BUT NOT RELEASED, APPARENTLY DID NOT CHOOSE TO ACCEPT THE GOG'S AMNESTY OFFER. ANOTHER ABDUCTION THAT LATER PROVED TO BE THE WORK OF GOG SECURITY WAS THE KIDNAPPING OF DR. JOSE HURTADO ON JUNE 24. THIS ABDUCTION OCCURRED ONE DAY AFTER

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RICARDO MENDEZ RUIZ VALDES, SON OF INTERIOR MINISTER COL. MENDEZ RUIZ WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE PGT. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT DR. HURTADO WAS ABDUCTED BY ELEMENTS OF THE GOG BY ORDERS OF THE INTERIOR MINISTER, FOR PURPOSES OF A POSSIBLE TRADE FOR HIS SON RICARDO (REF D). ALSO ABUDCTED DURING THE MONTH WERE: MEDARDO GARCIA PAREDES AND HIS WIFE, JUNE 2, CHAJUL ALTA VERAPAZ; LUCIA CACAO MUNOZ JUNE 2, GUATEMALA CITY; FELIPE VASQUEZ, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE, JUNE 20, SOLOLA; JULIO FLORES TOLEDO, INDUSTRIALIST, JUNE 22, GUATEMALA CITY (RELEASED SEVEN DAYS LATER AFTER RANSOM WAS PAID); VICTOR KAIRE BASSON, BUSINESSMAN, JUNE 22, GUATEMALA CITY; CARLOS CONTRERAS, MANAGER OF BANCAFE, JUNE 23, MAZATENANGO; FLORENCIO FLORES AND WIFE, JUNE 29,
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SUCHITEPEQUEZ. ALSO ABAUCTED WERE TWELVE CAMPESINOS TAKEN FROM A TRUCK AT LOS ENCUENTROS, SOLOLA ON JUNE 22 AND TWELVE PASSENGERS, INCLUDING A POLICEMAN TAKEN FROM A BUS IN POPTUN, PETEN ON JUNE 22.

5. PROBABLE GOVERNMENT VIOLENCE. IN ADDITION TO THE ABDUCTIONS REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ATTRIBUTED TO THE GOG, GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS WERERESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING TWENTY-EIGHT GUERRILLAS, PRIMARILY IN MILITARY CLASHES DESCRIBED BELOW IN PARAGRAPH 6.

6. MILITARY CLAHSES. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF GIVE MILITARY/GUERRILLA CLASHES DURING THE MONTH, DOWN FROM THE ELEVEN REPORTED IN MAY. THESE RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF TWENTY-EIGHT GUERRILLAS AND TWO SOLDIERS. THE CLASHES OCCURRED IN: SAN RAFAEL PIE DE LA CUESTA, SAN MARCOS, JUNE 7; ONE SOLDIER AND FIVE GUERRILLAS KILLED; SAN ANDRES, EL PETEN, JUNE 10, ONE SOLDIER KILLED; SAN CRISTOBAL, ALTA VERAPAZ, JUNE 12, EIGHT GUERRILLAS KILLED; COMALAPA, CHIMALTENANGO, JUNE 12, TEN GUERRILLAS KILLED; AND JACALTENANGO, HUEHUETENANGO, JUNE 23, FIVE GUERRILLAS KILLED AND ONE SOLDIER WOUNDED.

7. CIVIL DEFENSE CLASHES. THERE WAS ONLY ONE

CLASH BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND A CIVIL DEFENSE UNIT. IT OCCURRED JUNE 26 IN COTZAL, QUICHE. SEVEN CIVIL DEFENSE MEMBERS WERE KILLED ALONG WITH TWO NONCOMBATANTS. ACTIVITIES BY CIVIL DEFENSE FORCES HAS DECREASED CONSIDERABLY OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

8. PROBABLE RIGHT EXTREMIST VIOLENCE. WE BLAME THE EXTREME RIGHT FOR THE KILLING OF NINE INDIANS IN CARDIA,
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ALSO VERAPAZ JUNE 8. AMONG THIS GROUP WERE FIVE WOMEN. THE MASSACRE OCCURRED ON THE PACOLA FARM WHERE MEN IN GIVE JEEPS KILLED THE UNUSUSPECTING INDIANS. THE RIGHT IS ALSO HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLING OF TWO INDIAN BROTHERS WHO WERE KIDNAPPED, TORTURED, SHOT AND HANGED IN CARDIA, ALTA VERAPAZ ON JUNE 24.

9. PROBABLE LEFTIST TERRORIST VIOLENCE. (DOES NOT INCLUDE CLASHES WITH ARMY OR CIVIL DEFENCE).
A. THE LEFTIST TERRORISTS ARE CREDITED WITH THE DEATH OF AN ADDITIONAL 170 INDIVIDUALS. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES FOUR MILITARY COMMISSIONERS, FIVE POLICEMEN, ONE FARM OWNER AND ONE MILITARY POLICEMAN. IN ADDITION, WE BLAME THE EXTREME LEFT FOR THE DEATH OF AT LEAST 159 CAMPESINOS. THE MOST BRUTAL ATTACKS OCCURRED IN LAS PACAYAS VILLAGE IN SAN CRISTOBAL, ALTA VERAPAZ, JUNE 11, WHEN EIGHTEEN CAMPESINOS WERE KILLED, SIXTEEN MORE WOUNDED AND THE VILLAGERS' HOUSES BURNED; ON JUNE 14 IN CHACALTE, CAHJUL, QUICHE 120 INDIANS WERE MASSACRED BY THE EGP. AMONG THIS NUMBER WERE WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ELDERLY. EVIDENCE POINTS STRONGLY TO THE GUERRILLAS SINCE THE EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT THE ARMY HAS CARRIED ON A STRONG AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAM OF WINNING OVER THE INDIAN POPULATION BY DEVELOPING MANY EFFECTIVE SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE REGION. THE FACT THAT THE FORTY-THREE SURVIVORS, MOST OF THEM WOUNDED, WENT TO THE NEARBY ARMY POST FOR HELP STRONGLY POINT TO GUERRILLA CULPABILITY. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE ARMY'S EFFECTIVE SOCIALIZATION PROGRAMS IN THIS REGION HAS RESULTED IN EXTREME GUERRILLA VIOLENCE AIMED AT THE INDIAN POPULATION SO AS TO DISCOURAGE THEM FROM SIDING WITH THE ARMY. THE REGION OF THE IXIL TRIANGLE HAS EXPERIENCED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF INDIAN

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MASSACRES OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS AND THIS IS
PRECISELY THE REGION WHERE THE ARMY HAS BEEN MOST
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EFFECTIVE IN WINNING OVER THE INDIANS. MISSION PERSONNEL
HAVE PERSONALLY VISITED THE AREA AND ATTEST TO THE
EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT BY SOME OF THE ARMY
COMMANDERS IN THE REGION.

B. THE LEFT WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR TWENTY-
THREE VILLAGE TAKEOVERS. MOST OF THESE OCCURRED IN THE
INDIAN HIGHLANDS AREA OF THE COUNTRY, PRIMARILY IN
EL QUICHE, QUEZALTENANGO, CHIMALTENANAGO, ALTA VERPAZ
AND HUEHUETENANGO. SEVERAL OCCURRED IN IZABAL AND
SANTA ROSA DEPARTMENTS. THE EXTREME LEFT WAS ALSO
RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUR BOMBINGS, ONE PARTIALLY DESTROYED
A BRIDGE ON THE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY IN HUEHUETENANGO.
TWENTY-TWO OTHER TERRORIST ACTS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO THE
EXTREME LEFT WHICH INCLUDED THE BURNING OF BUSES,
ATTACKS ON MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, THE BURNING OF FARM
EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE FACILITIES, AND THE BURNING OF
GASOLINE STATIONS. IN A DRAMATIC ACT, THE LEFT

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SPRAYED THE FRONT OF THE PRENSA
 LIBRE NEWSPAPER
 BUILDING, BUT CAUSED NO CASUALTIES. THE NUMBER OF
 BOMBINGS AT FOUR WAS RELATIVELY LOW FOR THE MONTH.

10. HUMAN RIGHTS ATMOSPHERICS. AT THE ILO CONFERENCE
 WHICH CONCLUDED IN GENEVA ON JUNE 23, THE COMMITTEE
 ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON
 GUATEMALA AND CONVENTION 87 ON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION
 FAILED TO LIST GUATEMALA IN ITS REPORT AS A CENSURED
 COUNTRY WHERE "PROGRESS" HAD BEEN MADE. THE GUATEMALAN
 MINISTER OF LABOR, OTTO PALMA FIGUEROA INDICATED TO
 THE BODY THAT THE NEW REGIME WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
 COMPLY WITH CONVENTION 87 AND TO COOPERATE WITH THE

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ILO. WHILE THE COMMITTEE COMMENDED THE NEW GOVERNMENT, IT DID NOT LIFT THE SANCTION ON THE GOG NOTING THAT WHILE THE ATTITUDE WAS MUCH IMPROVED, THERE WAS STILL NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO REMOVE THE GOG FROM THE LIST OF "GROSS VIOLATORS." MEANWHILE, IN GUATEMALA THE FOREIGN MINISTER ISSUED FORMAL INVITATIONS IN THE NAME OF THE GOG TO THE INTER AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE UN COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ASKING THAT THEY SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO GUATEMALA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE GOG IS HOPING FOR A VISIT AS EARLY AS AUGUST, IN HOPES OF IMPROVING ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. THUS FAR DECEMBER APPEARS TO BE THE EARLIEST EITHER OF THESE TWO GROUPS PLANS TO VISIT GUATEMALA. THE DATE OF JUNE 30 MARKED THE END OF THE GOG'S AMNESTY OFFER TO THE GUERRILLAS. WHILE THE AMNESTY PLAN LACKED COORDINATION AND PLANNING, IT WAS A SIGNIFICANT GESTURE BY THE GOG TO ATTEMPT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ITS GUERRILLA PROBLEM. THERE ARE ESTIMATES THAT FROM 2000 TO 2500 GUERRILLAS TURNED THEMSELVES IN DURING THE MONTH. THE EMBASSY FEELS THAT THESE FIGURES ARE SOMEWHAT INFLATED AND DO NOT REPRESENT THE HARD CORE GUERRILLA TROOPS WHO WOULD CERTAINLY RATHER FIGHT THAN SWITCH. TAYLOR

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