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1. MEXICO CITY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWS 12 AUGUST CARRIES FOLLOW-UP STORY ON THAYER WALDO BY PEARL GONZALEZ. GIST FOLLOWS.

2. THAYER WALDO REPORTED 11 AUGUST TO BE WORKING ON A STORY FOR "RAMPARTS" MAGAZINE. WHILE A SPOKESMAN FOR "RAMPARTS" SAID WALDO HAS AN ASSIGNMENT FOR THE MAGAZINE, HE DECLINED TO SAY EXACTLY WHAT THE ASSIGNMENT IS OR WHERE WALDO LOCATED.

3. WHEN THE NEWS CONTACTED WILLIAM TURNER, STAFF WRITER OF THE CALIFORNIA MAGAZINE AT NOON 11 AUGUST, HE SAID: "I JUST TALKED TO WALDO FIVE MINUTES AGO. THERE'S NO MYSTERY. HE'S JUST BUSY TRAVELING, WHICH IS WHY HE HASN'T WRITTEN TO ANYONE OR WHY HE HASN'T LEFT A FORWARDING ADDRESS. EVEN AS HE HUNG UP HE WAS GETTING READY TO LEAVE FOR ANOTHER CITY."

4. TURNER WENT ON TO SAY THAT WALDO EXPLAINED HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE AMERICAS (UA) AS RESULTING FROM PRESSURES APPLIED TO UA OFFICIALS BY POWERFUL AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS FOLLOWING HIS TALK AT THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB DEBUNKING THE WARREN REPORT. WALDO WENT "ON VACATION" IN LOS ANGELES, IN JULY, TURNER SAID, WIRED HIS RESIGNATION TO UA. THEN FOLLOWED UP WITH A LETTER TO DR. D. RAY LINDLEY.

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OF UA. FROM LOS ANGELES WALDO CONTINUED TO SAN FRANCISCO WHERE HE CONTACTED "RAMPARTS" AND WAS PUT TO WORK ON TENSIS. TURNER CONCLUDED BY SAYING WALDO "DEFINITELY NOT PUT OUT OF MEXICO."

5. TWO PROFESSORS AT UA SAID THEY WEREN'T SURPRISED AT WALDO'S RESIGNATION SINCE HE HAD BEEN NEGLECTING HIS JOB. ONE PROFESSOR ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE FACT WALDO UNDER TREMENDOUS EMOTIONAL STRAIN SINCE HIS WIFE ALLEGEDLY IN STATES WAITING FOR DEGREE ON DIVORCE SHE FILED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

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