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1. LOCAL MEXICO NEWSPAPER CARRIED ARTICLE ²⁵ OCTOBER ON
CAPTURE OF YACHT "EL AMIGO" BY AUTHORITIES FORM BELIZE BRITISH

HONDURAS. ARTICLE INDICATES YACHT HIJACKED BY AMERICANS 18 OCT.

TWO MEXICANS FORCED GO ALONG WERE ALONSO CAMPOS MASTER OF YACHT
~~AND DECK HAND RAMON MAGANA~~

AUTHORITIES IDENTIFIED FIVE OF THOSE
ABOARD AS CHARLES O'CONNEL, HERBERT ID PENDER, FRANK BONELLI,
ROBERT CURTIS AND MAX GORMAN. NAMES OF REMAINING THREE ABOARD
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WITHHELD BY BELIZE POLICE.

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2. SEARCH OF YACHT REVEALED CARGO OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS,,
AMMUNITION, GRENADES, PISTOLS, MAPS OF BELIZE TERRITORY WITH
MARKED AREAS ON BORDER OF BRITISH HONDURAS-Guatemalan BORDER.
PROPAGANDA FOUND ABOARD CALLED ON PEOPLE OF BELIZE TO REBEL AGAINST
PRIME MINISTER GEORGE PRICE AND DECLARE SELVES IN FAVOR OF ANNEXING
BRITISH HONDURAS TO GUATEMALA. AFTER QUESTIONING GROUP CLAIMED ~~AS~~
~~TO~~ GUATEMALAN MOVEMENT " TO SAVE" BELIZE. YACHT MASTER SAID
WAS FORCED LOAD ARMS AND PROPAGANDA IN MEXICAN PORT OF PROGRESSO.
NEAR MERIDA. ALONSO MARTIN VAZQUEZ YACHT OWNER LEFT FOR BELIZE

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TO FILE IN JACK CHARGE AGAINST ABOVE GROUPS.
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3. OTHER ARTICLE DATED MERIDA STATED ABOVE FIVE ^{NOV 6 10 20 PM '68} ~~INDIVIDUALS~~ ^{INDIVIDUALS} WHO EVADED CAPTURE WERE ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING IN RECENT MEXICO CITY STUDENT RIOTS. MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IN MERIDA CLAIMED CLOSING IN ON MISSING MEMBERS OF GROUP AND EXPECTED APPREHEND THEM MOMENTARILY.

4. STATION EXPECTING ADDITIONAL INFO ON YACHT INCIDENT FROM LIAMATOR-1 THRU LIRENO-1.

5. INDEX O'CONNEL, PENDER, BONELLI, CURTIS, GORMAN.
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