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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

PLACE A
REF ID:

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(16 JULY 1965)

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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
ARMY 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: [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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