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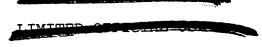
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1. OF THE THIRTEEN ALLEGED MASSACRES MENTIONED IN REFTEL, THE EMBASSY IS ONLY ABLE TO CONFIRM SIX. THEY ARE: 4-16-82, SEMEJA-QUIDE WHERE FOURTEEN INDIANS, INCLUDING ONE WOMAN, WERE KILLED AND THEIR HOUSES BURNED; 5-14-82, CHICHICASTENANGO WHERE ALL 8 MEMBERS OF AN INDIAN FAMILY, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WERE MACHINEGUNEED; 5-18-82 SAQUIYA, CHICHICASTENANGO OUICHE WHERE 46 INDIANS, INCLUDING 25 CHILDREN AND FIFTEEN WOMEN, WERE MACHINEGUNNED AND STABBED BY ARMED MEN; 6-18-82 SAN MARCOS, ALTA VERAPAZ WHERE TWENTY-ONE INDIANS WERE MASSACRED AND THEIR HOUSES BURNED AND; 6-26-82 XILAJ VILLAGE NEAR COBAN, ALTA VERAPAZ WHERE FIVE INDIANS WERE KILLED AND TEN WOUNDED.

2. OF THESE KILLINGS, THE EMBASSY ATTRIBUTED THE 4-16-82 SEMEJA KILLINGS TO THE LEFT; THE



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5-14-82 CHICHICASTENANGO KILLINGS TO UNKNOWNS; THE 5-15-82 SANTA CRUZ MULUA KILLINGS TO UNKNOWNS; THE 5-18-82 SAQUIYA KILLINGS TO THE

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LEFT; THE 6-18-82 SAN MARCOS KILLINGS TO UNKNOWNS; AND THE 6-26-82 XILAJ, COBAN KILLINGS TO UNKNOWNS.

3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION, EITHER FROM THE PRESS OR OTHER SOURCES ON THE ALLEGED MASSACRES IN SAN MIGUEL ACATAN NOR NATILIABAJ NEAR COBAN. THE OTHER ALLEGED SCENES OF MASSACRES REPORTED BY RADIO HAVANA (PARRAXTUT, EL PAJARITO, PICHIQUIL, EL MANAGAL AND RIO NEGRO) NOT APPEAR IN ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US AS SCENES OF MASSACRES OR KILLINGS. TAYLOR



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