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1. (C/NPD) Item 53: ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES: RAMIREZ is a close associate of the President of GUATEMALA (GT). RAMIREZ claims to be related to the President either as a cousin or through his wife's being a cousin. RAMIREZ is receiving a supplementary income from a special GT Presidential fund.

2. (C/NPD) Item 58c: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

He was the top intelligence man in GT and served as Chief of the Security Section on the Presidential Staff. His duties included planning and participation in raids on insurgent groups, interrogations and surveillances. All foreign travel by Guatemalans was coordinated through his office, as was that of all foreigners traveling into

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GT. All "foreign agents" were required to register with him. As Chief of the Security Section on the Presidential Staff, he saw all incoming and outgoing messages, and he had the opportunity of personally knowing most of the foreign military attaches. RAMIREZ attended a course of instruction at the US Army Intelligence School, PORT HOLABIRD, MD, [REDACTED]. He allegedly worked with the US Central Intelligence Agency in training the individuals who conducted the 17 April 1961 "Bay of Pigs" invasion of CUBA.

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