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1. LOCAL MEXICO NEWSPAPER CARRIED ARTICLE ²⁵ OCTOBER ON

CAPTURE OF YACHT "EL AMIGO" BY AUTHORITIES FORM BELIZE BRITISH

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HONDUREAS. 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 GORDAN. NAMES OF REMAINING THREE ABOARD

BEING

WITHHELD BY BELIZE POLICE.

2. SEARCH OF YACHT REVEALED CARGO OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS,

AMMUNITION, GRENADES, PISTOLS, MAPS OF BELIZE TERRITORY WITH

MARKED AREAS ON BORDER OF BRITISH HONDUREAS-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 BELONG

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 HIJACK CHARGE AGAINST ABOVE GROUPS.

3. OTHER ARTICLE DATED MERIDA STATED ABOVE FIVE MEN AND EIGHT OTHERS WHO EVADED CAPTURE WERE ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING 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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