

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Given the importance of the alleged conversation between Rivas and Benevides to any assessment of the integrity of the investigation; and given the fact that an American major has been accused of lying about this conversation; why haven't the two people who could confirm the truth of the American major's story been polygraphed: Lt. Col. Rivas and and Lt. Col. Lopez y Lopez.

2. Why did Col. Menjivar act without permission from senior Embassy officials? Who, other than Col. Ponce, was present when Menjivar and Elmore went to the High Command? Why did Ponce demand that the accusations be put in writing? Can the Task Force obtain a copy of the written statement taken back to the High Command by Menjivar?

3. Was this sequence of events the triggering factor in the SIU's production of evidence to implicate the Atlacatl?

4. What were the results of subsequent polygraph tests of the American Major?

5. Why did Col. Aviles confide in the American major?

6. If, in fact, Benevides told Rivas of his involvement--when did this conversation occur? What actions did Rivas take as a result of this knowledge? More basically--if Rivas was aware, at an early date, of Benevides' guilt, why did it take until early January before this information went public and then only as the result of Menjivar's willingness to confront Ponce?