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1. On August 30, 2010, the Guatemalan National Civil Police (PNC) Anti-Narcotics Unit (DAIA) conducted an operation in the Department of Alta Verapaz that resulted in the arrests of four suspected members of the Los Zetas Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO). DAIA also seized three assault rifles, one sniper rifle, a shotgun, five grenades, TNT, 400 rounds of ammunition, four ballistic vests, 30 AK-47 magazines, three 9mm pistols, and two vehicles. One of the vehicles had Tabasco, Mexico license plates and one of the pistols had the inscription "Comandante Machucaso Z." This was a PNC DAIA unilateral operation.

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4. (b)(7)(C) is a former Guatemalan special forces police officer linked to other investigations. In 2009, several Los Zetas members were arrested in Guatemala and their cellular telephones were downloaded. During the subsequent analysis of the telephones, the police discovered that (b)(7)(C)

An arrest warrant was issued for (b)(7)(C) however, he was never located and arrested.

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6. Over the past few years, the Los Zetas DTO has emerged as a significant threat to the security of Guatemala. They dominate the Alta Verapaz, Huehuetenango, and Peten Departments and work in conjunction with notorious Guatemalan traffickers (b)(7)(C). They pay police, military, and public officials and operate with a high degree of impunity. The Los Zetas leaders in Guatemala

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