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Enrique Guzman, Subdirector of International Relations of the Foreign Ministry, told me last night that the Ministry, specifically he himself, is working hard on a reply to us on the deaths of Horman and Teruggi. He said that it has been extremely difficult to establish the facts in the cases, and that it is probable that "we will never know" just how they died. A new point, to me at least, was his insistence that both Horman and Teruggi had not only been deeply involved in leftist activities in the "Communist industrial areas," but perhaps had been shot by their own comrades of the left for some unexplained reason. For example, they may have known too much about leftist activities, or have "betrayed the cause" by failing to join in the fighting against the military. Guzman had in the past hinted at their involvement with the left, but never before had suggested that they were killed by the leftist extremists.

I did not infer from the conversation that the GOC will necessarily take that line with us in their reply, but Guzman is certainly pushing it.

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