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In an Aug. 22 communique, the Oficiales de la Montana (Officers of the Mountain) charged that the military high command was scapegoating four officers arrested in connection with the Aug. 9 Esquintla massacre. According to the statement, the perpetrators were under the command of military security (G-2) officer Carlos Caal Bonilla, who "answers directly to high-ranking [military] officers." The "Oficiales" asserted that the armed forces do not mind sacrificing "valiant officers so as to continue enjoying privileges..." The military high command was accused of "using the nation and the army, and forcing their participation in subversion." Next, the statement said betrayal of the military institution served the interests of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG) and international communism. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 08/22/91; Notimex, 08/23/91)

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