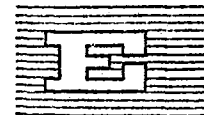
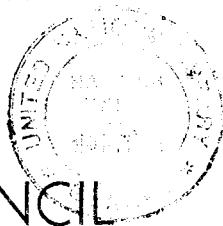


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Letter dated 20 February 1980 to the Chairman of the
thirty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights
from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the
United Nations Office at Geneva

The Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations Office at Geneva sends a cordial greeting to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and has the honour to state that in accordance with note O2022 of 29 January 1980 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala to Dr. Luis Demetrio Tinoco Castro, Chairman of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States, the Government of the Guatemalan Republic has formally invited the full Commission to "visit Guatemala and prepare a report on the human rights situation in the country".

One paragraph of the note in particular calls for emphasis: "It is also suggested that the visit should be comprehensive, and that the Commission should collect information from the sectors representing the nation's 7 million inhabitants - members of the congress of the Republic; civil servants; judges of the Supreme Court of Justice and members of the Judiciary; national, departmental and municipal leaders of the eight legally registered political parties; trade union leaders, workers and peasants; spokesmen for agricultural co-operatives; heads of the chambers of industry and commerce; associations of farmers; bankers; directors of social communication media; university authorities and student leaders; ministers of the various religions, etc., so as to ensure that its report is as objective and complete as possible."

The Permanent Mission of Guatemala requests that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights.