

UNIB - Guatemalan National Revolutionary Party

Unity

# *Certificado de Recepcion*

1a Voz Popular

Frecuencia: 6,950 kHz

Banda de            Metros

de fecha 27/6/87, horas GMT 0015-0046 UTC

NISGUA  
1314 14th ST., N.W. # 16  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

Dear Gerry,

Thank you for your letter informing us that you received broadcasts of Voz Popular, 6950, the radio station of the U.R.N.G. I understand that you picked up broadcasts on several dates, including June 20<sup>th</sup>.

We're pleased to know that you were able to hear it.

I am enclosing a photocopied copy of the notice we received from Guatemala Publications in New York. Hopefully, you are able

to pick up each Friday  
program.

Sincerely,  
Rita Studer



## NISGUA

NETWORK  
IN  
SOLIDARITY  
WITH  
THE  
PEOPLE  
OF  
GUATEMALA

Dear Mr. Dexter,

My understanding is that the broadcast, La Voz Popular,  
is indeed the station of the URNG in Guatemala.

Sincerely,

Bob Stix

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## BEGINNING OF GUATEMALAN OPPOSITION RADIO STATION

\*The adjoining cassette is the recording of the first program transmitted on the new Guatemalan radio station: LA VOZ POPULAR, the official voice of the U.R.N.G. (National Guatemalan Revolutionary Unity).

### BACKGROUND

For more than 30 years, the brutality and intransigence of the Guatemalan army, which governs the country, and the situation of extreme poverty in which the majority of the people live, have made the greater part of the population to be against the government and army. Various sectors of the population initiated different organizations in order to claim their rights.

Some of these opposition groups defend the armed struggle and they are united among themselves forming the NATIONAL GUATEMALAN REVOLUTIONARY UNITY, (U.R.N.G.):

Already in 1980, a great part of the Guatemalan population had put their confidence in the armed opposition as the only means to get out from under the inhuman situation in which they lived, principally the 70% Indian population. Due to the intense repression by the army, which massacred and made to disappear thousands of people during the early 80's, hundreds of thousands of Guatemalans were forced to flee from the country. They saw it necessary to give up their hope for change in the regime that they had endured since the arrival of the Spanish in 1492.

With the change to a civilian president, Vinicio Cerezo, in 1986, there were some sectors of the population which saw some hope for social changes within the country. However, the absence of these changes and the economic disaster in the country after a year and a half, have disillusioned the population once more.

It is therefore, historical the beginning of LA VOZ POPULAR, because once again the majority of Guatemalans can have hope in Guatemala, which struggles for a dignified life.

The fact of the public initiation of this radio station as a challenge to an army, which is so savage and powerful, as is the Guatemalan army, indicates the strength of the opposition. At the same time, it shows the high level of unity among the Guatemalan popular sectors.

NOTE: The station transmits every Friday at 6:15 p.m., (Guatemalan time), from someplace in the Sierra Madre Mountains, on short wave at 41 meters, no. 7 on the radio dial.

### CONTENT OF FIRST PROGRAM

The first program (on cassette), was transmitted both in Spanish and Mam. The intention is to transmit the program in other principal Indian languages little by little.

### LA VOZ POPULAR

\*directs greetings to the whole population in Guatemala. It gives special attention to Nicaragua, El Salvador and INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY,

\*has special messages for the different sectors of the population and the INTERNATIONAL PRESS,

\*gives a special call that all would continue struggling for a new Guatemalan society.