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34. On April 16, 1999, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of attorney Ronalth Ochaeta and his family. The Commission requested that the State of Guatemala adopt the precautionary measures necessary to preserve the lives and personal integrity of the persons named. The measures were a result of the fact that on April 16, three unidentified and armed individuals had violently burst into the home of Mr. Ochaeta, threatened and assaulted his maid, seized one of his daughters and searched his house. The individuals indicated that they had brought Mr. Ochaeta a message which consisted of a slab of concrete and stone. It must be recalled that Mr. Ronalth Ochaeta had worked on the REMHI report with Monsignor Juan José Gerardi Conedera, and that the first anniversary of the latter's murder was being commemorated at that time. On April 27, the State of Guatemala informed the Commission of the measures that had been adopted, which consisted principally of uniformed personnel deployed to keep a constant watch on their residence. The Commission received information on this matter until the persons concerned left the country.