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16. On August 19, 2002, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Rony Clay Chaves, Rubens Leoncio Pereira, Marcos Massari, and Gilmar Leite Siquiera. The request for precautionary measures indicated that prisoners were taken out of prison intermittently to be used as collaborators in the intelligence activities of a special group of the Military Police of São Paulo known as GARDI. Those activities allegedly include the assassination of 12 persons in an ambush known as Operación Castelinho, planned in advance by the Military Police to present it to public opinion as a successful robbery prevention operation by the Military Police of São Paulo. The protected persons indicated their willingness to testify about their activities and, as a result, had allegedly been threatened both by military police officers and other inmates. The precautionary measures requested by the IACHR were aimed at protecting the life and person of those threatened. On August 26, 2002 the State presented information to the Commission, which was subsequently disputed by the petitioners on October 11, 2002. Both parties have provided additional information, and the precautionary measures remain in effect.