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FOIA Documents Reveal Roles of Fruit Company Execs Named in Colombia Case

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Washington, D.C., December 21, 2018 – Banana executives with Chiquita Brands who are now the subject of a major criminal investigation in Colombia were instrumental in making secret payments to Colombian guerrilla and paramilitary groups, according to an article and Web posting published today by National Security Archive senior analyst Michael Evans.

3 Q Take a very specific question. How did you know
4 that time that (b)(7)(C) wasn't pocketing cash?
5 A That's a very valid question, and that's been my
6 concern (b)(7) since day one, because the only person that
7 requests funds and payments for guerrillas is the head of
8 security. No one ever knows who – or negotiates with these
9 groups, except for himself. And that's been my, if you will
10 my concern since day one.

The National Security Archive is publishing its findings in collaboration with [VerdadAbierta](#), a longtime Archive partner that works to shed light on the roots of Colombia's conflict. The new publications synthesize information drawn from public sources and a 48,000-page trove of corporate records obtained through the Archive's Freedom of Information Act lawsuit.

Today's Web posting of document highlights looks at the roles of 13 fruit company executives named in the Colombia criminal case who took part in developing and executing company policies regarding the illegal payments to armed groups in the country, acts which the Colombian prosecutor calls crimes against humanity.

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