

Oscar Alfredo:

You don't know me, but I want you to know that I am the assistant prosecutor of the Unit of Special Cases of the Internal Armed Conflict of the Human Rights Office of the Public Ministry, working on such cases since 1996. At that time I was assigned a case that occurred in the year 1982 that affected me greatly. It was a massacre that occurred in the hamlet called Dos Erres located in the village of Las Cruces in the municipality of Libertad, Department of Petén. In this massacre more than two hundred fifty people lost their lives, including men, women, children and the elderly. Of the people who had lived in this place, very few survived, among them some children who were rescued by kaibiles. Three kaibil witnesses have testified about the names of the officers who rescued the children, one of them was Kaibil Officer Lieutenant Oscar Ovidio Ramos Ramírez. Based on this information in 2000 I approached two siblings of Officer Oscar Ovidio Ramos Ramírez, one of them Maria del Rosario Ramírez Ramos, who told me she had heard that the child who in 1983 her brother had brought to her mother's house and who he had said was his son and was about 3 years old, was from Dos Erres. The other brother with whom I made contact was Dr. Alberto Ramírez Ramos who told me that he knew nothing about the matter. Mrs. Maria del Rosario Ramírez Ramos gave me some pictures that showed the child who was the son of her brother Oscar Ovidio. She also told me that young Oscar Alfredo, in other words you, had gone to the United States after the death of his grandmother. Since I could not find you and they did not tell me how to communicate with you, I stopped investigating the case. During the investigation I found another of the boys who had survived, this boy was taken by a soldier named Santos Lopez Alonzo who lived in Retalhuleu, this boy was about 6 years old when he was rescued. This young man is named Antonio Ramiro Osorio Cristales and he currently resides in Canada. I know that you were much loved and well treated by the family in which you grew up and that both for you and for them, you are family and that's the way it is, I hope you have the maturity to absorb everything that I am telling you in a proper way, I am making this known to you based on the right to know the truth that is accorded to all people who were victims of Human Rights violations. The point is, Oscar Alfredo, that although you don't know it, you were a victim of this sad event I mentioned, just like the other child I told you that we found, and the families of the people who died in that place. These people, represented by a human rights association called FAMDEGUA, filed suit against the State of Guatemala before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and as a result of this lawsuit the State was ordered to pay compensation to the victims of the hamlet of Dos Erres. Now, you as a victim of this incident also have the right to receive such compensation and I think that in

the same way that I helped young Ramiro Osorio to leave for Canada, we could also help you achieve legal status in the United States. To get these benefits you need only give a sample for professionals in the field to do a DNA analysis, in order to make a comparative analysis with the samples supplied by other relatives of those killed in that place. This is a decision that you must make, if you choose to undergo the DNA test, professional specialists in DNA analysis would travel to the United States to take the sample and conduct the afore-mentioned test. I want you to know that we know you are illegal in the U.S. and that this contact would take place with no risk to you, while a visa is being processed that permits you to remain legally in the United States, with the DNA results we can show that you are a survivor of Las Dos Erres and thereby facilitate this process. Any questions contact me at the e-mails [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]