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ADOLFO MOLINA ORANTES, 1915-1980

Dr. Adolfo Molina Orantes, a former Foreign Minister of Guatemala and a world-recognized figure in international law, was killed on January 31, 1980, in a fire and riot in the Spanish Embassy in Guatemala City. For those of us in Maya archaeology, Adolfo Molina will be remembered as a staunch supporter of the archaeological cause in his country. He served both the Harvard University (Altar de Sacrificios, Seibal) and the University of Pennsylvania (Tikal) archaeological projects as legal advisor and wise counselor. In so doing, he gave his time and energy unstintingly and without monetary compensation. In his last years he was President of the Academia de Geografía e Historía de Guatemala, an organization devoted to the furtherance of archaeological, geographical, and historical research in the country. We are saddened by his untimely and tragic death, and we know we will be joined in these sentiments by many of our colleagues. Although Adolfo Molina would have been the last to lay claim to professional archaeological affiliation, his service to the field was such that we would like to offer this modest tribute to it in these pages.

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