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L: We got everything that was in there. Oh no, there is something after 66 to 69 there is a lot but before 66 there isn't that much.

Ar: Before 66?

L: Yeah like one or two.

Ar: Yeah because there wouldn't be any reason for it.

L: No the insurgency was already then, but that's when they really came in, I think we see the president Leone kind of pleading with the united states for support.

And: He says something like "We need as much support as Cuba has from the soviet union."

L: And in every one they're talking about the oil.

Ar: hmm?

L & And: Oil.

And: There are hard traces of Ivan your father in those years.

L: But the thing is in that area is where the first sugarcane fields were built, and it has all the connections between the mountains and the cities it's a very strategic position for the country. When I went there, which is not even registered in the country, is that the participation of the campesinos was very very important, I had no idea, because not even within the country we speak of this. We speak of Douglas Bravo we speak of Petkoff, without the context of the people themselves and that to me... I cannot wrap my head around that.

L: I grew up with always the hope that maybe my father was alive. He might be around who knows, there's no official records. There's no official records, how do we declare my father dead.

L: Because our context was so different, it wasn't a dictatorship, there wasn't a massive disappearance, so how do you deal with that?

Ar: It really depends there were techniques that occur in various different countries, but they're pretty obvious techniques, dumping

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people from helicopters, slitting open their stomachs and throwing them into the sea, we know this from Guatemala, from Chile, and from Argentina.

Ar: What happened to other peoples bodies?

L: WE know that for instance Lovera, wasn't his body found in the ocean or the sea? his body came back unexpectedly? The problem is that a lot of the others disappeared had nobody to claim them, and never did, but here I am..