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 (C) SUMMARY: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT FORCES COMMAND, GEN. NICOLAS DE BARI HERMOZA, BLASTED OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF THE CCD APRIL 20 FOR WHAT HE CALLED AN ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT THE MILITARY AND IMPLICATE ARMY OFFICERS IN THE DISAPPEARANCES OF STUDENTS AND A PROFESSOR FROM LIMA'S "LA CANTUTA" UNIVERSITY.

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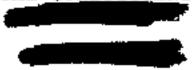
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HERMOZA ACCUSED CCD MEMBERS OF BEING "IN COLLUSION WITH TERRORISTS" AND SAID THE MILITARY WOULD NOT TOLERATE THAT SORT OF TREATMENT FROM THE CONGRESS. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CCD'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE DISAPPEARANCES SAID HERMOZA HAD CLAIMED IN TESTIMONY THAT THIRD PARTIES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABDUCTIONS, BUT TOLD THE MEDIA THAT MILITARY ELEMENTS HAD APPEARENTLY BEEN INVOLVED IN A "ROGUE" OPERATION. HERMOZA'S COMMENTS PRESAGED THE APRIL 21 ARMY COMMUNIQUE THAT TOLD CONGRESS IT "WILL NOT TOLERATE" ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE ARMY (SEPTEL). END SUMMARY.

### HERMOZA BLASTS CCD

2. (U) FOLLOWING HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS



PAGE 03 LIMA 04561 01 OF 02 212305Z (CCD) THAT IS INVESTIGATING THE DISAPPEARANCES OF A PROFESSOR AND NINE STUDENTS FROM LIMA'S "LA CANTUTA" UNIVERSITY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARMED FORCES' JOINT COMMAND BLASTED THOSE WHO HAVE ALLEGED THAT THE MILITARY IS BEHIND THE ABDUCTIONS. GEN. NICOLAS DE BARI HERMOZA ASSERTED TO THE MEDIA THAT THERE IS A CAMPAIGN LED BY OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF THE CCD TO DAMAGE THE IMAGE OF PERU'S ARMED FORCES, "WHICH COULD PUT THE STABILITY OF THE COUNTRY IN DANGER....WE ARE NOT GOING TO PERMIT THIS KIND OF GAME UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES."

3. (U) SPEAKING IN A DELIBERATE, CONTROLLED TONE, HERMOZA SAID THAT "THESE OPPONENTS OF THE REGIME RESORT TO USING FALSE, ANONYMOUS AND NOTORIOUSLY COUNTERFEIT DOCUMENTS TO IMPLICATE ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL IN ACTS THAT VIOLATE THE LAW." HERMOZA SEEMED PARTICULARLY ANGRY ABOUT DOCUMENTS THAT HE SAID NAMED ARMY OFFICERS, THUS "EXPOSING THEM TO TERRORIST BULLETS." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF SOME OPPOSITION CCD MEMBERS WERE "IN COLLUSION WITH THE HOMICIDAL TERRORISTS." THE JOINT FORCES CHIEF DECLARED THAT HE RESPECTED THE AUTONOMY OF

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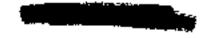
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THE CONGRESS AND FOR THAT REASON HE HAD APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, BUT THAT SOME CONGRESSMEN HAD CONFUSED HIS RESPECT AND THINK "THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN CARTE BLANCHE TO INSULT AND TRAMPLE ON THE PERUVIAN ARMY AND THE ARMED FORCES. I WILL NOT STAND FOR THAT!"

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#### CCD MEMBERS REACT

- (U) ROGER CACERES VELASQUEZ, CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES, TOLD THE PRESS THAT HERMOZA HAD INSISTED IN HIS TESTIMONY THAT THE ABDUCTIONS HAD NOT BEEN ORDERED BY "THE ARMY HIERARCHY" AND WERE THE ACTIONS OF "THIRD PARTIES." CACERES NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD MEET APRIL 21 TO EVALUATE HERMOZA'S TESTIMONY.
- (U) HENRY PEASE, CCD MEMBER OF THE



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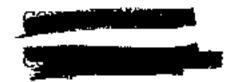
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(C) HERMOZA'S COMMENTS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN "A POLITICAL TRICK," ACCORDING TO LUZ MARIA CERRON, STAFF ASSISTANT TO THE CCD'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE AND THE SPECIAL "LA CANTUTA" COMMITTEE. CERRON NOTED THAT HERMOZA HAD BEEN GRILLED FOR OVER THREE HOURS IN A CLOSED SESSION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE. HUMAN RIGHTS CONTACTS ALSO UNIFORMLY CONDEMNED HERMOZA'S ASSERTIONS.

## COMMENT

HERMOZA DELIVERED A CLEAR THREAT TO (C) CONGRESS TO TREAD CAREFULLY IN ITS INVESTIGATIONS. HIS COMMENTS ABOUT THE NEED TO

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PAGE 03 LIMA 04561 02 OF 02 212307Z OBSERVE PROPER RESPECT FOR THE MILITARY ARE A NOT-SO-SUBTLE REMINDER THAT THE MILITARY CAN AND HAS MOVED TO PROTECT ITS IMAGE.

(C) PERHAPS THE APPEARANCE OF ANOTHER ANONYMOUS REPORT, THIS TIME ACCUSING THE MILITARY OF THE DISAPPEARANCES OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FROM HUANCAYO (SEPTEL), IS WHAT SET HERMOZA OFF. IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE PROBABLY NOT DISPOSED TOWARD POLITENESS IN THEIR SESSION WITH HIM SINCE HE HAD FAILED TO TURN UP AT LEAST TWO PREVIOUS TIMES HE HAD BEEN SUMMONED. WHATEVER GOT HERMOZA UPSET, HIS CONTENTION THAT THE OPPOSITION IS IN LEAGUE WITH THE TERRORISTS IS DANGEROUS. HERMOZA'S ALLEGATIONS PRESAGED THE APRIL 21 ARMY COMMUNIQUE, WHICH, UNDERSCORED BY TANK MOVEMENTS, SAID THE ARMY "WILL NOT TOLERATE" FURTHER ATTACKS ON THE INSTITUTION (SEPTEL). BRAYSHAW



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