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1. [REDACTED]

2. SUMMARY: AN ARMY OFFICER TOLD POLOFF THAT THE ROBLES INCIDENT WILL NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT REPERCUSSIONS WITHIN THE ARMY IN THE SHORT RUN, BUT IS VIEWED BY AT LEAST SOME OFFICERS AS YET ANOTHER MARK TO HOLD AGAINST PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. SEPARATELY, THE OFFICER SAID THAT A MEMBER OF DEATH SQUAD THAT CARRIED OUT THE JULY 1992 LA

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CANTUTA UNIVERSITY DISAPPEARANCES HAD OFFERED TO REVEAL WHERE THE STUDENTS' BODIES WERE BURIED FOR USD 20,000. END SUMMARY.

ROBLES - ANOTHER BLIP ON THE SCREEN

3. AN ARMY OFFICER TOLD POLOFF MARCH 10 THAT THE ROBLES INCIDENT WILL NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT REPERCUSSIONS WITHIN THE ARMY IN THE SHORT RUN. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICER, WHO SAID HE HAD MET EARLIER WITH SEVERAL LIEUTENANT COLONELS AND COLONELS TO DISCUSS RECENT EVENTS, ROBLES DID NOT "GENERATE EMOTIONS," AS DID, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MORE FLAMBOYANT (AND ALSO EXILED) GEN. ALBERTO ARCINIEGA, NOR COMMAND SUFFICIENT "TROOP LOYALTY" WITHIN THE ARMY TO CAUSE ANY IMMEDIATE TROUBLE. WHILE MANY SYMPATHIZED WITH ROBLES' ACTIONS, WHICH THEY BELIEVE WAS PROMPTED TO PROTECT HIS SONS, THE ROBLES AFFAIR WAS BEING SEEN MOSTLY AS ONE MORE BLACK MARK AGAINST

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PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY ADVISOR VLADIMIRO
MONTESINOS.

4. THE OFFICERS ALSO DO NOT BELIEVE ROBLES WAS ACTING OUT OF ALTRUISTIC MOTIVES IN DEFENSE OF THE ARMY. THE SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT, WHEN ROBLES WAS TRANSFERRED LAST YEAR FROM COMMAND OF THE THIRD MILITARY REGION IN AREQUIPA TO THE TRAINING COMMAND IN LIMA, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS CAREER WAS BEING TERMINATED. UPON HIS RETURN TO LIMA, HE STARTED COLLECTING INFORMATION ON THE ARMY'S HIT SQUAD TO PROVIDE HIMSELF WITH INSURANCE FROM MONTESINOS AND HERMOZA. WHEN THIS WAS DISCOVERED, HE WAS ABRUPTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE INTERAMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD IN WASHINGTON AND HIS ACTIVE DUTY SONS WERE TO BE USED TO KEEP ROBLES QUIET. ROBLES SAW NO ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN LOOK FOR ASYLUM ALONG WITH HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. ROBLES, THE OFFICERS BELIEVE, WAS FULLY AWARE THAT THE U.S. DID NOT OFFER ASYLUM BUT

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CHOSE THE U.S. EMBASSY BECAUSE OF THE HIGHER SYMBOLIC IMPACT THAT WOULD HAVE UPON FUJIMORI AND MONTESINOS.

5. A JOURNALIST CONTACT SEPARATELY ADDED THAT JOURNALISTS WERE BEMUSED THAT MONTESINOS APPEARED TO HAVE "LOST" ROBLES IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE ROBLES FAMILY CAME TO THE EMBASSY. JOURNALISTS WHO HAPPENED TO BE FILMING A SUNSET OVER THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WITNESSED A FRANTIC

PAGE 04 LIMA 05405 01 OF 02 112308Z MOTORCADE SORTIE OUT OF THE PALACE THAT HEADED FOR FUJIMORI'S ALTERNATE OFFICE AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS KNOWN AS THE "PENTAGONITO." MILITARY SOURCES TOLD THE CONTACT THAT THE MOTORCADE WAS IN RESPONSE TO FEARS THAT THE "MISSING" ROBLES WAS PREPARING A COUP.

6. THE OFFICERS WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED AND DISGUSTED BY ONE PART OF THE ROBLES AFFAIR -- ROBLES' "BETRAYAL" BY HIS "COMPADRE," MILITARY TRIBUNAL HEAD GEN. JOSE PICON (ROBLES IS THE GODFATHER OF ONE OF PICON'S SONS). ACCORDING TO A HANDWRITTEN DOCUMENT ROBLES RELEASED PUBLICLY BEFORE LEAVING THE COUNTRY, ROBLES HAD GONE TO PICON WITH SOME INFORMATION HE HAD UNCOVERED ABOUT THE LA CANTUTA UNIVERSITY DISAPPEARANCES, WHICH APPEARED TO IMPLICATE ARMY COMMANDER GEN.

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 NICOLAS HERMOZA AND HAD URGED PICON TO PRESS ON
 WITH INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE MATTER. PICON
 INFORMED HERMOZA ABOUT ROBLES' CONVERSATION AND
 ROBLES WAS SUMMONED BEFORE HERMOZA. HUMAN
 RIGHTS AND THE LA CANTUTA INVESTIGATION ASIDE,
 THE OFFICERS ARE MORE CONCERNED THAT MONTESINOS'
 POWER IS SUCH THAT IT CAN MAKE EVEN COMPADRES
 TURN EACH OTHER IN.

INFORMATION FOR SALE ON LA CANTUTA

 7. THE OFFICER TOLD POLOFF THAT ONE OF THE MEN
 IN THE ARMY HIT SQUAD THAT CARRIED OUT THE LA
 CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES HAD APPROACHED MAXIMO SAN
 ROMAN WITH AN OFFER TO REVEAL WHERE THE BODIES
 OF THE STUDENTS WERE BURIED IN EXCHANGE FOR USD
 20,000. TWO JOURNALISTS TOLD US SEPARATELY THEY
 HAD BEEN OFFERED THE SAME INFORMATION FOR USD
 25,000 BY THE SAME MEMBER, BUT HAD REFUSED. ALL

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THREE SOURCES SAID SEPARATELY THAT THE HIT SQUAD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN UNDER A FORM OF HOUSE ARREST FOR SOME TIME AND ARE WORRIED THAT THEY MAY BE SACRIFICED TO PROTECT HERMOZA AND MONTESINOS.
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