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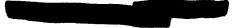
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FROM A RETIRED GENERAL

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RETIRED ARMY GENERAL SUMMARY: DEFENDED AYSLUM-SEEKER GEN. ROBLES AS AN HONEST "INSTITUTIONALIST" SENIOR OFFICER WHO CHOSE THE BEST OPTION AVAILABLE. [ STRESSED THAT ROBLES' INFORMATION ABOUT ARMY/SIN ABUSES WAS SAID THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE RECENT DECLINE IN GOP ABUSES, IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LA CANTUTA AND BARRIOS ALTOS KILLINGS BE PUNISHED.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVIEW AUTHORITY: WILLIAM E. LANDFAIR DATE/CASE ID: 29 JUL 2002 S200200010

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PRESSURE WOULD BE NEEDED. SAID FUJIMORI WOULD RATHER KEEP ON A WEAKENED HERMOZA AS ARMY COMMANDER THAN REPLACE HIM WITH AN OFFICER HARDER TO CONTROL. FERMENT AT THE LEVEL OF COLONELS AND BELOW CONTINUES, BUT IS LEADERLESS. END SUMMARY.		В
GENERAL (RET.) VISITED POLCOUNS MAY 10 TO REVIEW SITUATION IN		B
THE MILITARY.		Bı
MAINTAINS CONTACTS WITH POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE MILITARY. HE BEGAN BY ANALYZING ARMY COMMANDER GEN. HERMOZA'S CONFLICT WITH CONGRESS AND THE "TANCAZO" (APRIL 20-23), WHICH HE TERMED "BADLY THOUGHT OUT" AND WHICH DID NOT BOOST HERMOZA.		
4. YOU HAD TO KNOW HERMOZA'S PERSONALITY,  TO KNOW THAT HE NEVER WOULD HAVE		В1
PAGE 03 LIMA 05402 01 OF 02 112302Z DARED TO CROSS SWORDS WITH CONGRESS WITHOUT PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL. HERMOZA USED NOTES FOR HIS SUPPOSEDLY EXTEMPORANEOUS APRIL 20 REMARKS TO TELEVISION CAMERAS ON THE STEPS OF CONGRESS. NOR WOULD HERMOZA HAVE SECURED THE TRAVEL TO LIMA OF ALL FIVE MILITARY.REGION COMMANDERS (WHO SIGNED THE COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTING HERMOZA)		
WITHOUT PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL. INSISTED THAT FUJIMORI HAD CALLED THE SHOTS ON THE CONFRONTATION EVEN THOUGH HE WAS ABSENT FROM		B1
LIMA PART OF THE TIME. SOUNDINGS OF RETIRED AND ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL, SHOWED THAT THE "TANCAZO" DID NOT CORRECT THE GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT HERMOZA WAS WEAK AND INEFFECTIVE.		B1
5. SAID THAT ROBLES, WAS AN INTELLIGENT AND HONEST OFFICER. HIS INVESTIGATIONS OF		₿l
CORRUPTION HAD BEEN THOROUGH AND PERSISTENT.		B1 B1
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ROBLES' WIFE ON MAY 4 THAT THEY WOULD SEEK ASYLUM THE NEXT DAY IN THE U.S. EMBASSY.

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6. ROBLES' PROBLEM, SAID, WAS THAT HE HAD NO GOOD OPTIONS. CONFRONTING HERMOZA WOULD HAVE BEEN POINTLESS. GIVING INFORMATION TO CONGRESS OR THE PRESS WAS RISKY, AND THERE WERE ALREADY ENOUGH ANONYMOUS ACCUSATIONS ON THE LA CANTUTA CASE. ROBLES' ONLY OPTION WAS TO TRY TO

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GET THE MILITARY JUDGE IN THE CASE, GEN. PICON,
MORE INVOLVED. SAID IT WAS LOGICAL FOR
ROBLES TO HAVE TRUSTED PICON, SINCE THEY WERE
CLASSMATES AND "COMPADRES." ONCE PICON BETRAYED
ROBLES TO HERMOZA, ROBLES WAS BOXED
IN; AS LONG AS HIS TWO SONS SERVED IN THE ARMY,
THEY WERE HOSTAGES.

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7. POLCOUNS ASKED HOW CONVINCING FOUND ROBLES' ACCUSATIONS, GIVEN ROBLES' ANTAGONISM TOWARDS HERMOZA AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT COUP-PLOTTERS (THE SALINAS SEDO GROUP) MIGHT HAVE FABRICATED SOME OF ROBLES' INFORMATION.

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ACKNOWLEDGED ROBLES HAD BEEN DEEPLY OFFENDED BY THE PRESIDENT'S SIDELINING A CAREER

PAGE 02 05402 LIMA 02 OF 02 1123032 THAT UNDER THE OLD RULES WOULD HAVE CULMINATED IN ROBLES' COMMAND OF THE ARMY IN 1995. THAT SAID, POINTED OUT THAT ROBLES CHOSE A RISKY AND UNCERTAIN EXILE OVER A COMFORTABLE AND REWARDING RETIREMENT POST IN WASHINGTON. INSISTED -- HE DID NOT SAY HOW HE KNEW --ROBLES' SOURCES IN THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) AND THE ARMY WERE GENUINE AND WERE NOT LINKED TO GEN. SALINAS. THERE WERE NO "PRO-GOLPISTAS" LEFT IN POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE. (COMMENT: GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HIS OWN SOURCES CORROBORATED ROBLES' ACCUSATIONS.)

8. SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE GOP INVESTIGATE THE LA CANTUTA CASE AND PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE. OTHERWISE THESE ASSASSINATION GROUPS COULD REINITIATE ACTIVITIES. URGED THAT THE U.S., OR THE OAS, PRESS THE GOP FOR A SUCCESSFUL INVESTIGATION.

9. CONCLUDED THAT ROBLES' ACCUSATIONS, AND VERY PUBLIC PROTEST, HAD BEEN VIEWED WITH SYMPATHY IN MUCH OF THE ARMY OFFICER CORPS. DISCONTENT CONTINUED AMONG THE OFFICERS, BUT

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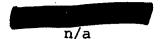
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APPARENTLY IT HAD NO LEADERSHIP. THE FACT THAT PICON HAD BETRAYED ROBLES UNDERSCORED THE ABILITY OF THE ARMY AND SIN TO PENETRATE POTENTIAL OPPOSITION. SAID THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS IN THE ARMY THAT REFLECTED UNREST, BUT HE INSISTED THERE WOULD BE NO SUCCESSFUL COUP ATTEMPT.

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10. AS TO GEN. HERMOZA, PREDICTED THAT FUJIMORI AND MONTESINOS WOULD PREFER TO KEEP HIM ON. CERTAINLY THE PRESIDENT HAD GONE OUT OF HIS WAY ON MAY 8 TO REITERATE SUPPORT FOR MONTESINOS AND HERMOZA. ALTHOUGH HERMOZA WAS WEAKENED, FUJIMORI DID NOT WANT A STRONG GENERAL AS ARMY COMMANDER. EVEN GEN. HOWARD RODRIGUEZ (THE COMMANDER OF THE FIRST MILITARY REGION GROOMED BY FUJIMORI) MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE OVERLY INDEPENDENT.

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11. COMMENT: SYMPATHIES LIE WITH THOSE WHO DEFEND THE ARMY INSTITUTION. HE APPEARS, HOWEVER, TO BE RELATIVELY OBJECTIVE. ROBLES' ALLEGATIONS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ARE ONLY ONE PART OF THE LARGER ISSUE OF WHO CONTROLS THE MILITARY.

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