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OUTLINING LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) FORWARDING COPY OF ANONYMOUS DOCUMENT WHICH OUTLINES THE DISAPPEARANCES OF NINE STUDENTS AND ONE PROFESSOR FROM "LA CANTUTA" UNIVERSITY IN JULY 1992. DOCUMENT IMPLICATES ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL HERMOZA AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MONTESINOS. ENCLOSURE. TEXT: 1. (U) ON 930402, PERUVIAN CONGRESSMAN HENRY ((PEASE)) RECEIVED AN UNSIGNED DOCUMENT WHICH OUTLINED THE DISAPPEARANCE OF NINE STUDENTS AND ONE PROFESSOR FROM THE CAMPUS GROUNDS OF THE ENRIQUE GUZMAN Y VALLE UNIVERSITY ALSO KNOWN AS LA CANTUTA. IMPRINTED ON THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THE DOCUMENT ARE THE LETTERS 'COMACA' WHICH STANDS FOR COMMANDERS, MAJORS AND CAPTAINS, A SECRET ARMY CLIQUE.

2. ~~(C)~~ THE OPENING PARAGRAPH OF THE DOCUMENT STATES THAT ON 17 JULY 92 AT 2330 HOURS, INTELLIGENCE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND MILITARY TROOPS ENTERED THE GROUNDS OF LA CANTUTA WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF CAPTURING A PROFESSOR AND TEN STUDENTS ██████████

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THE PROFESSOR AND THE STUDENTS WERE TO BE ACCUSED OF BEING THE ONES RESPONSIBLE OF THE JULY 92 SENDERO LUMINOSO CAR-BOMB THAT EXPLODED IN THE TARATA COMMERCIAL SHOPPING AREA IN THE MIRAFLORES DISTRICT OF LIMA.

3. (U) ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT, THE MILITARY OPERATION TO CAPTURE PROFESSOR MUNOZ AND THE STUDENTS WAS IN RETALIATION FOR THE JULY BOMBING IN TARATA. THE DOCUMENT OUTLINES THE EVENTS AS FOLLOWS--

- PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR AND INTELLIGENCE CHIEF OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE VLADIMIRO ((MONTESINOS)) TORRES DISCUSSES WITH GENERAL JUAN ((RIVERO)) LAZOS,

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CHIEF OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE (SIE), THE DETAILS OF THE "KIDNAPPING". GENERAL RIVERO IN-TURN COORDINATES THE FINAL DETAILS WITH GENERAL LUIS ((PEREZ)) DOCUMET, CHIEF PERUVIAN SPECIAL FORCES DIVISION (FOES).

- ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL AND PRESIDENT OF THE JOINT COMMAND NICOLAS DE BARI ((HERMOZA)) RIOS RECEIVES THE PLAN LAYOUT FROM GENERAL RIVERO. GENERAL HERMOZA APPROVES THE PLAN. GENERAL HERMOZA THEN STRESSES TO RIVERO THE NEED FOR THE PLAN TO BE ERROR FREE BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT ANY NEGATIVE FALLOUT ON THE ARMY. HERMOZA CITED AS AN EXAMPLE, THE INCIDENT IN BARRIOS ALTOS.

- GENERAL RIVERO THEN BRIEFS COLONEL FEDERICO ((NAVARRO)) PEREZ, CHIEF OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS AT THE DIRECTORATE OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE (DINTE) AND MAJOR LUIS ((MARTIN)) RIVAS, CHIEF OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. GENERAL RIVERO TASKS THESE TWO OFFICERS WITH THE MISSION. GENERAL RIVERO STRESSES TO MAJOR MARTIN TO AVOID THE ERRORS COMMITTED IN BARRIOS ALTOS.

- GENERAL PEREZ SUMMONS LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARLOS ((MIRANDA)) BALAREZO, CHIEF OF BIP 39 AT LA CANTUTA AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL MANUEL ((GUZMAN)) CALDERON, CHIEF 19TH COMMANDO BATTALION. THESE TWO OFFICERS ARE ALSO TASKED WITH THE MISSION. LIEUTENANT COLONEL GUZMAN IS TO LEAD A PATROL COMPRISED OF COMMANDOS ONTO THE UNIVERSITY GROUNDS IN A MOCK MILITARY SWEEP (RASTRILLAJE). WHILE MAJOR MARTIN IS TO LEAD A GROUP OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS WHOSE SPECIALITY IS KIDNAPPINGS.

- ON 17 JULY 92 AT 2000 HOURS, MAJOR BERTETI ((CARAZAS)) ASSIGNED TO BIP 39, ARRIVES AT LA CANTUTA. CARAZAS TELLS THE LIEUTENANT IN CHARGE OF CIVIC ACTIONS AT LA CANTUTA, THAT AT MIDNIGHT THERE WILL BE A MILITARY SWEEP AT THE UNIVERSITY AND THAT HE WAS TO REMAIN WITH HIM UNTIL THE SWEEP IS COMPLETED.

- AT 2400 HOURS, LIEUTENANT COLONEL GUZMAN ARRIVES AT THE BIP 39 UNIT. TWENTY MINUTES LATER, MAJOR MARTIN ARRIVES WITH HIS AGENTS. LIEUTENANT COLONEL GUZMAN ENTERS THE BUILDING WHERE ARMY SOLDIERS WERE HOLDING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS. GUZMAN THEN PROCEEDS TO CHECK DOCUMENTS FROM THESE INDIVIDUALS, THE WHOLE PROCESS LASTED APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS.

- ON 18 JULY 92 AT APPROXIMATELY 0415 HOURS, AFTER CHECKING THE DOCUMENTS FROM ALL THE DETAINEES, LIEUTENANT COLONEL GUZMAN RETAINS IN CUSTODY A PROFESSOR AND 10 STUDENTS. THE DETAINEES ARE THEN HANDED OVER TO MAJOR MARTIN. THE DETAINEES ARE LOADED ONTO VEHICLES BELONGING TO THE SIE AND DINTE. MAJOR MARTIN, HIS AGENTS AND THE DETAINEES DEPART THE UNIVERSITY GROUNDS ENROUTE LIMA. ALONG THE WAY, MAJOR MARTIN AND HIS MEN DECIDE TO EXECUTE THE DETAINEES.

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INITIALLY, THEY WERE GOING TO BURY THE BODIES IN A "SAFE PLACE", HOWEVER, SINCE IT WAS ALMOST DAY BREAK THEY DECIDED TO BURY THEM IN HUACHIPA.

- ON 18 JULY 92 AT 1000 HOURS, MAJOR MARTIN BRIEFS COLONEL NAVARRO ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MISSION. COLONEL NAVARRO THEN BRIEFS GENERAL RIVERO. SINCE THE MISSION DID NOT GO ACCORDING TO PLAN, GENERAL RIVERO THEN CALLS GENERAL HERMOZA WITH THE DETAILS. THAT EVENING, IT WAS DECIDED TO MOVE THE BODIES TO A SAFER BURIAL SITE.

4. (U) ON 13 MARCH 93, THE TELEVISION PROGRAM 'FUEGO CRUZADO' (CROSS FIRE) AIRED A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOCUSED ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE PROGRAM'S GUESTS, WERE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE DISAPPEARED STUDENTS AND THE WIFE OF THE PROFESSOR. THE FAMILY MEMBERS ALL STATED THAT GENERAL HERMOZA HAD COMMUNICATED TO THEM THAT THEY DID NOT NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE DETAINEES. HE ASSURED THEM THAT THE JOINT COMMAND WAS LAUNCHING AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE DETAINEES.

5. (U) THE DOCUMENT PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTARY--THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT WAS COMPILED BY MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY ORGANIZATION 'LEON DORMIDO' (SLEEPING LION). MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION IDENTIFY WITH THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

6. (U) THE DOCUMENT ALSO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING NOTES--

- (1) MAJOR SANTIAGO ((MARTIN)) RIVAS IS PRESENTLY IN-CHARGE OF AN ARMY INTELLIGENCE UNIT WHO COMPLIES WITH ORDERS FROM THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN). THE UNIT'S PRIMARY DUTIES ARE--EXTORSION OF NARCOTRAFFICKERS; SURVEILLANCE AND BLACKMAIL OF POLITICIANS, MILITARY PERSONNEL, PRESS REPORTERS ETC.; MAJOR MARTIN WAS ALSO CHARGE OF THE UNIT THAT COMMITTED THE ASSASSINATIONS IN BARRIOS ALTOS ON 3 NOV 91; MAJOR MARTIN HAS BEEN DENOUNCED IN VARIOUS MAGAZINES SUCH AS 'CARETAS', 'SI' AND 'DIARIO UNO.' THE 4 MAR 93 EDITION OF 'DIARIO UNO', MAJOR MARTIN WAS DENOUNCED BY AGENTS OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE (SIE), WHO STATED THAT MARTIN RIVAS HAS GROWN RICH FROM THE ILICIT MONEY HE HAS BEEN PAID FOR THESE TYPES OF OPERATIONS.

- (2) COLONEL FEDERICO ((NAVARRO)) PEREZ WAS ASSIGNED IN 1992 AS CHIEF OF A SPECIAL OPERATIONS DETACHMENT IN THE DINTE. COLONEL NAVARRO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH MAJOR MARTIN IN THESE OPERATIONS. COLONEL NAVARRO WAS ALSO ACCUSED BY THE TWO SIE AGENTS IN THE 4 MAR 93 EDITION OF 'DIARIO UNO.' THE TWO AGENTS ARE NOW DETAINED IN A JAIL IN YANAMAYO, PUNO.

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