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- PROVIDED INFO ON LA CANTUTA HR CASE

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1. (U) ON MAY 15, LIMA MEDIA REPORTED THAT THE MILITARY WAS MOVING TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN WHO ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN THE LEAKS FOR INFORMATION CONGRESSMEN AND JOURNALISTS USED IN EXPOSING THE LA CANTUTA HUMAN RIGHTS CASE (INVOLVING DEATHS OF NINE STUDENTS AND A PROFESSOR IN JULY 1992). ARMY INSPECTOR GENERAL IS REPORTEDLY INVESTIGATING NINE MEMBERS OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DINTE) FOR LEAKING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TREASON CHARGES AND SEVERAL OF THESE ARE SAID TO CURRENTLY BE IN ARMY DETENTION. FORMAL CHARGES BEFORE THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF MILITARY JUSTICE (CSJM) ARE EXPECTED TO BE FILED SHORTLY.

2. (U) MEDIA IDENTIFIED THOSE UNDER

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INVESTIGATION AS: COL. CLEVER PINO BENAMU (FORMER CHIEF OF DINTE'S "INTERNAL FRONT" SECTION), COL. DAVID BRAVO CASTRILLON (EX-HEAD OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE - SIE - UNIT 1), COL. GUILLERMO IPARRAGUIRRE CABALLERO (DINTE ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF), LT. JOSE SANCHEZ VALDIVIA (CHIEF SIE POST LIMA), LT. GASPAR JIMENEZ PENA (FORMER AIDE TO EXILED ARMY GEN. ROBLES ESPINOZA), NCO INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVES HECTOR GAMARRA MAMANI, JORGE ORTIZ MANTIA, ROLANDO MENESES MONTES DE OCA, AND ARNALDO ALVARADO SOLER.

3. (C) THE CSJM ALSO SENTENCED, ON MAY 6, OUTSPOKEN RETIRED SENIOR ARMY GEN. GERMAN PARRA

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 HERNAN TO SIXTY DAYS IN DETENTION (SUSPENDED WITH CONDITIONS) FOR INSULTING A SUPERIOR (CURRENT ARMY COMMANDER GEN. NICOLAS HERMOZA) AND DEFAMING THE (MILITARY) INSTITUTION. THE 70-YEAR-OLD GEN. PARRA TOLD THE COURT DURING THE 15-MINUTE SENTENCING HEARING THAT HE WAS INNOCENT, THAT HE DISAGREED WITH THE SENTENCE AND WISHED TO APPEAL. PARRA IS ONE OF SIX RETIRED GENERALS BEING HARASSED BY THE CSJM FOR CRITICIZING THE ARMY'S OPEN SUPPORT OF FUJIMORI AND GEN. HERMOZA. THE OTHER GENERALS ARE LUIS CISNEROS VIZQUERRA, ALBERTO ARCINIEGA HUBY, JOSE PASTOR VIVES, SINESIO JARAMA AND JAIME SALINAS SEDO.

4. (C) COMMENT: THE ARMY IS MOVING TO SANCTION THOSE IT CONSIDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING LEAKED INFORMATION THAT BROUGHT THE LA CANTUTA CASE TO LIGHT. THE INFORMATION FORCED THE ARMY TO CONVICT AT LEAST SOME OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIME DESPITE GOP EFFORTS TO IGNORE, COVER UP AND OBSTRUCT THE MATTER. THIS MOVE TO PLUG ITS LEAKS SHOULD BE SEEN IN CONTEXT WITH THE HARASSMENT OF OUTSPOKEN SENIOR RETIRED ARMY GENERALS (REFTEL) BY THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE ARMY IS ALSO MOVING WITH REMARKABLE SPEED IN THIS MATTER, ESPECIALLY WHEN COMPARED TO THE ARMY'S GLACIAL EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE NEW PATTERN IS FOR THE ARMY TO SILENCE THOSE WITHIN OR RETIRED FROM THE RANKS WHO ARE CRITICAL OF THE ARMY IN GENERAL AND ITS CURRENT

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LEADER, GEN. HERMOZA, IN PARTICULAR. AS FAR AS
WE ARE AWARE OF, THE ARMY HAS NOT MOVED AGAINST
RETIREES IN THE PAST. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION
INDICATING THAT THE OFFICERS CHARGED FOR THE
LEAKS ARE INDEED RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM.
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