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INFO	LOC-00	NP-00	ACQ-00	CIAE-00	INL-00	DINT-00	DODE-00
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TAGS: PGOV, PINR, PE

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] EXPOUNDS NEW CONSPIRACY THEORY AGAINST
MONTESINOS

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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN R. HAMILTON FOR REASONS
1.5(B) AND 1.5(D).

2. (C) SUMMARY: WITH THE AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 13, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LAID OUT A COMPLICATED CONSPIRACY THEORY
ATTRIBUTING THE APRIL 2000 DEATH OF PUBLISHER GUSTAVO MOHME TO
FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF MONTESINOS. [REDACTED] ALSO ALLEGED THAT
MONTESINOS'S BANK ACCOUNT IN NEW YORK WAS HIS PRIMARY ONE AND
THAT, AS OF THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER, IT CONTAINED \$146
MILLION. WITHOUT LEADING [REDACTED] TO BELIEVE THAT WE FOUND ANY

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TRUTH TO HIS THEORY, THE AMBASSADOR URGED HIM TO TAKE THE
INFORMATION TO THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATING
MONTESINOS. END SUMMARY.

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[REDACTED] ASKED TO SEE THE AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER
13 TO SHARE URGENT INFORMATION. AMBASSADOR MET WITH [REDACTED]
THAT DAY. [REDACTED] LAID OUT A COMPLICATED CONSPIRACY THEORY
WHICH BOILS DOWN TO TWO ALLEGATIONS: FIRST, MONTESINOS ORDERED
THE APRIL 2000 ASSASSINATION OF GUSTAVO MOHME, LEGISLATOR-ELECT
AND OWNER-EDITOR OF LA REPUBLICA OPPOSITION DAILY NEWSPAPER, BY

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INFILTRATING AN INTELLIGENCE AGENT INTO MOHME'S SECURITY DETAIL AND SUBSTITUTING HIS BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICINE. (MOHME DIED IN APRIL, REPORTEDLY OF COMPLICATIONS FROM A HEART ATTACK SUFFERED WHILE WALKING ALONE ON A BEACH.) SECOND, MONTESINOS' PRIMARY BANK ACCOUNT IS IN NEW YORK AND, AS OF THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER, CONTAINED \$146 MILLION.

4. (C) [REDACTED] TOLD US THE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED BY A THIRD PARTY FROM [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY, [REDACTED] WORKED CLOSELY WITH MONTESINOS IN MONEY LAUNDERING. [REDACTED] HAS SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH MOHME'S SON, THE PRESENT OWNER-EDITOR OF LA REPUBLICA, AND WITH A PROMINENT JOURNALIST (MIRKO LAUER) AT THE SAME NEWSPAPER. [REDACTED] ASKED AMBASSADOR TO ADVISE HIM ON WHAT TO DO WITH THE INFORMATION AND, SPECIFICALLY, WHETHER HE SHOULD MAKE IT PUBLIC.

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5. (C) AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT HE COULD NOT ADVISE [REDACTED] ON WHETHER HE SHOULD TAKE THE INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA, BUT URGED THAT HE SHARE IT WITH JOSE UGAZ, THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR INVESTIGATING MONTESINOS, AND THAT HE SEEK UGAZ'S COUNSEL ON THE [REDACTED]

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PRESS QUESTION. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, [REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD DO THAT.

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