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SUBJECT: THE UNPUBLISHED KIDNAPPING OF AN IU VIP

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2. SUMMARY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOLD POLOFF  
FEBRUARY 21 THAT AN UNNAMED FRIEND AND POLITICAL  
ADVISER TO MURRUGARRA AND PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL  
ALFONSO BARRANTES WAS KIDNAPPED BY TERRORISTS,  
HELD FOR SEVERAL HOURS, AND RELEASED UNHARMED  
IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF FEBRUARY 14. ACCORD-  
ING [REDACTED] THE KIDNAPPING WAS THE WORK OF  
EXTREMIST FACTIONS OF THE IU AND WAS EXECUTED TO  
COMMUNICATE A THREAT TO BARRANTES. END SUMMARY.

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3. [REDACTED]  
THE KIDNAP VICTIM (HE WOULD NOT REVEAL THE NAME  
BUT LET DROP IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION  
THAT IT WAS A MAN, A PSYCHOLOGIST BY PROFESSION,  
WITH A LONG CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP TO BOTH  
IU LEADERS) WAS SNATCHED IN FRONT OF HIS HOME,

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BLINDFOLDED, TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION, AND  
THERE WAS QUESTIONED, LIGHTLY BEATEN, AND

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THREATENED. THE BEATING CONSISTED OF HARD SLAPS TO THE FACE, PAINFUL BUT NOT INJURIOUS. THE THREAT WAS FOR BARRANTES. THE MAN WAS TOLD TO WARN BARRANTES TO STOP MEDDLING IN THE INTERNAL POLITICS OF THE IU AND TO RETHINK HIS INTEREST IN RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT. HE WAS RELEASED A FEW HOURS AFTER THE ABDUCTION.

4. OUR SOURCE OPINED THAT THE KIDNAPPING WAS NOT THE WORK OF THE SL OR THE RODRIGO FRANCO COMMAND, BUT THE HANDICRAFT OF EXTREMIST ELEMENTS INSIDE THE PUM. ██████████ WOULD NOT NAME NAMES BUT HE SAID THAT THE VICTIM ESCAPED WITH THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT THE PERPETRATORS WERE FAMILIAR ENOUGH WITH IU INTERNAL POLITICS TO SUGGEST THAT THEY COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN IU ADHERENTS.

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██████████ THE INCIDENT HAS RE-ENFORCED BARRANTES' CONVICTION THAT THE IU MUST BE PURGED OF ITS EXTREMIST ELEMENTS.

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5. THE KIDNAPPING WAS NOT REPORTED IN ANY PRESS AND WE HAVE HEARD THE STORY FROM NO OTHER SOURCE. ██████████ DID NOT SEE THE VICTIM AFTER THE INCIDENT BUT REPEATED MURRUGARRA'S DESCRIPTION OF THE BRUISES, REDNESS AND SLIGHT SWELLING IN THE MAN'S FACE THE DAY FOLLOWING. THE ALLEGED KIDNAPPING OCCURRED THE SAME NIGHT AS THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF MINER'S FEDERATION SECGEN CANTORAL, FEBRUARY 13. ██████████ BARRANTES AND OTHERS IN THE IU HAVE INCREASED THEIR PERSONAL SECURITY IN THE WAKE OF THE INCIDENT.

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6. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THE VERACITY OF THE STORY. WE DO WONDER ██████████ ██████████ TOO ANXIOUS TO ATTRIBUTE THE SNATCHING TO IU RADICALS. WHILE THE INCIDENT IS NOT TYPICAL OF SL MODUS OPERANDI, THE SL WOULD ALSO HAVE REASON TO DISCOURAGE A BARRANTES PRESIDENCY. MOST EXPERTS AGREE THAT BARRANTES OR ANY LEFTIST PRESIDENT IN THE PALACIO DE PIZARRO WOULD BE VIEWED BY THE SL AS A REAL THREAT TO ITS PROPAGANDA WAR AGAINST THE GOP AMONG THE POOR, THE UNIONS, AND THE "CAMPEVINOS."

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7. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT EVEN THE BARRANTES IU MODERATES ARE UNWILLING TO CONSIDER THE TUNE THAT MANY IN THE MILITARY AND SOME IN THE RIGHT HAVE BEEN HUMMING IN UNISON FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, THAT THE FAR-LEFT HAS SOME OF ITS HANDS HIDDEN DEEP INSIDE SL POCKETS, OR THE REVERSE, THAT THE SL HAS FOLKS UNDER COVER INSIDE THE IU. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS EITHER HYPOTHESIS (SL OR IU RADICAL KIDNAPPERS) LEADS TO THE SAME CONCLUSION THE FAR LEFT MAY BE PREPARED TO USE VIOLENCE TO SCUTTLE A BARRANTES CANDIDACY. END COMMENT.  
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