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REF A) STATE 248758, B) FAX OF 7/29/91

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: EMBOFFS RAISED THE CHUSCHI
DISAPPEARANCE AND SAN MARTIN MISTREATMENT CASES WITH

IN AYACUCHO. WHILE THE
MILITARY IN AYACUCHO ATTEMPTED TO STONEWALL,
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CONFIRMED THE DETAILS
OF THE CHUSCHI CASE VIRTUALLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY.
WAS DUBIOUS, HOWEVER OF THE BONA FIDES OF THE
ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF SUTEP TEACHERS IN SAN
MARTIN. END SUMMARY.

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CHUSCHI DISAPPEARANCES

3.

(STRICTLY PROTECT) INFORMALLY

CONFIRMED THE DETAILS OF THE CHUSCHI CASE AS PRESENTED IN THE DOCUMENTS PASSED BY APRODEH TO AMERICAS WATCH. IN FACT, [REDACTED] HAD FIRST BECOME AWARE OF THE CASE WHEN FRANCISCO SOBERON OF APRODEH INFORMED HIM OF IT.

RAISED THE CHUSCHI DISAPPEARANCES WITH GENERAL ALBERTO ARCINIEGA HUBY, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICER CHARGED WITH OVERSIGHT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER SPECIAL POLITICAL PROJECTS. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], ARCINIEGA TOLD [REDACTED]

THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED AND THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE PAMPA CANGALLO MILITARY FACILITY HAD BEEN "DISCIPLINED."

4. POLCOUNS FLEW TO AYACUCHO ON JULY 31 AND TALKED
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TO POLITICO-MILITARY CHIEF, GENERAL MARTINEZ, ON THE FRINGES OF THE TWO HOUR DELIVERY OF THE BALLENGER-DOD HOSPITAL. GENERAL MARTINEZ MAINTAINED THAT THE MILITARY'S HANDS WERE CLEAN AS SNOW ON BOTH THE CHUSCHI DISAPPEARANCES AND THE KILLING OF LUIS MORALES, FORMER JOURNALIST FOR THE DIARIO EL MARKA WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME THE SENDERO-CONTROLLED EL DIARIO. POLCOUNS' REQUEST FOR MARTINEZ TO INVESTIGATE PROMPTED ASSURANCES THAT: THE JOINT MILITARY COMMAND STAFF (COMANDO CONJUNTO) ALREADY HAD FULL REPORTS; ALL PRISONERS TAKEN BY THE MILITARY WERE HANDED OVER TO THE POLICE FOR PROSECUTION, INCLUDING SOME 100 WHOM HE HAD FOUND IN THE CUARTELS UPON ASSUMING COMMAND IN JANUARY; THE CHUSCHI DENUNCIAS WERE HEAVILY FABRICATED, AND; MORALES COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN KILLED BY OTHER LEFTISTS WHO WANTED

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IT TO APPEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS INVOLVED. IN SHORT, THE GENERAL STONEWALLED SERENELY.

5. INDEPENDENTLY, POLOFF WHO WAS ADVANCING THE BALLENGER VISIT DISCUSSED THE CHUSCHI CASE WITH THE

NONE HAD ANY NEW OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO ADD, BUT ALL WERE WELL AWARE OF THE ALLEGED CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH, BY AND LARGE, THEY ACCEPTED AS FACT. ALL CONSIDERED THE CHUSCHI CASE A DEAD ISSUE UNLESS THE MILITARY CHOSE TO COOPERATE. THEY FOCUSED INSTEAD ON MORE RECENT CASES FOR WHICH THEY HELD OUT GREATER HOPE OF SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION.

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SUTEP MISTREATMENT IN SAN MARTIN

6. CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF STRIKING SUTEP TEACHERS IN SAN MARTIN ARE FAR MORE QUESTIONABLE.

CHANCED TO BE IN SAN MARTIN WHEN THREE MEN CLAIMING TO BE SUTEP TEACHERS AND COLLEAGUES OF THE VICTIM REPORTED HIS DETENTION AND MISTREATMENT BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES. THE VERSION HEARD FROM THE ACCUSERS, CORRESPONDS GENERALLY TO THAT IN THE

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SUPPORTING NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS. [REDACTED] TOLD THAT THE ALLEGED VICTIM, MOISES TENORIO BANDA, WAS BEING TREATED FOR HIS INJURIES IN A NEARBY TOWN. [REDACTED] TRAVELED TO THAT TOWN BUT WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE TENORIO. [REDACTED] IN THE SECOND LOCATION REPORTED THAT HE HAD HEARD OF THE CASE, BUT THOUGHT THE VICTIM WAS IN HIDING ELSEWHERE. ON HIS RETURN TO LIMA, [REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED BY A PROMINENT HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP INQUIRING AS TO TENORIO'S WHEREABOUTS. THE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP HAD RESPONDED TO REPORTS OF TENORIO'S MISTREATMENT BY SENDING AN AMBULANCE TO FETCH HIM AND ARRANGING MEDICAL TREATMENT IN LIMA.

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TENORIO AGAIN DID NOT APPEAR. SEVERAL DAYS LATER, HOWEVER, SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE TENORIO APPEARED ON THE POPULAR "EN PERSONA" TELEVISION NEWS MAGAZINE PROGRAM AND RECOUNTED A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT VERSION OF EVENTS FROM THOSE IN THE PRESS. ACCORDING TO THE "EN PERSONA" INTERVIEW, TENORIO WAS TAKEN ABOARD A HELICOPTER AND BEATEN, BUT WAS PUSHED FROM THE

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HELICOPTER JUST AS IT BEGAN TO LIFT OFF, NOT IN FULL FLIGHT. TENORIO APPEARED QUITE FIT AND HEALTHY DURING THE TV INTERVIEW.

7. [REDACTED] VIEWS THE SUTEP/TENORIO BANDA CASE WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF SCEPTICISM. /

[REDACTED] ALSO REGARDS THIS CASE AS SOMEWHAT SUSPECT. [REDACTED] THEIR EFFORTS TO CONTACT AND ASSIST TENORIO HAVE BEEN REBUFFED REPEATEDLY. TENORIO HAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN REFUGE WITH AN EVANGELICAL SECT LOCATED IN A REMOTE, HIGH JUNGLE REGION AND REMAINS INCOMMUNICADO. THERE ARE TOO MANY DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE EVENTS, AND TENORIO HAS YET TO FORMALLY PRESS CHARGES. AT NO TIME HAS

[REDACTED] ANY FORMAL DENUNCIA CLAIMING THAT AN ADDITIONAL FOUR SUTEP TEACHERS WERE THROWN FROM HELICOPTERS AND KILLED AS ALLEGED IN THE PRESS CLIPPINGS. [REDACTED] DID ACKNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF OTHER DISAPPEARANCES IN SAN MARTIN ROUGHLY AT THE SAME TIME. SUBSEQUENTLY THE BODIES OF SEVERAL OF THE DISAPPEARED PERSONS WERE RECOVERED, BUT IN NO CASE COULD IT BE DETERMINED IF THEY HAD BEEN THROWN FROM A HELICOPTER.) IN ADDITION, LIMA LABOR CONTACTS POLLED SHORTLY AFTER REPORTS OF THE INCIDENT FIRST

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APPEARED IN THE PRESS ALSO EXPRESSED SCEPTICISM. AUTO-DISAPPEARANCES ARE A NOT UNCOMMON TACTIC AMONG PERUVIAN LABOR ACTIVISTS WHEN MORE TRADITIONAL METHODS FAIL TO STIR UP SUFFICIENT PRESS COVERAGE.

8. HOPE THIS INFORMATION IS HELPFUL. HAMILTON

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