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JARAMA AND MORI

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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. THERE IS PALPABLE DISSATISFACTION AND  
CONCERN WITHIN ARMY WITH REGARD TO SEPTEMBER 17  
REMOVALS OF GENERALS JARAMA AND MORI. TO LARGE  
EXTENT, ARMY ATTENTION IS NOW DIRECTED INWARD AND  
FOCUSED ON INSTITUTION'S RESPONSE TO HUMAN RIGHTS-  
RELATED SITUATION IN WHICH IT FINDS ITSELF. HOWEVER,  
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ARMY IS ALSO APPREHENSIVE ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT

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GARCIA ADMINISTRATION MAY PURSUE OR PERMIT A "WITCH HUNT" AGAINST ARMY HUMAN RIGHTS OFFENDERS, OR THOSE IN CHAIN OF COMMAND, DURING PAST SEVERAL YEARS. END SUMMARY.

3. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH ARMY OFFICERS SEPTEMBER 18, WE HAVE PIECED TOGETHER FOLLOWING SKETCH OF EVENTS SURROUNDING REMOVAL OF GENERALS JARAMA AND MORI PREVIOUS DAY (REFTTEL), AND INITIAL REACTION WITHIN ARMY TO SITUATION.

4. JARAMA APPARENTLY WAS NOT AWARE WHEN HE TESTIFIED BEFORE SENATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 17 THAT IT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT AN ARMY PATROL COMMANDER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASSAC CIVILIANS AT ACCOMARCA ON AUGUST 14. THIS INFORMATION WAS, HOWEVER, AVAILABLE IN JARAMA'S 2ND MILITARY REGION HEADQUARTERS A FEW HOURS BEFORE HE TESTIFIED. FOR REASONS WHICH REMAIN UNCLEAR, A DECISION WAS TAKEN BY OFFICIALS SUBORDINATE TO JARAMA TO WITHHOLD THIS INFORMATION FROM HIM.

5. IN AFTERMATH OF TESTIMONY AND REVELATION OF ROLE OF ARMY PATROL AT ACCOMARCA, PRESIDENT GARCIA CALLED A MEETING OF NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL. JARAMA AND MORI, WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, WERE ORDERED TO ATTEND. GARCIA REPORTEDLY MADE REMARKS TO COUNCIL SHARPLY CRITICAL OF ARMY'S HANDLING OF ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORT, AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE HUMAN RIGHTS EXCESSES COMMITTED. AT CONCLUSION OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, NEITHER WAR MINISTER (GENERAL) FLORES NOR COMMANDING GENERAL RUIZ ROSE TO DEFEND THE

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INSTITUTION. JARAMA THEREUPON TOOK THE FLOOR TO EXPLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IN EMERGENCY ZONE (EZ) AND TO DEFEND ARMY'S PERFORMANCE. HE PROCEEDED TO PLACE HIS COMMAND AT DISPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT AND OFFERED TO RETIRE FROM ARMY. EZ COMMANDER MORI FOLLOWED SUIT IN SIMILAR FASHION. NEITHER FLORES NOR RUIZ SPOKE UP. AFTER MEETING ADJOURNED, GARCIA DECIDED THAT BOTH JARAMA AND MORI SHOULD BE RELIEVED OF COMMANDS, BUT THAT JARAMA'S OFFER TO RETIRE SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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6. HANDLING OF SITUATION PROVOKED DISSATISFACTION AND CONCERN WITHIN ARMY. OFFICERS WITH WHOM WE SPOKE SEPTEMBER 18 TOOK POSITION THAT, IN CIRCUMSTANCES, RUIZ SHOULD HAVE RESIGNED IN SOLIDARITY WITH JARAMA AND MORI. WE UNDERSTAND RUIZ IS STILL UNDER PRESSURE FROM WITHIN THE INSTITUTION TO RESIGN AND TO ASSERT PUBLICLY THAT POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATROCITIES COMMITTED ULTIMATELY LIES WITH WAR MINISTER, NOT WITH INTERMEDIATE OFFICERS IN CHAIN OF COMMAND. SUCH A STATEMENT, MANY OFFICERS BELIEVE, WOULD SERVE TO SYMBOLIZE SOLIDARITY WITHIN INSTITUTION, AN EVENT APRA GOVERNMENT FROM ESCAPING RESPONSIBILITY ENTIRELY. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHAT RUIZ'S COUNTER-ARGUMENTS ARE, OR WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO.

7. ARMY IS ALSO NOW WORRIED ABOUT GOP'S FUTURE INTENTIONS. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE UNEASE ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT GARCIA ADMINISTRATION MAY, IN AFTERMATH OF PUCAYACU AND ACCOMARCA, SEEK TO PURSUE HUMAN RIGHTS-RELATED CASES WHICH AROSE DURING 1983 AND 1984. A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ARMY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN EZ IN PAST TWO-AND-A-HALF

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YEARS AND MAY, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, HAVE  
BEEN INVOLVED IN ANTI-SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS WHICH  
RESULTED IN CIVILIAN DEATHS. PERUVIANS ARE  
UNDOUBTEDLY WATCHING PRESS COVERAGE OF RELATED  
EVENTS IN ARGENTINA WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST.  
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