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2. SUMMARY: MRS. ROBLES, WIFE OF ASYLUM
REQUESTOR GEN. ROBLES, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE
AT ABOUT 1400 MAY 6. ACCORDING TO A JOURNALIST,
THE TONE WAS EMOTIONAL. SHE ACCUSED THE ARMY
AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OF MURDER AND OF
SEEKING TO FORCE HER HUSBAND'S SILENCE THROUGH
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THREATS TO TWO ACTIVE-DUTY ARMY SONS. SHE SAID HER HUSBAND HAD REQUESTED ASYLUM AT AN EMBASSY, BUT DID NOT SAY WHICH. SHE CONCLUDED WITH AN APPEAL TO ANTI-ARMY LEADERSHIP FORCES. AFTERWARDS, SHE GAVE A JOURNALIST THE FULL STORY ON THE ASYLUM REQUEST ON BACKGROUND. THE PRESS CONFERENCE VIOLATED UNDERSTANDING ROBLES FAMILY WOULD KEEP QUIET. IT ADDS A VERY UNHELPFUL, PROVOCATIVE, EMOTIONAL ELEMENT TO WHAT WAS ALREADY A MAJOR DILEMMA FOR THE GOP. FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE, MRS. ROBLES CAME TO EMBASSY TO REJOIN HER HUSBAND; EMBASSY REFUSED HER ENTRY. JOURNALISTS WITNESSED MRS. ROBLES ENTER THE EMBASSY, AND ARE RUNNING THE STORY THAT GEN. ROBLES AND HIS TWO SONS ARE IN THE U.S. EMBASSY. END SUMMARY.

3. MRS. ROBLES, WIFE OF GEN. RODOLFO ROBLES, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT ABOUT 1400 ON MAY 6. ACCORDING TO A JOURNALIST WHO WAS PRESENT, MRS. ROBLES LAUNCHED A VITRIOLIC ATTACK ON THE ARMY

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LEADERSHIP AND THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN), CALLING THEM "ASSASSINS AND VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE POOR."

4. MRS. ROBLES SAID HER HUSBAND HAD "REBELLED" SINCE THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND HAD SOUGHT TO SILENCE HIM BY SENDING HIM TO WASHINGTON (AS DELEGATE TO THE INTERAMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD) WHILE KEEPING THEIR TWO ACTIVE-DUTY ARMY SONS IN PERU (THEY HAD TRIED TO RESIGN). SHE SAID THAT THE FAMILY HAD BEEN WARNED THAT IF GEN. ROBLES SPOKE OUT, ONE SON WOULD BE SENT TO AYACUCHO AND KILLED IN COMBAT, AND THE OTHER WOULD BE SENT TO THE UHV AND ARRESTED FOR DRUGS.

5. MRS. ROBLES INSISTED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS NOT DETAINED (COMMENT: EARLIER PRESS REPORTS SAID THAT ROBLES HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOLLOWING A FAILED COUP ATTEMPT). RATHER, HE HAD REQUESTED ASYLUM AT AN EMBASSY SHE WOULD NOT IDENTIFY. ASKED POINT BLANK IF IT WAS THE U.S. EMBASSY,

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SHE REFUSED TO COMMENT.

6. MRS. ROBLES ENDED BY THANKING "ALL OF THE GENERALS THAT HAD SUPPORTED HER HUSBAND," A COMMENT CALCULATED TO GIVE THE GOP ONE MORE SLAP.

7. FOLLOWING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, MRS. ROBLES CAME TO THE U.S. EMBASSY TO REJOIN HER HUSBAND. WHILE ENROUTE, SHE REPORTEDLY TOLD JOURNALIST

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ALBERTO KU KING THE ENTIRE STORY ON BACKGROUND. EMBASSY TOLD HER SHE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED BACK IN THE EMBASSY SINCE THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT SHE WAS IN DANGER. MRS. ROBLES WAS UPSET, BUT AGREED TO LEAVE.

8. JOURNALISTS WITNESSED MRS. ROBLES ENTER THE U.S. EMBASSY, AND ARE RUNNING THE STORY THAT GEN. ROBLES AND TWO SONS HAVE SOUGHT ASYLUM IN

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THE EMBASSY. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO ANSWER "NO
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9. COMMENT: MRS. ROBLES DELIBERATELY VIOLATED THE AGREEMENT THAT THE FAMILY, ESPECIALLY THOSE OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY, SHOULD KEEP ABSOLUTELY QUIET ABOUT THE ASYLUM REQUEST. POSSIBLY SHE ACTED ON INSTRUCTIONS OF HER HUSBAND; GENERALS' WIVES, HOWEVER, HAVE REPUTATIONS OF TAKING THE INITIATIVE. (THE SALINAS CASE MAY HAVE PROVIDED HER AN EXAMPLE.) WHEN SHE DEPARTED THE EMBASSY EARLY ON MAY 6 SHE AND GEN. ROBLES CLAIMED THAT SHE HAD A KIDNEY CONDITION WHICH REQUIRED TREATMENT.

10. WITH HER ATTACKS ON ARMY AND SIN LEADERS, AND PROMOTING REBELLION IN THE RANKS, MRS. ROBLES HAS ADDED A PROVOCATIVE AND EMOTIONAL ELEMENT TO WHAT WAS ALREADY A MAJOR DILEMMA FOR THE GOP.

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