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1. (U) SUMMARY: IN A WELL-ORCHESTRATED
 CAMPAIGN, GENERAL ROBLES' FORMER COLLEAGUES AND
 FRIENDS HAVE DENOUNCED HIM AND URGED HE BE
 EXPUNGED FROM THE ARMY'S ROLLS. MILITARY JUDGE
 GENERAL PICON SUGGESTED ROBLES CONSIDER SUICIDE
 TO ATONE FOR HIS "DISHONORABLE" ACTIONS. THE
 ANTI-ROBLES CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN MORE PERSONAL AND
 VEHEMENT THAN FOR ANY OTHER PERUVIAN EXILE IN
 THE LAST YEAR. END SUMMARY.

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GENERAL ROBLES SHOULD CONSIDER SUICIDE

2. (U) INTERVIEWED ON TELEVISION MAY 15, THE CHIEF JUDGE ON THE SUPREME MILITARY COURT, (AND ONE OF GENERAL ROBLES' TRUSTED FORMER FRIENDS), GENERAL JOSE PICON ALCALDE, SAID THAT HAD HE -- LIKE GENERAL ROBLES -- BEEN DECLARED UNWORTHY, DISHONORABLY RETIRED FROM THE RANKS, AND BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE ARMY, THEN HE WOULD FEEL SUCH DISGRACE AS TO CONSIDER SUICIDE HIS ONLY HONORABLE OPTION. (GENERAL ROBLES CLAIMS THAT HE APPROACHED GENERAL PICON IN CONFIDENCE WITH HIS CONCERNS ABOUT ARMY COMMANDER NICOLAS HERMOZA AND INTELLIGENCE ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS' INVOLVEMENT IN THE LA CANTUTA AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCES. RATHER THAN USE THIS INFORMATION AS A BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION, WHICH WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY AS A PRESIDING JUDGE, GENERAL PICON TOLD GENERAL HERMOZA ABOUT IT,

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PRODUCING ROBLES' PRECIPITATE REASSIGNMENT AND DEATH THREATS TO HIS FAMILY.)

3. (U) IN HIS COMMENTS GENERAL PICON ACCUSED GENERAL ROBLES OF:

-- BEING A TRAITOR TO HIS COUNTRY AND DISLOYAL TO THE INSTITUTION AND TO HIS FRIENDS AND COMRADES-IN-ARMS.

-- HAVING AN OBSESSION WITH BECOMING ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL.

-- BEING MENTALLY DISTURBED.

4. (U) THE ARMY JUDGE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL WOULD NOT PURSUE AN INVESTIGATION OF GENERAL ROBLES' ACCUSATIONS UNLESS HE BACKED THEM UP WITH MORE DETAILED PROOF. GENERAL PICON WONDERED RHETORICALLY IF GENERAL ROBLES HAD HIMSELF PREPARED HIS ACCUSATIONS OR IF HE HAD SIMPLY SIGNED A

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A COWARD, A LIAR AND A DISGRACE

5. (U) GENERAL PICON'S DRAMATIC SUGGESTION
FOLLOWS A WEEK OF INCREASINGLY PERSONAL ATTACKS
AGAINST GENERAL ROBLES. ON MAY 8, ARMY
COMMANDER GENERAL NICOLAS HERMOZA RIOS DENOUNCED

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HIS FORMER COLLEAGUE AS A LIAR, A COWARD, AND A
DISGRACE TO HIS UNIFORM. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS
DURING AN OSPECTION TRIP OUTSIDE LIMA, GENERAL
HERMOZA ACCUSED GENERAL ROBLES OF COWARDICE IN
USING HIS WIFE AND SONS FOR HIS "DISGRACEFUL
ACTIONS." HE CALLED GENERAL ROBLES' DISMISSAL
FROM THE ARMY JUSTIFIED AND A GOOD EXAMPLE,
SAYING THAT GENERAL ROBLES HAD DONE "TERRIBLE
DAMAGE" TO THE INSTITUTION OF THE ARMY.

6. (U) GENERAL HERMOZA CALLED GENERAL ROBLES'
CHARGES THAT GENERAL HERMOZA HAD PLANNED TO
TRANSFER HIS SONS TO COMBAT ZONES AND ARRANGE
THEIR DEATHS OR ENTRAP THEM ON DRUG CHARGES A

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LIE. HE ALSO ACCUSED GENERAL ROBLES OF LACKING INTEGRITY. BEFORE GENERAL ROBLES SIGNED THE APRIL 21 STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR HIM, SAID GENERAL HERMOZA, ROBLES WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO WALK UP AND PERSONALLY ASSURE HIM OF HIS BACKING AND LOYALTY.

COLLEAGUES CALL FOR ROBLES' NAME TO BE EXPUNGED

7. (U) THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 10, 53 OF GENERAL ROBLES FELLOW GENERALS SIGNED A STATEMENT CALLING FOR GENERAL ROBLES' TO BE EXPELLED FROM THE ARMY AND FOR HIS NAME TO BE EXPUNGED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE CLASSES OF ARMY OFFICERS. THE GENERALS, WHO SAID THAT THEY HAD DECIDED TO MEET "FREELY AND SPONTANEOUSLY" SAID THAT BY HIS CRIMES AND COWARDICE GENERAL ROBLES HAD MADE HIMSELF UNWORTHY TO WEAR THE UNIFORM OF AN ARMY OFFICER AND THE DECORATIONS HE HAD BEEN AWARDED.

8. (U) THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE ARMY'S CHIEF OF STAFF, LT. GENERAL ROBERTO SALDANA

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VASQUEZ. HE RECITED A LIST OF GENERAL ROBLES' ACTIONS TO HIS COLLEAGUES, NOTING THAT THE GENERAL CONTINUED TO DEFAME THE ARMY FROM HIS SELF-EXILE IN ARGENTINA. THIS WAS REPORTEDLY FOLLOWED BY THE SHOWING OF A VIDEOTAPE OF MRS. ROBLES' PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE SHE READ HER HUSBAND'S STATEMENT ACCUSING ARMY COMMANDER

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HERMOZA AND INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS OF DIRECTING KIDNAPPINGS AND MURDERS. FOLLOWING THIS, OTHER GENERALS IN THE AUDIENCE ALSO TOOK THE FLOOR TO DENOUNCE GENERAL ROBLES. AFTER THESE SPONTANEOUS EXPRESSIONS OF DISGUST WITH THEIR FORMER COLLEAGUE, THE GENERALS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE RESOLUTION AGAINST GENERAL ROBLES.

9. (U) LOWER RANKING ARMY FUNCTIONARIES HAVE ALSO JOINED IN THE ATTACKS. A COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED MAY 12 SAID THAT "SUPERVISORS, TECHNICIANS, AND WARRANT OFFICERS" UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED GENERAL ROBLES'S IGNOBLE AND INSULTING ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ARMY COMMANDER HERMOZA .

ROBLES FROM EXILE EXPECTS TO RETURN AS A HERO

10. (U) INTERVIEWED FROM HIS SELF-EXILE IN BUENOS AIRES, GENERAL ROBLES TOLD REPORTERS MAY 14 HE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO PERU ONE DAY AS A HERO. THIS WOULD NOT OCCUR, HE SAID, WHILE GENERAL HERMOZA AND INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR MONTESINOS STILL WERE IN POWER, HOWEVER. HE WOULD WORK AS AN ENGINEER WHILE IN EXILE, ROBLES TOLD THE REPORTER.

11. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SMARTING FROM ROBLES' ACCUSATIONS OF HIGH LEVEL INVOLVEMENT IN EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS, THE ARMY LEADERSHIP IS

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 RESPONDING WITH ATTACKS ON ROBLES' CHARACTER.
 THE ARMY SENIOR COMMANDERS ARE PROBABLY CLOSING
 RANKS BEHIND GENERAL HERMOZA, BUT MOST OBSERVERS
 BELIEVE THAT TENSIONS WITHIN THE ARMY HAVE BEEN
 HEIGHTENED BY THE ROBLES CASE, ALTHOUGH THERE IS
 NO INDICATION THAT HIS ACCUSATIONS WILL SET OFF
 ANY BREAKDOWN OF DISCIPLINE. MOST OFFICERS
 SYMPATHIZE WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES WHO ARE ACCUSED
 OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE -- AND HAVE LITTLE
 SYMPATHY FOR THOSE WHO PUBLICLY CALL ATTENTION
 TO THIS PROBLEM. BRAYSHAW

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