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- (U) SUMMARY: A MAJOR LIMA NEWSWEEKLY CLAIMED  
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A SPECIAL ARMY/SIN GROUP CARRIED OUT THE NOV. 1991 BARRIOS ALTOS KILLINGS. THE ARTICLE, APPARENTLY BASED ON A SINGLE SOURCE, PURPORTS TO IMPLICATE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER MONTESINOS, DEFENSE MINISTER MALCA AND SEVERAL HIGH MILITARY OFFICIALS IN THE MASSACRE'S PLANNING. END SUMMARY.

- (U) THE PERUVIAN WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE "SI" PUBLISHED DECEMBER 7 AN ACCOUNT OF THE DETAILS BEHIND THE NOVEMBER 1991 BARRIOS ALTOS KILLINGS BY AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE CLAIMING TO BE AN

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INTELLIGENCE INSIDER. LIKE THE "INTELLIGENCE NOTE" THAT DISMISSED VICE PRESIDENT MAXIMO SAN ROMAN GAVE TO JOURNALISTS DECEMBER 1 (REFTEL), THE ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT THE MASSACRE WAS PLANNED BY HIGH-LEVEL GOP OFFICIALS, INCLUDING INTELLIGENCE CHIEF AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS AND DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL VICTOR MALCA VILLANUEVA. OTHER OFFICIALS NAMED IN THE ACCOUNT AS BEING INVOLVED IN THE DECISION MAKING ARE GENERAL JUAN RIVERO LAZO, CHIEF OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE; COMMANDANT FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ ZABALDESCOA, HEAD OF THE ARMY'S OPERATIVE INTELLIGENCE DETAIL; LT. COL. ROBERTO HUAMAN AZCURRA, ELECTRONICS CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN); AND LIAISON OFFICER MAJOR JULIO PEBES MONTOYA.

3. (U) THE ACCOUNT ASSERTS THAT THE KILLINGS WERE CARRIED OUT BY A SELECT GROUP OF EIGHT ARMY

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 INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVES UNDER THE IMMEDIATE DIRECTION OF THEN-CAPTAIN, NOW MAJOR MARTIN RIVAS. THE OPERATION WAS ALLEGEDLY ORDERED AFTER ANOTHER INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVE HAD SUPPOSEDLY INFILTRATED A SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) CELL IN THE BARRIOS ALTOS NEIGHBORHOOD AND HAD PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT A SL MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE AT A SPECIFIC ADDRESS THERE. THE SOURCE CLAIMS THAT THE DEATH SQUAD HAD NEVER INTENDED TO KILL THOSE NOT INVOLVED IN THE INSURGENT GROUP (SUCH AS AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY), BUT THAT IT HAD BEEN UNAVOIDABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. THE ACCOUNT CONCLUDED BY QUOTING THE SOURCE: "IN THE ARMY NO ONE DOUBTS THAT THIS KILLING WAS APPROVED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS."

4. (C) COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND ANONYMOUS ACCUSATION (SAN ROMAN'S "INTELLIGENCE NOTE" BEING THE FIRST) THAT PURPORTS TO IMPLICATE MONTESINOS AND MALCA IN THE KILLINGS (IN FACT, THE "SI" ARTICLE SEEMS TO BE BASED ON THE "INTELLIGENCE NOTE" DESPITE ITS CLAIMS TO BE AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT). WITH NO ONE IN THE GOP INVESTIGATING THE BARRIOS ALTOS INCIDENT, THE ACCUSATIONS REMAIN PLAUSIBLE BUT UNCONFIRMED.

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AS NOTED IN SEPTTEL, HOWEVER, A MID-~~GRADE-OFFICER~~  
TOLD US HE HAD ALLEGEDLY CONFIRMED THE ARMY'S  
ROLE THROUGH SOMEONE HE CLAIMED BELONGED TO THE  
SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP.  
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