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SUMMARY: Call on covered topics of mutual interest. The threat to Americans will continue as the RP president's trip to U.S. nears. December talks on the bases do not equate to the beginning of base negotiations.

TEXT: 1. During a one-and-a-half-hour discussion, talks in depth about the CFP/NPA, the threat to Americans, the base negotiations, the strength and weaknesses of the AIP, the multilateral assistance initiative, and the security balance in the Pacific region. Most of basic views have been previously reported. However, three points: threats to Americans, their families, and bases retention are significant at this time.

2. Immediate threat to Americans.
EXPECTS ANOTHER HIT ON U.S. PERSONNEL IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, PERHAPS AN INCIDENT COINCIDING WITH PRESIDENT AQUINO'S PLANNED TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO GET HER TO CHANGE HER PLANS FOR THE TRIP OR TO CREATE A MAJOR EMBARRASSMENT FOR HER WHEN SHE ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID IT WAS CLEARLY THE GOAL OF THE OPP/ICA TO CREATE THAT KIND OF TROUBLE FOR THE PRESIDENT. AS A RESULT OF THE 26 SEP 89 KILLING OF TWO AMERICANS NEAR CAPAGUS, HE FEELS THAT THE TARGET AUDIENCE FOR POSSIBLE NPA HITS HAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE LOWER RANKING MILITARY PERSONNEL. IN ADDITION, HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE PRIMARY TARGET ON 26 SEP 89 WAS THE COMMANDER OF CAMP O'DONNELL, WHO WAS PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED DURING A CHANCE CONVERSATION WHICH WAS CARRIED IN THE LOCAL MEDIA. ANY SUGGESTION OF THE GOAL OF THE OP/ICA WAS THAT THE KILLING WOULD BE CONNECTED TO THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT AQUINO. AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES CONSIDERS ANOTHER HIT ON AMERICANS IN THE NEAR FUTURE A CERTAINTY. AN INTERVIEW WITH MALACAÑANG REPORTERS, WHICH WAS INTERRUPTED BY TYPHOON SALLY, WAS TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. TO DATE, NO SUCH INTERVIEW HAS BEEN REPORTED IN ANY OF THE KANTA DAILIES.

3. COUNTERThreat to Families and Dependents. ASKED IT WAS POSSIBLE TO GET TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE ON HITS TO CREATE THAT KIND OF TROUBLE FOR THE PRESIDENT. AS A RESULT OF THE 26 SEP 89 KILLING OF TWO AMERICANS NEAR CAPAGUS, FEELS THAT THE TARGET AUDIENCE FOR POSSIBLE NPA HITS HAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE LOWER RANKING MILITARY PERSONNEL. IN ADDITION, HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE PRIMARY TARGET ON 26 SEP 89 WAS THE COMMANDER OF CAMP O'DONNELL, WHO WAS PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED DURING A CHANCE CONVERSATION WHICH WAS CARRIED IN THE LOCAL MEDIA. AN INTERVIEW WITH MALACAÑANG REPORTERS, WHICH WAS INTERRUPTED BY TYPHOON SALLY, WAS TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. TO DATE, NO SUCH INTERVIEW HAS BEEN REPORTED IN ANY OF THE KANTA DAILIES.

4. Summary - December Base Talks. THIS WAS AN INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE -- THE FIRST OF SUBSTANCE. THE WATERFRONT AND MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION WAS ONE-SIDED AND TUTORIAL, BUT THE COMMENTS ON THREATS TO AMERICANS AND THE BASES WERE MADE SPECIFICALLY TO CAUTIOUS CONSIDER ANOTHER HIT ON AMERICANS IN THE NEAR FUTURE A CERTAINTY. ALSO, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT ENTERING ACTUAL BASE RENEGOTIATIONS IS NOT A FORECLOSED CONCLUSION.
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