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**THREATS TO AMERICANS**

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SUMMARY: OUTLINED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN NATIONAL STRIKE THE DAY BEFORE IT HAPPENED. THREAT TO AMERICANS ALSO COVERED. AMPLIFIED NPA INVOLVEMENT IN STRIKE AND EMPHASIZES THAT THE THREAT TO AMERICANS WILL CONTINUE.

TEXT: 1. DATED 23 OCT 90, A DOCUMENT TITLED "ASSESSMENT OF THE PLANNED NATIONWIDE STRIKE." THE NATIONWIDE STRIKE OR "WELGA NG BAYAN" IN FILIPINO, BEGAN ON 24 OCT 90. THE DOCUMENT IS DIVIDED INTO SIX SECTIONS: EXPECTED SCENARIO, BACKGROUND, CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, DETAILS OF THE WEARA NO BARAN MONITORED PLANS RE 24 OCT 90 WELGA NG BAYAN, AND ASSESSMENT. SEVERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST ARE DISCUSSED BELOW.

2. FIRST, SECTION 4 CONTAINS A SUBSECTION THAT DISCUSSES THE NATURE OF PROBABLE PARTICIPATION IN THE STRIKE BY THE NPA'S ALEX BOCAYO BRIGADE (ABB). THE FINAL SENTENCE OF THIS SUBSECTION MENTIONS AMERICANS, AND SAYS, "AN AMERICAN WILL ALSO BE KIDNAPPED AND KILLED AND THEN DUMPED IN FRONT OF THE U.S. EMBASSY."

3. SECOND, THE DOCUMENT STATES THAT THE REFORM THE ARMY FORCES/SOLDIERS FOR THE FILIPINO PEOPLE/YOUNG OFFICERS UNION (RSP/SFP/YOU) HAS INITIATED A TACTICAL ALLIANCE WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES (CPP/NPA) AND OTHER ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES. SPECIFICALLY, THE DOCUMENT STATES THAT, "ALTHOUGH IT WILL NOT DIRECTLY PARTICIPATE IN THE WELGA NG BAYAN, YOU REPORTEDLY PROVIDED EXPLOSIVES TO THE ABB." THE DOCUMENT CLAIMS THAT A RELIABLE SOURCE HAS REPORTED A FORMAL LINK BETWEEN YOU AND ABB HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR SYNCHRONIZATION OF MILITARY OPERATIONS, PARTICULARLY BOMBINGS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. THIS TIE-UP, HOWEVER, DOES NOT INCLUDE A FORMAL COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER. REPORTEDLY, TWO SPECIFIC ITEMS OF AGREEMENT ARE THAT NO PERMANENT DAMAGE WILL BE INFlicted IN TARGETS, AND THERE MUST BE NO CIVILIAN CASUALTIES DURING EXPLOSIONS.

4. THIRD, THE BULK OF THE DOCUMENT CONSISTS OF A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE ORIGINS AND LIKELY COURSE OF THE STRIKE. IT PREDICTS THAT THE ABB WILL PLAY A ROLE IN FOMENTING VIOLENCE DURING THE STRIKE. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ABB TEAMS WILL BE DEPLOYED IN STRATEGIC AREAS TO CONFISCATE BUSES TO USE
AS BARRICADES, AND TO UNDERTAKE MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS. THE DOCUMENT ALSO TAKES NOTE OF THE THREE FIUFB THAT WERE SEIZED AND BURNED BY THE ABB SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE STRIKE ON 21 OCT 90.

5. SAID THAT 300 NPA SOLDIERS HAD BEEN IMPORTED BY THE ABB FROM SOUTHERN TAGALOG, LEYTE AND SAMAR. THEIR MISSION WAS TO CAUSE AS MANY TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS (WITH BUSES) AS POSSIBLE. THESE IMPORTED TROOPS WOULD ONLY BE USED THAT WAY AS THEY HAD NO ASSASSINATION TRAINING. ALL THE ABB IS COMBATING THIS BY PUTTING MEN IN UNIFORM WITH RIFLES ON ALL BUSES. SELECTED ROUTES ALSO HAVE PLAIN CLOTHES PC ARMED WITH SIDE ARMS. THIS ACTION WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS THE NPA IS A THREAT.

WHEN ASKED HOW LONG THAT MIGHT BE, HE SAID THE NPA OFFENSIVE WILL BE OVER, POSSIBLY THE WEEK OF 29 OCT 90. HE SAID THAT OFFENSIVES COST MONEY AND THE NPA DOESN'T HAVE THAT MUCH. JUST FEEDING AND HOUSING THE 300 EXTRA TROOPS IS DEEPLY ONGREAT.


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