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SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES A ROSTER OF ALL PERUVIAN ARMY GENERAL OFFICERS WITH CURRENT DUTY POSITIONS. SOME HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED AND A FEW HAVE CHANGED POSITIONS SINCE THE ROSTER WAS PUBLISHED DUE TO VARYING CIRCUMSTANCES. ENCLOSURE.

TEXT: 1. (U) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION [redacted]

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NAME (LAST NAME/FIRST NAME), AND CURRENT POSITION ARE PROVIDED WHEREVER POSSIBLE. (b)(1),1.4 (c)

(b)(3):10 USC 424, THE SEQUENCE OF NAMES IS IN PROTOCOL ORDER OF MERIT OR SENIORITY.

2. ~~(G)~~ GENERALS OF THE ARMY (GEN), OR IN SPANISH "GENERALES DE EJERCITO" (U.S. FOUR-STAR EQUIVALENT)-- NAME-LAST NAMES, FIRST NAME; (YEAR GROUP); DUTY POSITION
-SAUCEDO SANCHEZ, CESAR (65), MINISTER OF DEFENSE (MOD)
-HERMOZA RIOS, NICOLAS DE BARI (58), PRESIDENT JOINT COMMAND AND COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY

3. ~~(S/NF)~~ LIEUTENANT GENERALS (LTG), OR IN SPANISH "GENERALES DE DIVISION" (U.S. THREE-STAR EQUIVALENT)--
-SALAZAR MONROE, JULIO (58), CHIEF OF **NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE**

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-GUEVARA GUERRA, GUIDO (65), PRESIDENT SUPREME COURT OF MILITARY JUSTICE

-MAYAUTE GHEZZI, LUIS (65), DEFENSE ATTACHE TO FRANCE

(b)(1),1.4 (c),1.4 (d)

-BERGAMINO CRUZ, CARLOS (65), CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SYSTEM

-RUEDA BENAVIDES, RONALD (64), ARMY DELEGATE TO THE INTERAMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD; PERUVIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS

-GONZALES ORREGO, SANTIAGO (64), MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE UNITED STATES

-CANO CANO, EDGAR (65), COMMANDING GENERAL-MILITARY REGION VI

-VILLANUEVA RUESTA, JOSE (66), MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

(b)(3):10 USC 424 LTG VILLANUEVA RUESTA HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO GEN HERMOZA, WHENEVER THAT OCCURS, POSSIBLY IN JULY 1998. VILLANUEVA IS SAID TO BE CLOSE TO HIS CLASSMATE, MONTESINOS.)

-RODRIGUEZ HUERTA, MARCO (65), ARMY DELEGATE AT THE INTERAMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD; PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS. LEFT HIS POST AS THE CG OF THE PERSONNEL

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COMMAND IN MID TOUR OF 1997 DUE TO UNFAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES (NFI).

-SALAZAR EYZAGUIRRE MARIO (65), ARMY DELEGATE AT THE INTERAMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD; PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS

-AGUIRRE MARTINEZ, MIGUEL (64), INSPECTOR GENERAL AND COMMANDING GENERAL ARMY PERSONNEL COMMAND (COPERE)

-DIAZ ARAUJO, LUIS (64), CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES

-DELGADO DE LA PAZ, LUIS (66), COMMANDING GENERAL-MILITARY REGION (MR) I

-MARKY MONTERO, TOMAS (65), COMMANDING GENERAL-MILITARY REGION III. PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE CG TO MILITARY REGION IV, CHIEF OF STAFF TO CG OF THE MILITARY REGION II, AND SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION COMMANDER IN AYACUCHO.

-BORNAZ SAAVEDRA, EDUARDO (67), COMMANDING GENERAL-ARMY LOGISTICS COMMAND (COLOGE). PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE CG OF THE NINTH ARMOR DIVISION IN MILITARY REGION I FOR TWO YEARS, AND AS THE DIRECTOR OF PLANS AND OPERATIONS ON ARMY STAFF.

-SUAREZ DE FREITAS LA TORRE R.(64), ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF

-CORREA FALEN, PABLO (66), COMMANDING GENERAL-MR II

(b)(3):10 USC 424 ANOTHER MONTESINOS CLASSMATE. BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE STRATEGIC POSITION WHICH COMMANDS THE CAPITOL'S STRATEGIC RESERVE UNITS AT THE BEHEST OF

(b)(1),1.4 (c),1.4 (d) MONTESINOS.

MAN AND PROBABLY PROVIDES BALANCE AND OVERSIGHT FOR HERMOZA.)

4. (S/NF) MAJOR GENERALS (MG), OR IN SPANISH "GENERALES DE BRIGADA" (U.S. TWO-STAR EQUIVALENT)--

-DELGADO ARENA, LUIS (72), CHIEF OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNCIL-MOD

-VILLANUEVA VIDAL, OSCAR (67), CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION-MOD

-SALAZAR BONILLA, CARLOS (71), ASSIGNED MOD

-IGLESIAS CAMMINATI, LUIS (70), ASSIGNED MOD

-SILVA TEJADA, EDMUNDO (68), ASSIGNED MOD

-ALARCON CHAVEZ, FELIX (70), ASSIGNED MOD

-TAFUR GANOZA, CARLOS (67), ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL-MOD

-YANQUI CERVANTES, JUAN (68), J2 JOINT STAFF

SERVED AN UNPRECEDENTED THREE YEARS AS THE DIRECTOR OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE. WAS EXPECTED TO ASSUME

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THE THREE-STAR BILLET OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND WERE IT TO HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN 1998.

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- SIALER FERREYRA, ROBERTO ARMY DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION
- MORA ZEVALLOS, DANIEL (67), CHIEF OF CIVIL AFFAIRS-JOINT STAFF. PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION FOR THE ARMY FROM 1995-97. ALSO DESIGNATED AS THE SENIOR PERUVIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MILITARY OBSERVER MISSION ECUADOR-PERU (MOMEPE) FOR THE SAME TIME PERIOD.
- DEL AGUILA HORNA, EDUARDO (70), CHIEF INFORMATION DIVISION-JOINT STAFF
- BACA DOIG, PEDRO (69), STARTED IN 1998 AS CHIEF OF OPERATIONS OF THE JOINT COMMAND BUT WAS MOVED TO BE CG OF THE 2D INFANTRY DIVISION IN AYACUCHO AFTER MG AGUILAR WAS QUIETLY RELIEVED AND MOVED TO BECOME CHIEF OF STAFF OF MILITARY REGION III.
- POW SANG SOTELO, HUGO (71), ASSIGNED SUPREME MILITARY COURT
- ARUJO CALDERON, ROGER (75), ASSIGNED SUPREME MILITARY COURT
- TALLEDO VALDIVIESO, RAUL (77), ASSIGNED SUPREME MILITARY COURT
- VALENCIA BARRON, AMADOR (68), ASSIGNED SUPREME MILITARY COURT
- CONDEMARIN LUQUE, GUILLERMO (65), ASSIGNED SUPREME MILITARY COURT
- NURENA LEON, HOMERO (66), CHIEF CIVIL DEFENSE INSTITUTE
- WILLIAMS ZAPATA, JOSE (73), CHIEF OF THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (b)(3):10 USC 424 ONE OF THE COLONELS PROMOTED TO MG AS A RESULT OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE HOSTAGE RESCUE OPERATION CHAVIN DE HUANTAR IN 1997.)
- HERRERA ROSAS, JOSE (68), CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE
- INDACOCHEA BALLON, CARLOS (66), COMMANDING GENERAL TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE COINDE POSITION, ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THE U.S. ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND (TRADOC), IS NORMALLY GIVEN TO A SENIOR LTG WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE.

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- ZEVALLOS MALAGA, MARCELINO (64), CHIEF OF STAFF TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND
- HUERTA TORRES, JOSE (69), DIRECTOR COMMAND AND STAFF SCHOOL
- CALLE GIRON WILVER (67), DIRECTOR MILITARY SCHOOL-CHORRILLOS
- YEPES DEL CASTILLO JUAN (67), ARMY DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
- ALCOCER LARA, JULIO (67), DEPUTY ARMY INSPECTOR GENERAL
- ORTEGA LA JARA, EDUARDO (66), DIRECTOR OF PLANS AND OPERATIONS. PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS ONE OF THE FRONT COMMANDERS IN MILITARY REGION VI AND ON THE JOINT STAFF.
- PAZ YACTAYO, ANGEL (70), SECRETARY GENERAL-ARMY HEADQUARTERS
- D'ARRIGO HERNANDEZ, IGNACIO (64), ARMY DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS
- O'CONNOR LA ROSA, RAUL (70), CHIEF OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF INFORMATION; SENIOR PERUVIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO MOMEPE.
- MUNOZ WENDORFF, JORGE (67), CHIEF OF ARMY COMMUNICATIONS
- FERNANDEZ CACERES, AMERICO (67), CHIEF OF THE ARMY'S ECONOMICS OFFICE. THE TRUSTED MONEY MAN FOR GEN HERMOZA. HE HAS SERVED IN THIS SAME POSITION SINCE 1995.
- REBORDE PEREZ, VICTOR (64), DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL-ARMY PERSONNEL
- VOYSEST HORNA, ANTONIO (68), CHIEF OF ARMY PERSONNEL SERVICES
- KULJEVAN GARCIA, PEDRO (68), CHIEF OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION
- PITA MONTOYA, JUAN (64), ARMY PROVOST MARSHALL
- DA SILVA GAMARA, PAUL (76), CHIEF OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF PERSONNEL RIGHTS (b)(3):10 USC 424 ONE OF THE COLONELS PROMOTED TO MG AS A RESULT OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE CHAVIN DE HUANTAR OPERATION IN 1997.)
- BENAVIDES BENAVIDES, CARLOS (66), ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF OF RESERVES AND REPLACEMENTS
- HUERTAS RODRIGUEZ, JULIO C. (68), INSPECTOR ARMY LOGISTICS COMMAND
- ESTRADA JIMENEZ, MIGUEL (70), CHIEF OF THE ENGINEER SERVICE/BRANCH
- OLIVEROS PEREZ, ENRIQUE (68), CHIEF OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE

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SERVICE (SIE). SERVING IN THIS POSITION AS A MG WHICH HAD NORMALLY BEEN FILLED BY A COL. PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE SIE CHIEF FROM 1993-1995. STUDIED IN THE CAEN OR PERUVIAN WAR COLLEGE EQUIVALENT IN 1996. ASSIGNED TO THE TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND IN 1997 BUT THEN MOVED TO REASSUME HIS POST AT THE SIE WHEN COL SANCHEZ NORIEGA WAS RELIEVED FOR HIS REPORTED PARTICIPATION IN THE TORTURE OF A FEMALE ARMY INTELLIGENCE AGENT AT THE HANDS OF OTHER ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS. OLIVEROS WAS PROMOTED IN 1998 TO MG AND REMAINED IN THE POSITION.

-MOSCHELLA VASQUEZ JESUS (67), CHIEF OF SIGNAL SERVICES/BRANCH

-BERNEDO CHAVEZ PEDRO (67), CHIEF FINANCE SERVICE

-RODRIGUEZ CESTI ALDO (67), CHIEF ORDINANCE SERVICE

-LOPEZ MORANTE, EDUARDO (71), CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

-DAVILA LOPEZ, HONORATO (67), CHIEF OF HEALTH SERVICES

-CABRERA PINO, LEONEL (77), CHIEF OF VETERINARY SERVICES

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c)

-MUENTE SCHWARZ, LUIS (67), CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION-MOI

-MARZULLO CASTILLO, WALTER (70), CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

-TAFUR GANOZA, CARLOS (67), OFFICE OF PLANNING, MOD

-BUSTAMANTE REATEGUI, VICTOR (69), COMMANDING GENERAL ARMY AVIATION.

-VERA BETANCOURT, VICTOR (71), DIRECTOR OF ARMY PERSONNEL

-ARENAS GOMEZ-SANCHEZ, CARLOS (69), DIRECTOR ARMY INTELLIGENCE (b)(3):10 USC 424 SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND AS CG OF 8TH INFANTRY DIVISION PRIOR TO THIS POSTING.)

-ZEGARRA GUILLEN, JAIME (64), ARMY DELEGATE AT THE INTERAMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD; PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS

-SOLARI ANDRADE, AMADEO (67), DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL-MILITARY REGION I

-GRAHAM AYLLON, JOSE ANTONIO (70), INSPECTOR GENERAL MR I

-CARDENAS LECCA, GABRIEL (67), CHIEF OF STAFF MR I

-VILLENNA ARIAS, JOSE (69), CHIEF J2 MR I

-MONTROYA RODRIGUEZ, MARCIAL (67), COMMANDING GENERAL-1ST

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INFANTRY DIVISION

-VEGAS VIZARRAGA, LUIS (67), COMMANDING GENERAL-1ST

CAVALRY DIVISION

-OVIEDO MOTTA, GONZALO (67), COMMANDING GENERAL-3RD

ARMORED DIVISION

-CUBAS PORTAL, LUIS (69), COMMANDING GENERAL-7TH INFANTRY

DIVISION (b)(1),1.4 (c)

-HERRERA MONZON, LUIS (69), COMMANDING GENERAL-9TH

INFANTRY DIVISION

-VILLENNA PENARES, RIGOBERTO (67), COMMANDING GENERAL-32ND

INFANTRY DIVISION

-URIARTE MORA, LEOPOLDO (65), DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL-MR II

-CHIABRA LEON, ROBERTO (69), CHIEF OF STAFF MR II

(b)(3):10 USC 424

CONSIDERED ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE 1995 BORDER CONFLICT WITH ECUADOR. SERVED AS CHIEF OF OPERATIONS DURING THE CONFLICT IN 95. BELIEVED TO BE AN HERMOZA LOYALIST.

(b)(1),1.4 (c),1.4 (d)

-DE SOUZA FERREYRA, HUAPAYA J.(67), INSPECTOR MR II

-REJAS OLIVARES, RENZO (72) COMMANDING GENERAL -1ST

SPECIAL FORCES DIVISION. (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c)

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REJAS WAS THE ONLY OFFICER PROMOTED TO GENERAL IN JAN 98 BEFORE HIS YG WAS ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTION. HAS A PRIVATE PILOT'S LICENSE. PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMANDO SCHOOL. TRAVELED FREQUENTLY ABROAD TO SOUTH AFRICA, ASIA, AND THE U.S. TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE MILITARY.)

-AGUILAR DIAZ, HERBERT (70), STARTED IN 1998 AS COMMANDING GENERAL-2ND INFANTRY DIVISION BUT WAS CHANGED TO BECOME THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF MR III.

(b)(1),1.4 (c),1.4 (d)

-ESPINOZA FLORES, CARLOS (68), COMMANDING GENERAL-8TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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- ROMAN FERNANDEZ, ADRIAN (67), COMMANDING GENERAL-18TH ARMORED DIVISION. IN HIS THIRD YEAR AS CG OF THIS STRATEGIC UNIT. PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE HEAD OF OPERATIONS FOR THE EXTERNAL FRONT OF THE JOINT COMMAND.
- LIRA TORRES, JUAN (69), COMMANDING GENERAL-31ST INFANTRY DIVISION
- CANO ANGULO, ABRAHAM (66), CHIEF OF STAFF MR III
- ALBARRACIN TORRES, LUIS (70), CHIEF J2 MR III
- PALACIOS LINARES, VICENTE (68), INSPECTOR MR III
- CHACON MALAGA, WALTER (66), COMMANDING GENERAL-4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
- OLIVARI ARIAS VICTOR (69), COMMANDING GENERAL-6TH ARMORED DIVISION. PROMOTED TO MG IN 1997 AND THEN SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF ARMY TRAINING. PRIOR TO THAT HE SERVED AS PERU'S O-6 REPRESENTATIVE TO MOMEPI IN 1996.
- ESPINOZA DEL VALLE, ELIAS (67), COMMANDING GENERAL-MILITARY REGION IV. PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE TACNA DETACHMENT COMMANDER LOCATED NEAR THE BORDER WITH CHILE IN 1996-1997. ALSO SERVED AS THE CHIEF OF ARMY TRAINING IN 1995.
- RODRIGUEZ RIVEROS, ALFREDO (67), COMMANDING GENERAL-MILITARY REGION V
- VOYEST PORTOCARREO, LEONARDO (70), CHIEF OF STAFF MR V
- VALLEJO ZAPATA, HELI (66), DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL-MR V
- CATTER ASTETE, WALTER (71), INSPECTOR GENERAL MR V
- VARELA GAMARRA, MANUEL (69), DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL-MR VI. SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF PLANS AND OPERATIONS IN 1997.
- GOMEZ DE LA TORRE, OBALLE O. (70), CHIEF OF STAFF MR VI
- REYES TAVERA, ALFREDO (72), INSPECTOR MR VI
(b)(3):10 USC 424 -ONE OF THE COLONELS PROMOTED TO MG AS A RESULT OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE CHAVIN DE HUANTAR OPERATION IN 1997.)
- ELERA RAMIREZ, VICTOR (70), COMMANDING GENERAL-LEONCIO PRADO DETACHMENT
- CACHO VARGAS, JOSE (68), COMMANDING GENERAL-TACNA DETACHMENT
- DE VILLENA GALLARDO, FERNANDO(66), MILITARY ATTACHE-ISRAEL
- JAIME PATINO, AUGUSTO (67), MILITARY ATTACHE-CHINA. SERVED AS THE CG OF THE 1ST SPECIAL FORCES DIVISION IN 1997.
- CORRALES ARANIBAR, PERCY (66), MILITARY ATTACHE-UNITED

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-SOTERO NAVARRO, RICARDO (66), ASSIGNED NATIONAL DEFENSE SYSTEM

-RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ, ATILIO (64), ASSIGNED NATIONAL DEFENSE SYSTEM

-DIEZ BURGA, RAUL (64), ASSIGNED NATIONAL DEFENSE SYSTEM

-MERCADO ZEDANO, NAZARIO (65), MILITARY CHIEF-GOVERNMENT PALACE

-ERNAU ROJAS, JOSE (69), DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY HOSPITAL

-CHACON REANO, JUAN LUIS (71), DIRECTOR MEDICAL SERVICES-CENTRAL MILITARY HOSPITAL

-SANCHEZ MEZA, VICTOR (67), ASSIGNED TO MOI

-MONARD AVENDANO, LUIS (70), DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE-MOI

-ALVARDO CORNEJO, BALTAZAR (67), STUDENT, WAR COLLEGE-CAEM

-JAVE HUANGAL, WALTER (66), STUDENT WAR COLLEGE-CAEM

-ALATRISTA RODRIGUEZ, LUIS (72), STUDENT WAR COLLEGE-CAEN

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-BURGOS LEON, ROGER (66), STUDENT WAR COLLEGE-CAEN

-DIAZ CALDERON, EDMUNDO (72), STUDENT WAR COLLEGE-CAEN

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-ONE OF THE COLONELS PROMOTED TO MG AS A RESULT OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE CHAVIN DE HUANTAR OPERATION IN 1997.)

COMMENTS: 1. (C)

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-THERE IS NO EQUIVALENT RANK TO BRIGADIER GENERAL IN THE EP. A COLONEL IS PROMOTED DIRECTLY TO MAJOR GENERAL (GENERAL DE BRIGADA). ALL EP GENERAL OFFICERS SERVING IN HONORIFIC 4-STAR BILLETS RETIRE AS A 3-STAR GENERAL (GENERAL DE DIVISION).

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c)

3. (C) THESE ASSIGNMENTS WERE MADE IN THE MIST OF A REPORTEDLY SERIOUS RIFT BETWEEN GENERAL HERMOZA AND PRESIDENT ((FUJIMORI)) FUJIMORI. ADDITIONALLY, THE DE FACTO CHIEF OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, VLADIMIRO ((MONTESINOS)), UNDOUBTEDLY PLAYED A ROLE IN SELECTING OR ADVISING ON THE SELECTING OF OFFICERS FOR ASSIGNMENTS.

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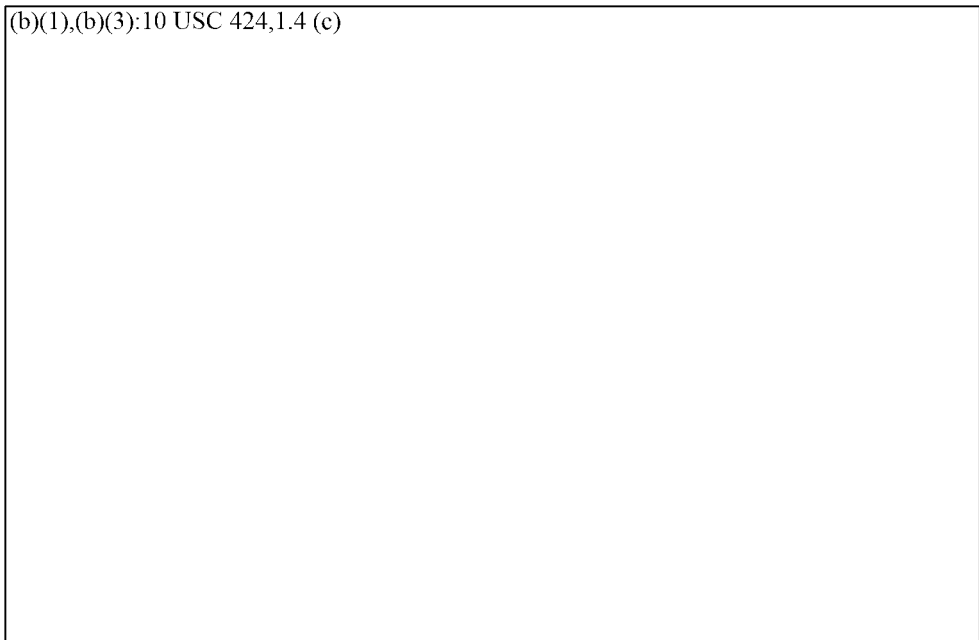
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IT IS UNCLEAR HOW IMPORTANT A ROLE HE PLAYED, BUT SEVERAL GENERALS CONSIDERED IN THE MONTESINOS CAMP WERE ASSIGNED TO INFLUENTIAL POSITIONS. WHILE SOME OF THE ASSIGNMENTS APPEAR TO BE BUSINESS AS USUAL, SOME ARE LESS PALATABLE TO OFFICERS WITH LESS POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL HIERARCHY. THE MONTESINOS "PICKS" WILL UNDOUBTEDLY EVOKE CRITICISM - ALBEIT PROBABLY SILENT - FROM THE MONTESINOS OPPONENTS. SOME ASSIGNMENTS WILL SERVE AS REWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICERS EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE, ESPECIALLY DURING THE EARLY 1995 PE-EC BORDER CONFLICT AND THE HOSTAGE RESCUE AT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCY. OTHER ASSIGNMENTS MAY BE USED AS A TOOL TO GET A TROUBLESOME OFFICER OUT OF THE WAY AND INTO A NON-CONTROVERSIAL POSITION OR TO POSSIBLY REWARD SOMEONE FOR HIS SILENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTION.

4. ~~(S)~~ AS IS USUAL DURING THIS PART OF THE YEAR, RUMORS HAVE BEGUN TO CIRCULATE THAT GENERAL HERMOZA WILL RETIRE IN JUL 98. THIS RUMOR APPEARS TO BE VERY STRONG THIS YEAR, AND IF AN AGREEMENT IS SIGNED WITH ECUADOR THIS COULD BE A GOOD POSSIBILITY. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT HERMOZA WOULD BE MORE WILLING TO BE REPLACED AFTER THE BORDER ISSUE IS SETTLED.

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c)



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