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SUBJ: US DETENTION OF FORMER PERUVIAN ARMY MAJOR AND CONVICTED TORTURER RICARDO ((ANDERSON)) KOHATSU OPENS OLD WOUNDS (CORRECTED REPORT) (U)

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SUMMARY: (C) THE MID-MARCH 2000 DETAINMENT OF FORMER PERUVIAN ARMY MAJOR AND CONVICTED TORTURER RICARDO ((ANDERSON)) KOHATSU IN THE UNITED STATES HAS CAUSED A STIR WITHIN THE PERUVIAN MILITARY COMMUNITY. (b)(1),1.4 (c) EVIDENCE THAT

ANDERSON WAS SANCTIONED IN 1995 FOR ABUSE OF AUTHORITY.

TEXT: 1. (C) BASED ON THE MID MARCH 2000 DETAINMENT FOR QUESTIONING OF RICARDO ((ANDERSON)) KOHATSU IN THE US AND SUBSEQUENT REPORTING IN THE PERUVIAN MEDIA, (b)(1),1.4 (c)

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INSPECTOR GENERAL'S INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST FORMER PERUVIAN ARMY (EP) MAJOR RICARDO ((ANDERSON)) KOHATSU IN 1995. THE REPORT STATES THAT ANDERSON WAS CHARGED WITH LYING AND ABUSE OF AUTHORITY. THE ABUSE OF AUTHORITY IS DEFINED AS THE PHYSICAL AND VERBAL ASSAULT OF EP INTELLIGENCE AGENT (AIE) SUBOFICIAL LUISA ((ZANATTA)) MUEDAS.

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2. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) MAJOR ANDERSON WAS SENTENCED TO SIX (6) DAYS OF HOUSE ARREST FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- EMPLOYING HIS SERVICE SIDEARM TO FORCE HIS WAY INTO THE HOUSE OF SO3 LUISA ((ZANATTA)) MUEDAS AND LATER SURRENDERING THE WEAPON TO A CIVILIAN ELEMENT (NFI)
- CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO MILITARY DECORUM WHICH RESULTED IN CHARGES BEING FILED AGAINST HIM WITH THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) FOR ASSAULT AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY
- SHOWING A LACK OF ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY FOR HAVING MAINTAINED AN EMOTIONAL/ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH A FEMALE INTELLIGENCE AGENT WHO WAS HIS SUBORDINATE AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY LYING ABOUT IT IN A STATEMENT TO THE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE.

3. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) IN JUL 95 MAJOR ANDERSON WAS PUNISHED FOR VIOLATING ARTICLES 180 (2) AND 299 OF THE CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE. IN ADDITION TO THE 6 DAYS OF HOUSE ARREST MAJOR ANDERSON WAS ALSO REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION AS THE ARMY'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE) CHIEF OF THE ELECTRONICS DEPARTMENT (SIE 4-A) AND MOVED TO ANOTHER POSITION WHERE HE WOULD HAVE MINIMUM CONTACT WITH FEMALE AGENTS. MAJOR ANDERSON WAS ALSO ORDERED TO UNDERGO A MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAM AT THE EP'S MILITARY HOSPITAL TO CONFIRM WHETHER HE WAS SUFFERING FROM ANY MENTAL ILLNESS.

4. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) IN ADDITION TO THEIR WORK RELATIONSHIP, ZANATTA AND ANDERSON REPORTEDLY DID ENGAGE IN A ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP. AFTER THE 1995 INCIDENT ANDERSON WAS TRANSFERRED TO COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AFTER ZANATTA'S FILED THE CHARGES WITH THE PNP AND COMPLAINED TO HER SUPERIORS THAT HE WAS PHYSICALLY ABUSING HER.

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5. ~~(S)~~ SO3 ZANATTA RESURFACED IN MARCH 1998 AS THE WHISTLE BLOWER IN THE 1998 SCANDAL OVER THE EP INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY'S INVOLVEMENT IN NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES. ZANATTA REPORTED THAT THE GRUPO COLINA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SIE AGENT MARIELA ((BARRETO))'S DEATH AND ALSO SIE AGENT LEONOR ((LA ROSA))'S TORTURE. SHE ALSO ALLEGED THAT THE SIE TARGETED OPPOSITION LEADERS USING ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE (PHONE TAPS) AND THAT THE SIN SPONSORED ELECTION FRAUD IN THE 1995 ELECTIONS.

(b)(1),1.4 (c) [REDACTED] ((b)(3):10 USC 424) BARRETO WAS A SIE AGENT WHO WAS FOUND DECAPITATED AND DISMEMBERED IN EARLY 1997. ACCUSATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN PROVEN OR REFUTED THAT SHE WAS TORTURED TO DEATH AND DISMEMBERED BY SIE AGENTS (GRUPO COLINA MEMBERS) ATTEMPTING TO GET INFORMATION FROM HER CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF DETAILS OF "GRUPO COLINA" ACTIVITIES. GRUPO COLINA WAS A SIE GROUP THAT CARRIED OUT PARA-MILITARY OPERATIONS THE GROUP FELT WERE BENEFICIAL TO GOVERNMENT GOALS. THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE GROUP WAS EITHER SANCTIONED OR SEMI-SANCTIONED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE JOINT STAFF AND COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY, GENERAL NICOLAS DE BARI ((HERMOZA)) RIOS. THIS GROUP GREW FROM EP ACTIVITIES AGAINST SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISTS AND IS REPORTEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES OF BOTH TERRORISTS AND NON-TERRORISTS, INCLUDING ITS OWN MEMBERS.

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6. ~~(S)~~ MAJOR ANDERSON LATER WAS ASSIGNED AS THE CHIEF OF THE SECURITY SECTION OF THE SIE'S DEPARTMENT OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE (SIE-2). HE RESURFACED IN 1996 WHEN HE WAS ACCUSED BY A SIE INTELLIGENCE AGENT, SUBOFICIAL LEONOR ((LA ROSA)) BUSTAMANTE, OF TORTURE. IN 1997 HE WAS SENTENCED BY A MILITARY COURT TO EIGHT (8) YEARS IN JAIL ALONG WITH COLONEL CARLOS ((SANCHEZ)) NORIEGA, LTC JOSE ((SALINAS)) ZUZUNAGA AND MAJOR PERCY ((SALCEDO)) SANDOVAL. ALL FOUR WERE FOUND GUILTY OF ABUSE, DISOBEDIENCE, NEGLIGENCE, AND ABUSE OF AUTHORITY AS A RESULT OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE TORTURE OF AGENT LA ROSA. AFTER SERVING EIGHT (8) MONTHS OF HIS SENTENCE ANDERSON WAS RELEASED AFTER HIS CONVICTION WAS OVERTURNED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF MILITARY

JUSTICE. (b)(1),1.4 (c) ANDERSON RETURNED TO MILITARY DUTY AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE EP'S MOBILIZATION AND PERSONNEL COMMAND UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1998.

COMMENTS: 1. (S) (b)(3):10 USC 424 A COMMON THREAD IN THE BOTH THE ZANATTA AND LA ROSA CASES IS RICARDO ANDERSON. MAJOR ANDERSON WORKED IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE SIE WHICH WERE INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED AS SPECIAL OPERATIONS. THE FACT THAT HE WAS SENT FOR PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS IS AN INDICATOR THAT THERE WERE SOME DOUBTS ABOUT HIS MENTAL STABILITY.

2. (S) IN THE PAST THE SIE HAS EXPERIENCED PROBLEMS ELIMINATING FROM ITS SERVICE MEMBERS SUCH AS MAJOR ANDERSON DUE TO A FEAR THAT THEY WILL DIVULGE OR EXPOSE THE SIE'S CLANDESTINE PROGRAMS. THIS FEAR CONCERNS THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE NOT ONLY TO THE OFFICERS INVOLVED BUT ALSO TO THE ARMY AS AN INSTITUTION. INSTEAD OFFICERS SUCH AS MAJOR ANDERSON ARE USUALLY ACCOMMODATED AND RETIRED QUIETLY. ALTHOUGH MAJOR ANDERSON CONVICTION WAS OVERTURNED THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

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