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COUP ATTEMPTS AND BEYOND (U)

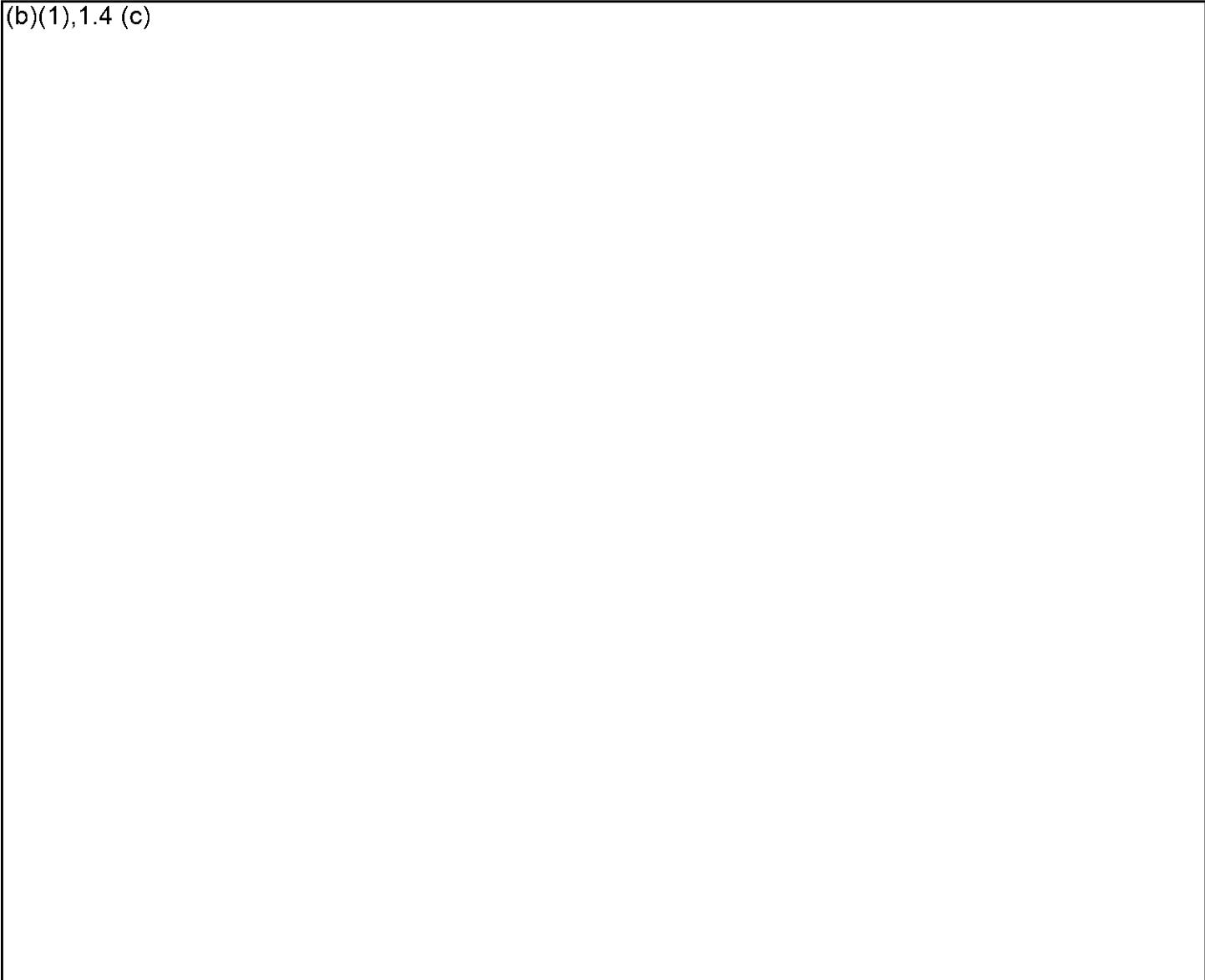
1. (U) KEY JUDGMENTS

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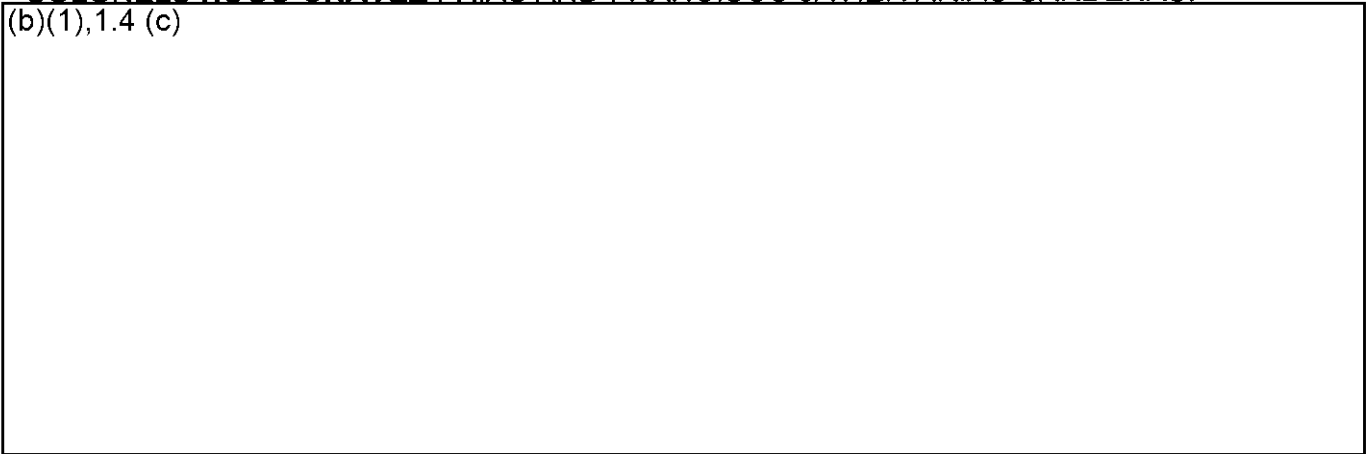
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3. (U) REBEL LEADERS

A. ~~(S)~~ THE FEBRUARY **COUP** ATTEMPT WAS LED BY ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONELS **HUGO CHAVEZ FRIAS** AND FRANCISCO JAVIER ARIAS CARDENAS.

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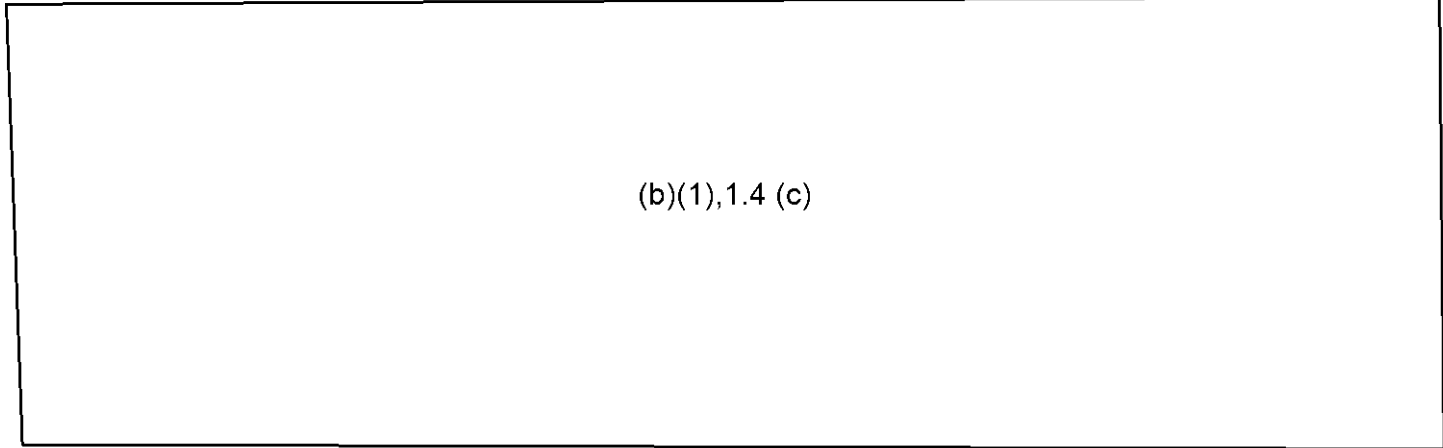
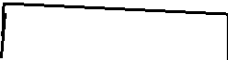
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C. (U) KEY **COUP** LEADERS

(1) ~~(S/NF)~~ LIEUTENANT COLONEL **HUGO CHAVEZ** FRIAS, ARMY:  
COLONEL CHAVEZ WAS THE ACKNOWLEDGED LEADER OF THE MBR REBELS



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C. ~~(S/NF)~~ A TAPED INTERVIEW WITH CHAVEZ

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THE INTERVIEW WAS NEVERTHELESS PRINTED VERBATIM IN NEWSPAPERS THROUGHOUT VENEZUELA. IN THE INTERVIEW, CHAVEZ BLAMED THE "RULING CLASS" FOR CONTINUING TO CLING TO ITS PRIVILEGES AND STUBBORNLY RESISTING NEEDED CHANGES. SPEAKING IN VAGUE LANGUAGE, CHAVEZ ALSO TALKED ABOUT A SYSTEM THAT HAD LOST ITS EQUILIBRIUM, STRUCTURE, AND CAPACITY TO REGULATE ITSELF IN RELATION TO EVENTS THAT AFFECT IT.

D. ~~(S/NF)~~ IN A COMMUNIQUE PROVIDED TO THE CARACAS MEDIA ON 28 NOVEMBER, LEADERS OF THE 27 NOVEMBER REBELLION STATED AS THEIR GOAL THE FULL RECOVERY OF DEMOCRACY AND THE UNYIELDING DECISION TO ERADICATE CORRUPTION FROM THE NATIONAL LIFE. THEY PUBLICLY JUSTIFIED THEIR ACTIONS BY CLAIMING THEY LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE A CORRUPT GOVERNMENT MISHANDLES PUBLIC FUNDS, A LACK OF JUSTICE EXISTS, AND POOR PEOPLE LIVE ON THE EDGE OF A "NIGHTMARE." THEY CONTINUED, STATING THE CORRUPT GOVERNMENT HAD DESTROYED EVERY ETHICAL NOTION OF HANDLING PUBLIC FUNDS, AND CURRENTLY THE BELIEF EXISTS THAT THE REAL STATE IS CORRUPT AND THAT THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT AND SOME POWERFUL ECONOMIC GROUPS ARE THE DIRECT BENEFICIARIES OF THAT MORAL COLLAPSE.

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