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SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF)~~ PERUVIAN ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL, PEDRO ((VILLANUEVA)) VALDIVIA WAS FIRED ON 17 DEC 91 AS A RESULT OF DISAGREEMENT ON WHO WOULD BE MANDATORILY RETIRED AT END OF 1991.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ ON 17 DEC 1991, THE COMMANDING

GENERAL OF THE PERUVIAN ARMY, PEDRO ((VILLANUEVA)) VALDIVIA, WAS RELIEVED OF COMMAND. THIS ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT RESULTED BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ON THE LIST OF OFFICERS TO BE MANDATORILY RETIRED AT THE END OF 1991. THE ARMY DELIVERED THE LIST TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ON OR BEFORE 13 DEC 91. DURING THE WEEKEND THAT FOLLOWED PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR, VLADIMIRO ((MONTESINOS)), REVIEWED THE LIST AND DISAGREED WITH MANY OF THE RETIREMENTS. VILLANUEVA AND MONTESINOS DISCUSSED THE LIST BUT DID NOT COME TO AN AGREEMENT. DURING THE MORNING OF 17 DEC MONTESINOS PERSONALLY VISITED THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, GENERAL VICTOR M. ((MALCA)) VILLANUEVA, AND ASKED MALCA TO SIGN THE PAPERS, WHICH HE DID, THAT WOULD RELIEVE VILLANUEVA OF COMMAND. THE ARMY EXPECTS THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WILL OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF LTG NICOLAS DE BARI ((HERMOZA)) RIOS TO BE THE NEW COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY ON 19 DEC 91. THE LIST OF OFFICERS TO BE RETIRED AT THE END OF 1991 HAS NOT YET BEEN RELEASED.

2. ~~(S/NF)~~ THIS DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN VILLANUEVA AND THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IS NOT THE FIRST THAT HAS OCCURRED DURING HIS TENURE AS COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY. IN AUG 91, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI INTENDED TO FIRE VILLANUEVA FROM HIS POST. ONCE GENERAL NICOLAS DE BARI ((HERMOZA)) RIOS, THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY, LEARNED OF THIS HE REQUESTED A PERSONAL MEETING

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WITH THE PRESIDENT. HE TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT HE WAS INFURIATED ABOUT THAT DECISION. FUJIMORI AT THAT TIME AGREED TO KEEP VILLANUEVA IN THE POSITION. LATER FUJIMORI WAS HEARD TO COMMENT THAT HE GREATLY RESPECTED HERMOZA AND HIS WILL TO STAND UP FOR VILLANUEVA.

3. ~~(S/NF)~~ ALTHOUGH VILLANUEVA HAS BEEN FIRED, THE PALACE'S INTENTION IS TO SEND HIM TO SPAIN ON A SPECIAL COMMISSION. HIS RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE TO TAKE CHARGE OF PERUVIAN INTERESTS IN THE MUTUAL TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES DONE WITH THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

4. ~~(S/NF)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) THE PERUVIAN ARMY'S PERSONNEL COMMAND (COPERE) RECENTLY CONVENED A BOARD TO CONSIDER OFFICERS WHO WILL BE INVITED TO RETIRE AT THE END OF 1991. THESE OFFICERS WERE TO BE OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF THIS ACTION BY MEMORANDUM ON 13 DEC. THE COPERE LIST INDICATED THAT FOUR "GENERALES DE DIVISION" (LTG - LIEUTENANT GENERALS) WOULD BE "INVITED TO RETIRE", THEY WERE-
LUIS ((PALOMINO)) RODRIGUEZ, YEAR GROUP 1959
JAIME ENRIQUE ((SALINAS)) SEDO, 1959
JORGE ((RABANAL)) PORTILLA, 1958
JOSE ((PASTOR)) VIVES, 1960

5. ~~(S/NF)~~ IN ADDITION OVER 20 "GENERALES DE BRIGADA" (MAJOR GENERALS) WOULD BE INVITED TO RETIRE, SOME OF THEM WERE TO BE-

- JORGE WASHINGTON ((ALTAMIRANO)) REYNAGA
- CARLOS JACINTO ((CHAMOCHUMBI)) MUNDACA
- MOISES IGNACIO ((BRACAMONTE)) BROUGET
- MAXIMO EFRAIN ((BRACAMONTE)) VARGAS
- LUIS ((CHACON)) TEJADA
- JORGE ((GUIMAC)) BONIFAS
- ALFONSO AUGUSTO ((LOZANO)) PONCE
- MARIO ENRIQUE ((QUIROZ)) JARA
- JOSE ((PICON)) ALCALDE
- HILDEBRANDO ((VALENZUELA)) MARTINEZ
- LEWIS ENRIQUE ((WEISS)) IKEDA

6. ~~(S/NF)~~ IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL OFFICERS THE COPERE INDICATED THAT THE ARMY WOULD MANDATORILY RETIRE 78 COLONELS AND 80 LIEUTENANT COLONELS/MAJORS.

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8. ~~(CONF)~~ THE ARMY'S OFFICIAL POSITION IS THAT THE CHANGE OF COMMAND HAS BEEN ADVANCED TO 19 DEC 91 IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE END OF YEAR TRANSFER OF COMMAND THAT NORMALLY TAKES PLACE ON 1 JAN. AN OFFICIAL CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY HAS PROGRAMMED FOR THIS EVENT. ON THE MORNING OF 18 DEC THE ARMY GENERAL HEADQUARTER WAS HEAVILY SURROUNDED BY SECURITY GUARDS. THEY HAD EXTENDED THEIR NORMAL PERIMETER BY AT LEAST ONE BLOCK IN ALL DIRECTIONS. IN ADDITION THE VIP SECURITY DETAIL WAS POSTED GATE NUMBER ONE THAT IS ONLY POSTED WHEN HIGH RANKING VISITORS ARE EXPECTED.

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