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SUMMARY: THIS REPORT IS A VARIETY OF PERSONNEL EVENTS IN THE PERUVIAN ARMY, PRESIDENTIAL INVOLVEMENT IN PROMOTIONS, LTG PALOMINO'S ASSIGNMENT AS ATTACHE TO FRANCE, RETIREMENT OF COL RAFAEL EUGENIO ((CORDOVA)) RIVERA, AND MURDER OF MG WALTER ((PENAS)) RIVAS.

TEXT: 1. HAVE EXPRESSED EXTREME DISPLEASURE AT THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI IN THE ANNUAL ARMY PROMOTION BOARD IN LATE SEP 91. JUST PRIOR TO THE BOARD MEETING FUJIMORI SENT THE ARMY A LIST OF EIGHT LIEUTENANT COLONELS TO BE PROMOTED TO COLONEL. THESE EIGHT OFFICERS ARE ASSIGNED AT THE "CASA MILITAR" (THE PRESIDENT'S MILITARY ASSISTANCE STAFF) AND THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN). QUOTAS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED ON THE NUMBER THAT COULD BE PROMOTED BY SPECIALTY BRANCH. THE BOARD MEMBERS THEN ESTABLISHED AN ORDER OF MERIT LIST (OML) FOR THOSE WHO WERE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PROMOTION BUT THAT NONE OF THE EIGHT WERE HIGH ENOUGH ON THE OML TO BE SELECTED BY THE BOARD FOR PROMOTION. THUS WHEN THE SELECTION PROCESS WAS COMPLETED THE EIGHT WERE ADDED TO THE PROMOTION LIST AND EIGHT OF THE PREVIOUSLY SELECTED OFFICERS WERE REMOVED FROM THE LIST. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIEUTENANT COLONELS BEING PROMOTED TO COLONEL WAS 98.

2. IN SEP 91 LTG LUIS ((PALOMINO)) RODRIGUEZ RETURNED TO PERU FROM HIS MIDDLE EAST EXILE. ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE IN ORDER THAT HE COULD GO TO FRANCE AS A MILITARY ATTACHE. PALOMINO ACCEPTED THE POSITION AND DEPARTED WITH HIS FAMILY TO...

3. (S/NF) IN AUG 91 COL RAFAEL EUGENIO ((CORDOVA)) RIVERA, THE FORMER COMMANDER OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, WAS INVITED TO RETIRE. CORDOVA HAD PREVIOUSLY STATED HE WAS NOT A FRIEND OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR VLADIMIRO ((MONTESINOS)) AND THAT HE PERSONALY HAD CONDUCTED A MAJOR PART OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ESPIONAGE CHARGES DIRECTED AT MONTESINOS YEARS AGO. HE HAD STATED THAT EVENTUALLY MONTESINOS WOULD TRY TO GET EVEN AND WOULD PROBABLY ASK HIM TO RETIRE.

4. (S/NF) ON THE NIGHT OF 25 SEP 91 GENERAL DE BRIGADA (MG) WALTER ((PENA)) RIVAS, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY HOSPITAL IN LIMA WAS KILLED. ALTHOUGH THE ARMY'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HAD RECOMMENDED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS THAT PENA BE PROVIDED A SECURITY DETAIL, HE ADAMANTLY REFUSED THE PROTECTION. ON THE DAY OF THE MURDER PENA LEFT WORK AT 1830 HOURS IN HIS PRIVATE VEHICLE. THREE HOURS LATER HE WAS FOUND DEAD AT THE COSTA VERDE BEACH WITH FOUR SHOTS IN THE BODY. WITNESSES STATED THAT THREE INDIVIDUALS IN A WHITE TOYOTA LEFT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.
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