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SUMMARY: IN AUG 91 PE ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL TRIED TO FIRE THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE COMMANDER. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI PERSONALLY OPPOSED THE CHANGE. ARMY OFFICERS FEEL PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR, VLADIMIRO ((MONTESINOS)) IS BEHIND THAT OPPOSITION.

1. IN JANUARY 1991 THE PERUVIAN ARMY COMMANDER ASSIGNED COLONEL JUAN ((MUNOZ)) CRUZ TO BE THE COMMANDER OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE). THIS ASSIGNMENT WAS IMMEDIATELY COUNTERMANDED BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WHO INSISTED THAT COLONEL VICTOR ((SILVA)) MENDOZA BE THE NEW COMMANDER. AT THAT TIME THE ARMY RELUCTANTLY GAVE IN TO THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE. GENERAL VILLANUEVA ASSIGNED MUNOZ TO BE A MEMBER OF HIS PERSONAL ADVISOR TEAM IN CHARGE OF INTELLIGENCE MATTERS. SINCE JANUARY THE ARMY COMMANDER HAS BECOME LESS AND LESS SATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF SILVA AND SIE. SOME OFFICERS CONSIDER THAT SILVA DOES NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED INTELLIGENCE BACKGROUND AND IS MEDIOCRE IN HIS PERFORMANCE.

2. IN EARLY AUGUST 1991 GENERAL VILLANUEVA, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY, AND MAJOR GENERAL ((RIVERO)) LAZO, DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, DECIDED TO FIRE SILVA AND REPLACE HIM WITH MUNOZ. ONCE AGAIN THIS EFFORT WAS FOILED BY THE PRESIDENT WHO STRONGLY OPPOSED THIS CHANGE. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI OPPOSED TO THIS CHANGE, THE ARMY FEELS THAT IT IS REALLY VLADIMIRO ((MONTESINOS)), PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR AND FORMER ARMY OFFICER, WHO IS THE DRIVING FORCE INTO KEEPING SILVA IN AS THE CHIEF OF THE SIE.

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