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REAR ADMIRAL HESSE PROMOTION TO VICE ADMIRAL VETOED BY SENATE. (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) SENATORS VOTED AGAINST PROMOTING REAR ADMIRAL JORGE ((HESSE)) RAMIREZ TO VICE ADMIRAL.

TEXT: 1. (U) ALL OFFICERS IDENTIFIED FOR PROMOTION IN IIR NAVY IDENTIFIES OFFICERS TO BE PROMOTED TO VICE ADMIRAL AND REAR ADMIRAL DTG 181708Z OCT 91, PLUS ONE ADDITIONAL OFFICER PROMOTED TO REAR ADMIRAL, WERE RATIFIED BY THE SENATE, WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF REAR ADMIRAL JORGE ((HESSE)) RAMIREZ. REAR ADMIRAL HESSE LOST BY ONE SENATORIAL VOTE IN LAST NIGHTS SUSPENSEFUL SECOND ROUND OF VOTING. THE FOLLOWING IS THE FINAL LIST OF NAVAL OFFICERS IDENTIFIED FOR PROMOTION:

- TO VICE ADMIRAL

BALLOTS
JORGE ((ARTEAGA)) MIRANDA 39-9
RICARDO ((VILLARAN)) TAPIA 44-3

-TO REAR ADMIRAL

FRANCISCO ((ZARIQUIEY)) ALEGRE 42-5
ALBERTO ((RIVERO)) VALDEAVELLANO 37-11
LUIS ((BIANCHI)) MUNOZ 40-8
JORGE ((TEXEIRA)) RIVAROLA 41-5
GERARDO ((RUIZ)) OJEDA 41-5
JUAN LUIS ((PODESTA)) LLUSA 39-7
FEDERICO MANUEL ((ESPINOZA)) ESPINOZA 41-4
JORGE ((LLONTOP)) SANCHEZ CARRION 41-6
ROMULO ((CARRION)) ARRUNATEGUI 44-3

2. (U) THE ARTICLE WENT ON TO SAY THAT PRIOR TO THE SENATE'S SECOND ROUND OF VOTING, SENATOR JORGE ((TORRES)) VALLEJO REQUESTED THAT VOTING FOR REAR ADMIRAL HESSE BE HELD IN ABEYANCE, WHILE THE SENATOR MADE INQUIRIES AS TO REASONS WHY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH DID NOT INCLUDE REAR ADMIRAL EDUARDO ((BARRAGAN)) SCHENONE IN THE LIST OF HOPEFULS FOR PROMOTION TO VICE ADMIRAL. ACCORDING TO SENATOR TORRES, REAR ADMIRAL BARRAGAN, WAS UNJUSTLY RETIRED TWO YEARS AGO. FOLLOWING A LENGTHY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING, THE SUPREME COURT DECIDED TO RETAIN REAR ADMIRAL BARRAGAN, THUS ALLOWING HIM ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN THE PROMOTION PROCESS. HOWEVER, SENATOR TORRES CLAIMS THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IGNORED THE MANDATE, LEAVING REAR ADMIRAL BARRAGAN OUT OF THE COMPETITION. THE SENATOR ARGUED THAT HESSE' VOTE DEPENDED ON THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH SUBMITTING BARRAGAN'S NAME TO THE PROMOTION LIST. AFTER A TEMPORARY DELAY, THE SENATE REJECTED SENATOR TORRES' PROPOSAL AND WENT ON WITH THE VOTE. REAR ADMIRAL HESSE LOST BY ONE VOTE.

COMMENTS: 1. (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424 -NONE.

2. (GWF) EMBASSY COMMENTS--WHILE THIS REPORT IS
ACCURATE, IT ONLY TELLS PART OF THE STORY. AS
REPORTED IN LIMA 17434 HESSE WAS REJECTED FOR TWO
REASONS--
- HIS ASSOCIATION WITH FUJIMORI'S UNOFFICIAL
SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR VALDIMIRO
MONTESINOS AND;
- THE BELIEF WITHIN THE NAVY THAT HESSE HAD SOME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S SACKING OF
PREVIOUS CNO ALFONSO PANIZO.
OF THE 73 MILITARY AND POLICE FLAG OFFICERS ON THE
PROMOTION LIST, ONLY THREE OBSCURE COLONELS, ADMIRAL
HESSE AND GENERAL SALAZAR WERE DENIED PROMOTION.
BOTH ADMIRAL HESSE AND GENERAL SALAZAR, THE HEAD OF
THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, WERE PUBLICLY
IDENTIFIED AS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MONTESINOS.
THIS FACTOR, PLUS LIKELY LOBBYING BY INDIVIDUAL NAVY
OFFICERS SUPPORTIVE OF PANIZO, DETERMINED HESSE'S
FATE. WE HAD FOUND HESSE TO BE A FORWARD THINKING
OFFICER WHO WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN PUSHING FOR
MORE AGGRESSIVE ACTION AGAINST NARCOTRAFFICKERS.

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