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BODY

PASS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424

COUNTRY: (U) REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (RP).

SUBJECT: (b)(3):10 USC 424 INITIAL AFP VIEWS ON THE
((RDWE)) KILLING (U).

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SUMMARY: ~~(S/INT)~~ CONCENSUS AMONG AFP - NEA KILLED CDL
ROWE. THE KILLING OF AN AMERICAN SHOULD NOT BE A SURPRISE.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S/INT)~~ ON 890421 (b)(1):Sec.1.4(c) THE VIEWS OF

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KILLING OF CDL ROWE. (b)(1):Sec.1.4(c) THAT, "THE PEOPLE
WHO DID IT ARE CALLING THE SHOTS" AND THAT "THERE
PROBABLY WILL BE MORE HITS". HE THINKS THE AFP
INTELLIGENCE NETWORK SHOULD HAVE PERCEIVED THAT AN
INCREASED THREAT EXISTED, IN LIGHT OF THE PUBLICIZED GOP
NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO THE CPP/NDP PROPOSAL FOR PEACE.
(b)(3):10 USC 424 IN A PRESS RELEASE ALLEGEDLY FROM NDP
SPOKESMAN AND CPP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER SATUR OCAMPO,
THE CPP/NDP OFFERED TO ENTER INTO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IF THE GOP MADE A FORMAL
STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. BASES WOULD BE GONE BY 1991.
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK OF 890414 20, MANILA PRESS CARRIED
PRESIDENT ((AQUINO))'S AND OTHER SENIOR GOP OFFICIALS'
RESPONSE, DOWNPLAYING THE NDP PROPOSAL, CALLING IT

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NOTHING MORE THAN AN CPP/NDF PLOY).

2. ~~(C/NF)~~ (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c) PAF OFFICERS ON 890422 REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF COL ROWE. NONE OF THOSE (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c) WERE PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH COL ROWE, BUT DIDN'T SEEM DVERLY SURPRISED THAT, IN VIEW OF HIS POSITION AT JUSMAG, HE WOULD BE AN NPA TARGET. THE GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG THE OFFICERS WAS THAT THE NPA WAS RESPONSIBLE AND THAT ADDITIONAL ATTACKS WOULD BE A LOGICAL NEXT STEP FOR THE NPA. TWO SENIOR OFFICERS, WHO (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c) COMMENTED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING WITH "THE EVER PRESENT THREAT," AND PERHAPS ITS ABOUT TIME WE (U.S. MILITARY) EXPERIENCED IT.

3. ~~(C/NF)~~ IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FOUR PHILIPPINE MARINE (PM) OFFICERS, THEY EXPRESSED REGRET OVER THE KILLING OF COL ROWE; HOWEVER, ALL WERE OF THE OPINION THAT THE KILLING SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE, AND THAT IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME. THESE MARINE OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT THE KILLINGS OF SELECT AMERICANS IN MANILA WILL CONTINUE AND THAT THE U.S MILITARY ATTACHES ARE LOGICAL TARGETS. THE KILLINGS WILL SERVE TO SHOW THAT THE NPA ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THE REMOVAL OF THE U.S. BASES AND CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE AQUING ADMINISTRATION.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

4. ~~(C/NF/NF)~~ PC THOUGHTS RAN MUCH THE SAME. (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c) SAT IN ON AN UNOFFICIAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN A PC LTC, CAPT AND 1LT. THE DISCUSSION HAD BEEN GOING ON BEFORE (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c) AND IT CENTERED ON WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN THE ROWE INCIDENT. (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c) THAT THIS ASSASSINATION MAKES THE PHILIPPINES APPEAR MUCH LIKE VIETNAM IN THE MID-SIXTIES IN THE EYES OF THE WCRLD. (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c) WONDERED WHY NO INTELLIGENCE WAS COLLECTED ON THE PLANNED HIT BEFORE HAND. (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c) AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS INFORMED IN 8901 THAT A CPP POLICY CHANGE ON ATTACKS AGAINST AMERICANS HAD OCCURRED. "WE ALL KNEW THEN THAT IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME, AND YOU (THE U.S.) SHOULD HAVE TOO."

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5. ~~(C/NF)~~ IN VIEW OF THE INCIDENT, THE PHILIPPINE NAVY HAS ASSIGNED EXTRA OVERT AND COVERT SECURITY TEAMS TO COVER A VISITING U.S. NAVY VESSEL WHICH ARRIVED IN PORT MANILA ON 890421. THIS WAS DONE ON PN INITIATIVE AND WITHOUT THE REQUEST OF AFP HEADQUARTERS.

6. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE ROWE KILLING HAS SPARKED A FLURRY OF WOULD-BE SCENARIOS IN THE MANILA COMMUNITY. (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c) EMPHASIZES THAT THESE ARE SCENARIOS WHICH MAY HOLD ONLY LIMITED CONTACT WITH REALITY, BUT IN A SOCIETY LIKE THE PHILIPPINES, NOTHING CAN BE DISCOUNTED).

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(D);(b)(3):1D USC 424

A. ~~(C/NF/NF)~~ DN THE EVENING OF 890421.

(b)(1);Sec.1.4(D) THAT IT IS OKAY IF U.S. MILITARY OFFICERS ARE HIT IN THE PHILIPPINES. WHAT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS IS THE DEATH OF WIVES AND CHILDREN.

(b)(1);Sec.1.4(c)

B. ~~(C/NF/NF)~~ (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c) THAT A

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LIKELY NEXT ESCALATION WOULD BE FOR THE NPA TO FIRE A COUPLE MORTAR ROUNDS INTO CLARK OR SUBIC. THAT WOULD SHOW THE ((AQUINO)) ADMINISTRATION CAN'T PROTECT THE BASES AND IT WOULD BE JUST LIKE VIETNAM.

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1. ~~(S/NF)~~ THE OVERWHELMING CONCENSUS AMONG AFP OFFICERS (b)(1):Sec.1.4(c) WAS THAT THE NPA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLING. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 890422, SUBSEQUENT TO THE AFOREMENTIONED DISCUSSIONS, THE NPA REPORTEDLY ISSUED A FORMAL STATEMENT TO LOCAL WIRE SERVICES CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK ON COL ROWE. IN RESPONSE TO THIS OBVIOUS INCREASED THREAT TO AMERICANS/U.S. FACILITIES, THE AFP LEADERSHIP IS ACTIVELY PURSUING METHODS AND ACTIONS BY WHICH SECURITY FOR U.S. PERSONNEL CAN BE ENHANCED.

(b)(1):Sec. 1.4(c)

2. ~~(S/NF)~~ THE AFP HAS DECIDED TO TAKE THE ROWE INCIDENT VERY SERIOUSLY. CHIEF OF STAFF ((DE VILLA)) TOLD U.S. REPRESENTATIVES THAT THIS IS A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME. AS SUCH, THE AFP IS GOING TO DEVOTE SUBSTANTIAL SECURITY FORCES TO THE PROTECTION OF U.S. ASSETS.

3. ~~(S/NF)~~ IN THE PHILIPPINES IF SOMEONE AS SERIOUS AS A BANK VICE PRESIDENT CAN THINK OF A WAY TO UNDERMINE U.S. RESOLVE, THE NPA CAN DO SO ALSO. HOWEVER, IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO, REPEAT NO, AFP INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT ATTACKS ON AMERICAN CIVILIANS OR DEPENDENTS IS CONTEMPLATED. IN FACT, THE NPA HAS GENERALLY OBSERVED A REVERENCE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, THAT IS TRADITIONAL IN PHILIPPINE SOCIETY.

4. ~~(S/NF)~~ THE POSSIBILITY OF MORTAR ATTACKS ON CLARK AND SUBIC HAVE BEEN MENTIONED BY OTHER SOURCES. THE NPA PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO MOUNT ANY LARGE SCALE MORTAR ATTACKS, BUT PC OFFICERS HAVE MENTIONED NPA TRAINING WITH MORTAR OCCURRING IN CENTRAL LUZON, AND THE NPA HAS BEEN KNOWN TO USE MORTARS IN ISOLATED ATTACKS AGAINST THE AFP.

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