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7. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SUMMARY: Sec. 3.3(b)(1) HE HAD TALKED TO GENERAL GARCIA ((MEZA)), BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT AND MILITARY JUNTA CHIEF; AND GENERAL WALDO ((BERNAL)), BOLIVIAN AIR FORCE COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND JUNTA MEMBER. THEY HAD SAID THAT THEY WANT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. BECAUSE THEY ARE A WESTERN COUNTRY. SOURCE SAID REPORTS OF ARGENTINE INVOLVEMENT IN COUP ARE UNFOUNDED. HE FURTHER STATED THAT BOLIVIA NEEDS U.S. HELP TO ELIMINATE THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS BECAUSE DRUGS HURT BOTH COUNTRIES.

Sec. 3.3(b)(1); Sec. 3.3(b)(6)

(4) ~~(C/NOFORN/NOINTEL)~~ BOLIVIAN DRUGS: SOURCE SAID BOLIVIA MUST ELIMINATE THE COCAINE TRAFFIC, BECAUSE IT HURTS BOTH BOLIVIA AND THE U.S. HE ASKED WHY THE U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE LEFT, AND SAID THAT IS BAD BECAUSE BOLIVIA NEEDED THEM. HE WILL BE IN

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SANTA CRUZ AND HAS ZONE SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES, AND SAID HE WILL WORK TO ELIMINATE THE DRUG BUSINESS. [Sec. 3.3(b) (1)] IF SOME ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT - HIS ANSWER QUOTE THAT'S O.K., IT'S THEM OR ME UNQUOTE.

(5) ~~(C)~~ THE LONG VIEW: SOURCE THEN TALKED ABOUT THE FUTURE. HE SAID BOLIVIA MUST NOW DEVELOP A SERIOUS LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLAN TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND EDUCATIONAL LEVELS - SOMETHING TO PROVIDE STABILITY AND COHERENCE. THEN, HE SAID, WE CAN MOVE TO DEMOCRACY.

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