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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 (b)(3):10 USC 424 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

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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)) LLOSA	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.

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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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