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SUBJ: IIR EX-SIE AGENT ZANATTA'S ACCUSATIONS
OF HR ABUSES, TELEPHONE TAPS, ELECTION FRAUD, AND MURDER (U)
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SOURCE: (U) MAGAZINE, "CARETAS", LIMA, PERU, (980319) (U),
IN SPANISH. OPPOSITION WEEKLY MAGAZINE. (READERSHIP ABOUT
182,000). NUMBER ONE NEWS MAGAZINE IN PERU.

SUMMARY: (U) EX-SIE AGENT LUISA ((ZANATTA)) MUEDAS SAYS
GRUPO COLINA RESPONSIBLE FOR SIE AGENT MARIELA ((BARRETO))'S
DEATH AND SIE AGENT LEONOR ((LA ROSA))'S TORTURE. ALLEGES
SIE TARGETS OPPOSITION LEADERS WITH PHONE TAPS. SIN
SPONSORED ELECTION FRAUD IN 1995 ELECTIONS.

TEXT: 1. (U) SOURCE PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE BASED ON AN
INTERVIEW BETWEEN A SOURCE STAFF REPORTER AND REPORTEDLY EX-AGENT
OF THE PERUVIAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SERVICIO DE
INTELLIGENCIA DEL EJERCITO - SIE) LUISA ((ZANATTA)) MUEDAS.
THE INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE IN ZANATTA'S APARTMENT IN MIAMI,
FLORIDA, USA, WHERE SHE LIVES WITH HER HUSBAND, AND AMERICAN
BORN SON. SHE IS REPORTEDLY AWAITING RESULTS FROM HER

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REQUEST FOR ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES. DURING THE INTERVIEW ZANATTA RELATED HER TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCES WITH THE SIE, EQUIPMENT USED BY THE SIE FOR COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE INTERCEPTS, TARGETS OF INTERCEPTS, AND THE "GRUPO COLINA".

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2. (U) ZANATTA JOINED THE ARMY AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO BEING AN OFFICE WORKER, OR SMALL BUSINESS OPERATOR IN JESUS MARIA, THE LIMA SUBURB WHERE SHE WAS RAISED. SHORTLY AFTER JOINING, SHE FOUND HERSELF IN INTELLIGENCE TRAINING. ZANATTA WAS NUMBER TWO GRADUATE FROM THE EP INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL (ESCUELA DE INTELIGENCIA DEL EJERCITO). FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM THE SCHOOL IN 1992 SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO WORK AS AN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVE IN "BROADCAST ELECTRONICS". LATER IN HER FIRST YEAR OF OPERATIONS, SHE ASKED TO BE RECLASSIFIED INTO A MORE CHALLENGING POSITION. FOLLOWING THIS, THE SIE CONDUCTED A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION THAT TOOK SIX MONTHS BEFORE CLEARING HER FOR MORE SENSITIVE WORK WITHIN THE SIE. IN 1994 SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE SIE AS A COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST. SHE CONDUCTED TELEPHONE INTERCEPTS USING EQUIPMENT KNOWN AS "ROPEROS" AND "FRIGIDERES". THIS EQUIPMENT WAS OWNED BY THE PERUVIAN STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY, WHICH RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM THE SIE FOR ITS COLLABORATION. ALSO IN 1994, THE SIE PURCHASED MODERN AND MORE CAPABLE EQUIPMENT AND ON-SITE INSTRUCTION FROM ISRAEL. SHE SERVED AS TRANSLATOR FOR THE ISRAELI INSTRUCTOR (ENGLISH-SPANISH) DURING THE TRAINING. THIS NEW EQUIPMENT WAS KNOWN AS "OCTOPUSSI" AND WAS COMPUTERIZED AND NEARLY AUTOMATIC. FUNCTIONS OF THIS EQUIPMENT INCLUDED MULTIPLE AUTO-RECORDINGS, CAPTURE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS INTERCEPTED, AND IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS INTERCEPTED.

3. (U) WHEN ASKED WHO WAS INTERCEPTED, ZANATTA STATED THAT SHE REMEMBERED THE NAMES HENRY ((PEASE)) AND JORGE ((DEL CASTILLO)). SHE ADDED THAT THE MAJORITY WERE POLITICIANS FROM THE OPPOSITION, BUT ALSO DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS, AND ABOVE ALL, OFFICERS OF THE PERUVIAN ARMED

FORCES.

4. (U) ZANATTA WORKED WITH THIS NEW ISRAELI EQUIPMENT UNTIL 1995 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MAJOR EP RICARDO ((ANDERSON)) KOHATSU, WHO WAS IN 1997 NAMED IN THE REPORTED TORTURE OF SIE AGENT LEONOR ((LA ROSA)). IN 1995 ANDERSON TOLD ZANATTA THAT COLONEL EP ENRIQUE ((OLIVEROS)) HAD GIVEN THE ORDER TO ADD PERUVIAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JAVIER ((PEREZ DE CUELLAR)) TO THE LIST OF PERSONS INTERCEPTED. (SOURCE COMMENT--THIS VERSION OF THE STORY BY ZANATTA CONFIRMS THE 1997 ACCUSATIONS BY BARUCH ((IVCHER)) ON LIMA'S TELEVISION CHANNEL 2). ZANATTA SAID THAT MAJOR ANDERSON WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT OF SIE, BUT WAS TRANSFERRED TO COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AFTER SHE COMPLAINED TO HER SUPERIORS ABOUT HIS PHYSICAL ABUSE OF HER.

5. (U) ACCORDING TO ZANATTA, THE TELEPHONE INTERCEPT FACILITY OF THE SIE IS LOCATED IN THE PENTAGONITO (ARMY AND JOINT COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, LOCATED IN SAN BORJA, LIMA), NEAR ENTRANCE 3. THE SIE ALSO UTILIZES HOMES AND OFFICES CLOSE TO THEIR INTERCEPT TARGETS (FOR FIELD INTERCEPTS). THE INTERCEPT REPORTS FROM THESE ACTIVITIES ARE TAKEN BY A TECNICO (WARRANT OFFICER EQUIVALENT) TO COLONEL OLIVEROS (NOW MAJOR GENERAL) WHO, ACCORDING TO ZANATTA, DELIVERS THEM TO DE FACTO CHIEF OF THE PERUVIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SERVICIO DE INTELLIGENCIA NACIONAL - SIN) VLADIMIRO ((MONTESINOS)).

6. (C) ZANATTA CLAIMED TO BE FRIENDS WITH SIE AGENT MARIELA ((BARRETO)). (b)(3):10 USC 424 --BARRETO WAS A SIE AGENT WHO WAS FOUND DECAPITATED AND DISMEMBERED IN EARLY 1997. ACCUSATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN PROVEN OR REFUTED THAT SHE WAS TORTURED TO DEATH AND DISMEMBERED BY SIE AGENTS (GRUPO COLINA MEMBERS) ATTEMPTING TO GET INFORMATION FROM HER CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF DETAILS OF "GRUPO COLINA" ACTIVITIES). ZANATTA MET BARRETO IN 1992 AND WORKED TOGETHER ON UNDISCLOSED OPERATIONS. AT THAT TIME BARRETO WAS PREGNANT, PRESUMABLY BY MAJOR EP SANTIAGO ((MARTIN)) RIVAS. AT THIS TIME MARTIN AND BARRETO HAD PROBLEMS (AND HAD SEPARATED). BARRETO BOTH FEARED AND WAS WORRIED ABOUT MARTIN, WHO WAS AGGRESSIVE AND VIOLENT.

7. (U) ZANATTA SAID THAT SHE RAN INTO BARRETO AT THE EP HOSPITAL IN LIMA AND BARRETO SAID SHE NEEDED TO TALK TO ZANATTA. BARRETO THEN RELATED THAT SHE WAS VERY AFRAID AND FEARED FOR HER LIFE. BARRETO SAID THAT THROUGH HER

RELATIONS WITH MAJOR MARTIN RIVAS, SHE HAD BECOME A MEMBER OF THE "GRUPO COLINA", A GROUP OF WHICH ALL SIE AGENTS KNEW. BARRETO WAS CLOSE TO TEARS AND VERY REMORSEFUL FOR ALL THAT THIS GROUP HAD DONE. SHE THEN REVEALED THE SECRET THAT IT WAS SHE WHO HAD INFORMED JOSE ((ARRIETA)) AND EDMUNDO ((CRUZ)) FORMERLY OF THE PERUVIAN MAGAZINE "SI" CONCERNING THE LOCATIONS OF THE MISSING NINE STUDENTS AND PROFESSOR OF "LA CANTUTA", WHO HAD BEEN KILLED BY THE "GRUPO COLINA". ZANATTA SAID THAT BARRETO DID NOT PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE KILLINGS, BUT ACTED IN A SUPPORT ROLE FOR THE GROUP. ZANATTA SAID THAT A SHORT TIME AFTER THIS CONVERSATION, SHE READ OF HER FRIEND'S DEATH IN THE LOCAL (LIMA) NEWS.

8. (U) ZANTATA TOLD THE SOURCE THAT GENERAL OLIVEROS WAS KNOWN TO TAKE FEMALE SIE AGENTS "UNDER HIS WING" (CODE FOR SEXUAL HARRASSMENT). TWO OF THESE AGENTS WERE PATRICIA VILMA ((PARAJA)) (ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE "GRUPO COLINA") AND MADELEINE ((CAMPOS)). ZANATTA SAID THAT PARAJA PARTICIPATED IN THE KIDNAPPING ARREST OF GENERAL RODOLFO ((ROBLES)) IN 1997. SHE SAID THAT OLIVEROS WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MONTESINOS AND IS MONTESINOS' EYES AND EARS IN THE SIN'S "FABRICA" (FACTORY).

9. (G) ZANATTA SHOWED SOURCE'S CORRESPONDENTS HER VOTER REGISTRATION CARD (LIBRETA ELECTORAL), NUMBER 06667809. WITH THIS CARD SHE SAID THAT SHE VOTED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OF 1995. SHE ADDED THAT ISSUING VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS TO MILITARY MEMBERS WAS PART OF AN OPERATIONAL PLAN OF THE SIN (TO AFFECT ELECTION RESULTS). ADDITIONALLY, ZANATTA CONFIRMED THE ACCUSATIONS OF CONGRESSWOMAN ANEL ((TOWNSEND)) THAT AGENTS HAD INFILTRATED THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION AND CIVIL STATUS REGISTRY (REGISTRO NACIONAL DE IDENTIFICACION Y ESTADO CIVIL - RENIEC). ZANATTA STATED THAT MARIA CECILIA ((ZUNIGA), SIN AGENT AND LUIS ((GUERRERO)), SIE AGENT WERE INDIVIDUALS SHE KNEW WERE ON THIS OPERATION.

10. (U) SOURCE STATED THAT ZANATTA FLED **PERU** TO THE UNITED STATES WITH HER HUSBAND FOR FEAR OF HER LIFE. ZANATTA HAD LEARNED FROM CESAR ((HILDEBRANDT)) OF A SIE PLAN AGAINST HER LIFE.

COMMENTS: 1. (G) THESE STATEMENT MADE TO "CARETAS" ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE ZANATTA CONTINUES TO MAKE SINCE HER ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES. ONE CAN ONLY GUESS AS TO HER MOTIVATION FOR THESE REVELATIONS. THEY ARE MOST LIKELY

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ADDING SUPPORT TO HER REQUEST FOR ASYLUM, WHICH CONGRESSWOMAN MARTHA (CHAVEZ)) CLAIMS IS HER ONLY MOTIVATION (RESIDENCY IN THE UNITED STATES). MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE STORY COULD PROVE TO IGNITE DEBATES WHICH ARE DESTABILIZING IN **PERU**. FUJIMORI'S RESPONSE THUS FAR HAS BEEN VERY GUARDED, AGREEING THAT THIS SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND THAT ZANATTA SHOULD RETURN TO **PERU** TO GIVE TESTIMONY IN THE INVESTIGATION. MINISTER OF DEFENSE CESAR ((SAUCEDO)) DISMISSED THE IDEA THAT SUCH PRACTICES, AS ALLEGED BY ZANATTA, ARE CARRIED OUT BY THE PERUVIAN MILITARY.

2. (C) MILITARY MEMBERS ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM PARTICIPATING IN CIVIL ELECTIONS. DESPITE NUMEROUS ACCUSATIONS SINCE THE 1995 ELECTIONS, NO HARD EVIDENCE HAS BEEN PRODUCED TO PROVE THESE ACCUSATIONS. ZANATTA'S PRESENTATION OF HER VOTER REGISTRATION CARD TO THESE JOURNALISTS COULD REKINDLE THIS CONTROVERSY.

3. (C) SOURCE WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO PUBLISH ARTICLES CONCERNING THE CONTENTS OF THE IIR.

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