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SUBJ: DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE REPORT DIR 198,92, VENEZUELA: THE 1992
COUP ATTEMPTS AND BEYOND (U)

1. (U) KEY JUDGMENTS

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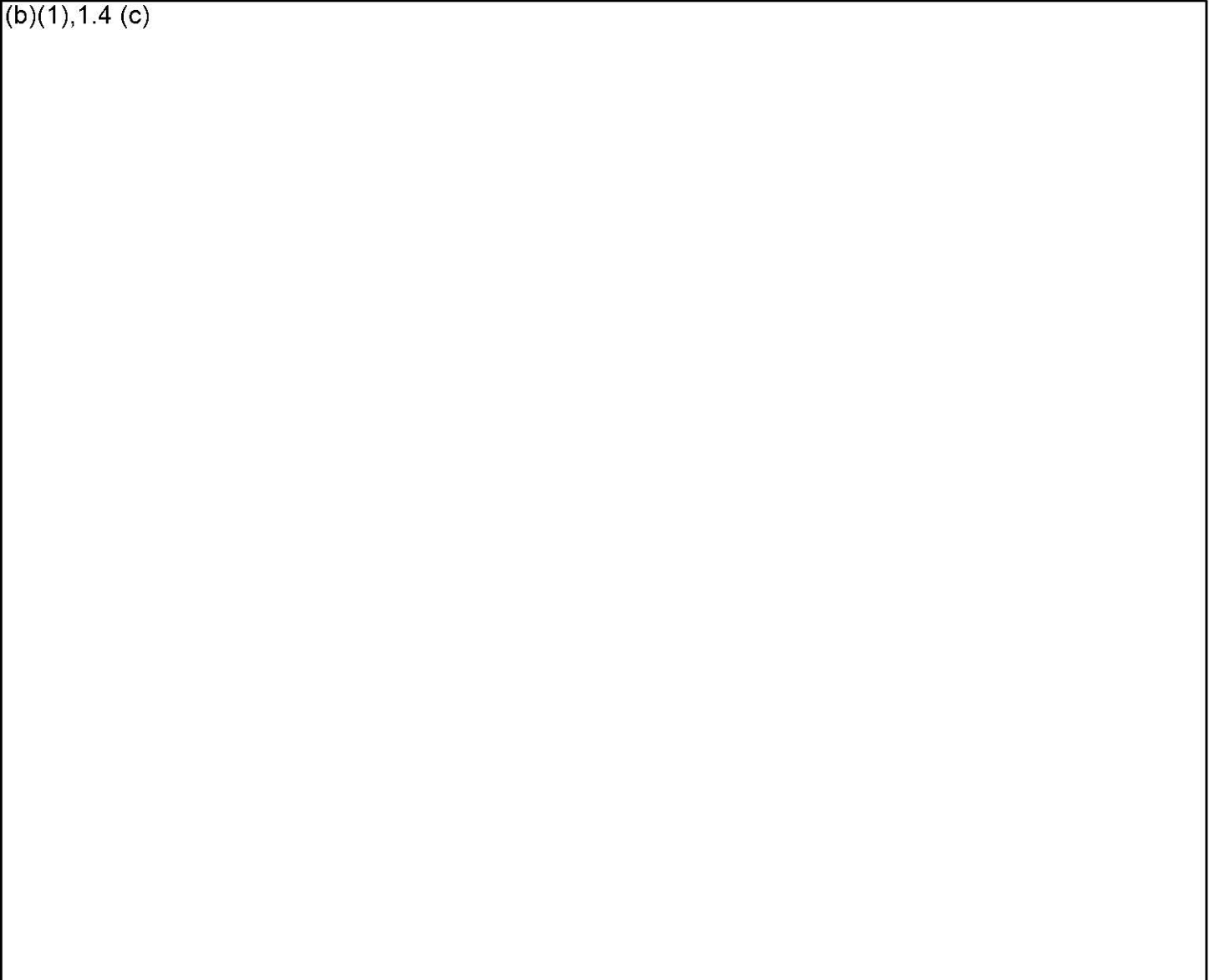
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3. (U) REBEL LEADERS

A. ~~(CONF)~~ THE FEBRUARY **COUP** ATTEMPT WAS LED BY ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONELS **HUGO CHAVEZ** FRIAS AND FRANCISCO JAVIER ARIAS CARDENAS.

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C. (U) KEY **COUP** LEADERS

(1) ~~(S/NF)~~ LIEUTENANT COLONEL **HUGO CHAVEZ** FRIAS, ARMY:
COLONEL CHAVEZ WAS THE ACKNOWLEDGED LEADER OF THE MBR REBELS

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C. ~~(S/NF)~~ A TAPED INTERVIEW WITH CHAVEZ

GOVERNMENT

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THE INTERVIEW WAS NEVERTHELESS PRINTED VERBATIM
IN NEWSPAPERS THROUGHOUT VENEZUELA. IN THE INTERVIEW, CHAVEZ
BLAMED THE "RULING CLASS" FOR CONTINUING TO CLING TO ITS PRIVILEGES
AND STUBBORNLY RESISTING NEEDED CHANGES. SPEAKING IN VAGUE
LANGUAGE, CHAVEZ ALSO TALKED ABOUT A SYSTEM THAT HAD LOST ITS
EQUILIBRIUM, STRUCTURE, AND CAPACITY TO REGULATE ITSELF IN RELATION
TO EVENTS THAT AFFECT IT.

D. ~~(S/NF)~~ IN A COMMUNIQUE PROVIDED TO THE CARACAS MEDIA ON 28
NOVEMBER, LEADERS OF THE 27 NOVEMBER REBELLION STATED AS THEIR GOAL
THE FULL RECOVERY OF DEMOCRACY AND THE UNYIELDING DECISION TO
ERADICATE CORRUPTION FROM THE NATIONAL LIFE. THEY PUBLICLY
JUSTIFIED THEIR ACTIONS BY CLAIMING THEY LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE A
CORRUPT GOVERNMENT MISHANDLES PUBLIC FUNDS, A LACK OF JUSTICE
EXISTS, AND POOR PEOPLE LIVE ON THE EDGE OF A "NIGHTMARE." THEY
CONTINUED, STATING THE CORRUPT GOVERNMENT HAD DESTROYED EVERY
ETHICAL NOTION OF HANDLING PUBLIC FUNDS, AND CURRENTLY THE BELIEF
EXISTS THAT THE REAL STATE IS CORRUPT AND THAT THE INCUMBENT
PRESIDENT AND SOME POWERFUL ECONOMIC GROUPS ARE THE DIRECT
BENEFICIARIES OF THAT MORAL COLLAPSE.

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