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- INFORMATION ON LA CANTUTA TO ROBLES

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1. (C) SUMMARY: GEN. WILLY CHIRINOS HAS PUBLICLY DENIED ALLEGATIONS BY GEN. ROBLES, PUBLISHED IN A NEWSWEEKLY, THAT HE WAS A PRIMARY SOURCE FOR ROBLES' ALLEGATIONS THAT A MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DEATH SQUAD WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LA CANTUTA AND BARRIOS ALTOS KILLINGS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF INTELLIGENCE HEAD MONTESINOS AND WITH THE CONSENT OF ARMY CHIEF GEN. HERMOZA.

END SUMMARY.

ROBLES CLAIMS CHIRINOS GAVE HIM INFORMATION

2. (U) RESPONDING TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS SENT TO HIM BY THE PERUVIAN SUPREME COUNCIL OF MILITARY JUSTICE (CSJM) REGARDING HIS STATEMENTS ON THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES CASE (REFTEL A), GENERAL RODOLFO ROBLES, IN SELF-EXILE IN BUENOS AIRES, STATED THAT HE HAD OBTAINED SOME OF THE INFORMATION ON WHICH HIS ALLEGATIONS ARE BASED FROM GENERAL WILLY CHIRINOS CHIRINOS. ACCORDING TO ROBLES' SIGNED TESTIMONY, DELIVERED TO AND NOTARIZED BY THE PERUVIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN BUENOS AIRES, CHIRINOS DISCUSSED WITH ROBLES HIS DISCOVERY OF THE EXISTENCE OF AN ARMY INTELLIGENCE DEATH SQUAD USED TO EXECUTE SUSPECTED TERRORISTS IN LA CANTUTA UNIVERSITY AND IN THE NOV. 1991 BARRIOS ALTOS INCIDENT. THE TEXT OF ROBLES' STATEMENT, DATED MAY 24, WAS PRINTED IN THE MAY 27 ISSUE OF THE NATIONAL POLITICAL MAGAZINE "CARETAS".

WHO IS CHIRINOS?

3. (U) GEN. WILLY CHIRINOS IS REPORTEDLY AN OLD FRIEND OF ROBLES WHO SERVED UNDER HIM IN THE THIRD MILITARY REGION UNTIL 1992. CHIRINOS WAS APPOINTED HEAD OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DINTE) IN LATE NOVEMBER 1992 FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF SEVERAL COUP PLOTTERS.

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HE WAS REMOVED FROM THAT POSITION AFTER ONLY SIX WEEKS AND SENT TO THE TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND (COINDE). THE WEEK AFTER ROBLES MADE HIS ALLEGATIONS PUBLIC AND WENT OFF TO ARGENTINA, CHIRINOS WAS SEPARATED FROM COINDE AND NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE PERUVIAN WAR COLLEGE -- A STRICTLY ACADEMIC POSITION.

THE "HOT POTATOS"

4. (U) ACCORDING TO ROBLES, DURING HIS BRIEF STINT AS DINTE HEAD, CHIRINOS DISCOVERED WHAT HE SUPPOSEDLY DESCRIBED AS "FOUR HOT POTATOS":

-- THE EXISTENCE OF A DEATH SQUAD, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 25 ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE PERSONNEL UNDER THE COMMAND OF MAJ. SANTIAGO MARTIN RIVAS AND THE DIRECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL INTELLIGENCE ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS;

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-- THE CASE OF TWO FORMER ARMY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS ACCUSED OF TERRORISM;

-- SECRET INFORMATION ON THE HANDLING OF THE COUP PLOTTERS' CASES; AND

-- IRREGULARITIES INVOLVING THE USE OF INTELLIGENCE FUNDS.

5. (U) IT WAS THE FIRST HOT POTATO THAT MOST CONCERNED CHIRINDS, ROBLES CLAIMS. ROBLES ALLEGES THAT, ON DISCOVERING THE EVIDENCE, CHIRINOS DRAFTED A MEMO TO ARMY COMMANDER GEN. NICOLAS HERMOZA RECOMMENDING THAT THE DEATH SQUAD BE DISBANDED BECAUSE IT WAS A "TIME BOMB" THAT WAS OUT OF CONTROL AND WOULD ONLY RUIN THE IMAGE OF THE ARMED FORCES. ROBLES CLAIMS THAT HERMOZA INITIALLY AGREED WITH THE RECOMMENDATION, BUT THAT WHEN MARTIN RIVAS FOUND OUT, HE WENT TO MONTESINOS WHO ORDERED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DISBANDEMENT. CHIRINOS' MEMO IS WHAT LED TO HIS REMOVAL FROM DINTE, ACCORDING TO ROBLES. ROBLES GOES ON TO ALLEGE THAT CHIRINOS AND ROBLES CONTINUED TO SHARE INFORMATION UP UNTIL APRIL 29. HE SAYS CHIRINOS DID NOT KNOW OF HIS DECISION TO MAKE HIS ACCUSATIONS PUBLIC AND SEEK ASYLUM.

6. (U) ROBLES ENDS HIS STATEMENT BY ASSERTING

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THAT HE WILL "NOT YET MENTION THE NAMES OF OTHER COLLABORATORS OF MINE" UNTIL HE IS CERTAIN THAT THE CSJM HAS THE WILL TO CARRY OUT A REAL INVESTIGATION OF THE LA CANTUTA ABDUCTIONS. HE ADDS THAT HE IS NOT SURE THAT THE LIST OF QUESTIONS SENT TO HIM BY THE CSJM IS ANYTHING MORE THAN "ANOTHER MANEUVER BY GENERAL HERMOZA TO AVOID HAVING THE CIVILIAN JUSTICE SYSTEM OR THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS CARRY OUT THE SERIOUS INVESTIGATION THAT THE COUNTRY IS CLAMORING FOR ON THE LA CANTUTA CASE."

CHIRINOS DENIES ACCUSATIONS

7. (U) CHIRINOS RESPONDED TO A VISIT BY A "CARETAS" REPORTER BY SENDING A LETTER TO THE DAILY "LA REPUBLICA" ON MAY 26. CHIRINOS SAYS IN HIS LETTER THAT THE REPORTER TOLD HIM THAT ROBLES HAD ASKED THAT CHIRINOS BE WARNED THAT THE ARTICLE WOULD PUT HIS LIFE IN DANGER. HE ADDS THAT THE REPORTER SHOWED HIM A DOCUMENT ABOUT THE LA CANTUTA AFFAIR THAT ROBLES CLAIMED WAS WRITTEN BY CHIRINOS IN HIS OWN HANDWRITING.

8. (U) CHIRINOS IN HIS LETTER TO THE NEWSPAPER ABSOLUTELY DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ROBLES' ALLEGATIONS, AND ASSERTS THAT HE IS SUBMITTING THE LETTER "TO IMPEDE THE PUBLISHING OF CONTENTIOUS ACCOUNTS THAT ARE NOT EVEN CLOSE TO THE TRUTH AND WHICH COULD HARM MY HONOR." HE REJECTS ROBLES' ASSERTION THAT HE IS "A WITNESS FOR HIS DENUNCIATIONS," AND CALLS ROBLES' ACCOUNT "FALSE AND SLANDEROUS....AT NO TIME HAVE I SPOKEN TO (ROBLES) CONCERNING THE EVENTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES ABOUT WHICH HE NOW SO MALEVOLENTLY CLAIMS I PROVIDED INFORMATION." CHIRINOS CLAIMS THAT THE DOCUMENT THAT ROBLES SAID HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY HIS FORMER COLLEAGUE WAS "FALSIFIED" BECAUSE ROBLES HAD TO FABRICATE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HIS ACCUSATIONS. CHIRINOS ADDS THAT HE HAS TESTIFIED TO THIS EFFECT BEFORE THE MILITARY JUDGE INVESTIGATING THE LA CANTUTA CASE.

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