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SUBJ: IIR THE INFLUENCING OF A PRESIDENT -- ONE VERSION (U)

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B. (U) //"SIGLO VEINTIUNO"/A GUATEMALAN DAILY NEWSPAPER IN SPANISH, 8 JUNE 1993, PAGE 3.

C. (U) //"EL GRAFICO"/A GUATEMALAN DAILY NEWSPAPER IN SPANISH, 8 JUNE 1993, PAGE 7.

SUMMARY: (S//NF//MN) GENERAL ((PERUSSINA)) CONFRONTS PRESIDENT ((DE LEON)) CARPIO WITH SEVERAL OF HIS OFFICERS AND DEMANDS TO BE MADE MOD. DE LEON ACQUIESCES AND GENERAL ((ENRIQUEZ)) BECOMES CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE STAFF.

TEXT: 1. (S//NF//MN) President Ramiro ((DE LEON)) Carpio made his decision late on the afternoon of 6 June to appoint General Mario Rene ((ENRIQUEZ)) Morales to the position of minister of defense. But, General Jorge Roberto ((PERUSSINA)) Rivera and several of his officers entered De Leon's office at the presidential house and confronted him with his decision.

2. (S//NF//MN) General Enriquez was then called and asked to come to De Leon's office. Enriquez had become aware of the situation and he asked De Leon what was happening. De Leon informed Enriquez that he had reversed his decision and asked Enriquez to take the position of chief of the national defense staff, for a short period of time, and in the interest of the army.

This change would only be
IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS, AFTER WHICH TIME GENERAL PERUSSINIA WOULD RETIRE. THIS WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 OCTOBER 1993.


6. (U) SOURCE 'C' ALSO REPORTED IN THE MORNING EDITION OF 8 JUNE THE SAME AS SOURCE 'B', BUT WITH THE ADDITION OF GENERAL ORTEGA BEING ASSIGNED TO MILITARY ZONE 23 (THE PETEN).

COMMENTS: 1. (S/NF) WHILE EACH REPORT HAS CONTAINED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TRUTH, THE PLAYERS THEMSELVES HAVE NOT BEEN SATISFIED AND HAVE CHANGED THE RULES AND THE OUTCOME. THE GENERAL ORDER ANNOUNCING THE FINAL CHANGES WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY. THEN AND ONLY THEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO TRULY CONFIRM WHO'S ON FIRST AND WHAT'S ON SECOND.
THERE PROBABLY WILL NOT BE TOTAL HARMONY WITHIN THE ARMY UNTIL HE RETIRES, SO PERUSSINA'S SHORT TERM AS MOD IS A GOOD THING. GEN ORTEGA'S ASSIGNMENT IS UNUSUAL IN THAT ZONE COMMANDS ARE NORMALLY GIVEN TO COLONELS, AND THAT ORTEGA HAD BEEN THE PETEN COMMANDER IN LATE 1990 EARLY 1991. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT ORTEGA ASKED FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT, CHOOSING TO BYPASS AN OFFER OF BECOMING THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.