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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PGOV, PTER, PINR, PHUM, US, PE
SUBJECT: ARMY/SIN DEATH SQUAD EXISTED

1. ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY:

TOLD US INVESTIGATION INTO THE 1991 BARRIOS ALTOS KILLINGS, AND OTHER INFORMATION, POINTED TO THE SAME NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN)/ARMY INTELLIGENCE

Said Montesinos was better-suited to spying on opponents than carrying out a counterinsurgency; the SIN/ARMY SQUAD'S ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN POINTLESS. Said he would maintain silence, however, due to fear of retaliation.

END SUMMARY.
MET ON MAY 21 WITH POLCOUNS. WHILE THE OSTEABLE CONVERSATION SUBJECT WAS SENDERO LUMINOSO, THE TALK DRIFTED, AS IT DOES LATELY IN LIMA, TO NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, ARMY COMMANDER GEN. NICOLAS HERMOZA, AND THE LA CANTUTA KILLINGS.

6. ACCORDING SIN HAD MADE ONLY MINOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTERINSURGENCY EFFORT; IT SPENT MOST OF ITS TIME SPYING ON THE
OPPOSITION AND THE MILITARY. THE LATTER WAS MONTESINOS' FORTE AS WELL, WHICH MIGHT EXPLAIN "USELESS" ACTIONS, SUCH AS BARRIOS ALTOS AND LA CANTUTA, CARRIED OUT BY THE SIN/ARMY INTELLIGENCE GROUP DENOUNCED BY GEN. ROBLES.

OF THE NOV. 1991 BARRIOS ALTOS KILLINGS HAD PROVEN CONCLUSIVELY THAT NEITHER POLICE NOR CIVILIANS HAD CARRIED OUT THE MASSACRE.

Said he had already

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SUBJECT: FORMER TERRORISM POLICE CHIEF SAYS

KNOWN THAT AN ARMY INTELLIGENCE (SIE) DEATH SQUAD HAD EXISTED; ITS MEMBERS WERE THOSE
INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN NAMED IN GEN. ROBLES' AND OTHER PERSONS' STATEMENTS ABOUT LA CANTUTA.


9. COMMENT: [REDACTED] HE HAS AN AXE TO GRIND WITH REGARD TO MONTESINOS. HIS COMMENTS ON THE BARRIOS ALTO AND LA CANTUTA CASE, HOWEVER, COINCIDE WITH OTHER INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED.

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