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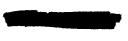
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1. ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. THERE IS PALPABLE DISSATISFACTION AND CONCERN WITHIN ARMY WITH REGARD TO SEPTEMBER 17 REMOVALS OF GENERALS JARAMA AND MORI. TO LARGE EXTENT, ARMY ATTENTION IS NOW DIRECTED INWARD AND FOCUSED ON INSTITUTION'S RESPONSE TO HUMAN RIGHTS-RELATED SITUATION IN WHICH IT FINDS ITSELF. HOWEVER,



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ARMY IS ALSO APPREHENSIVE ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT GARCIA ADMINISTRATION MAY PURSUE OR PERMIT A "WITCH HUNT" AGAINST ARMY HUMAN RIGHTS OFFENDERS,

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OR THOSE IN CHAIN OF COMMAND, DURING PAST SEVERAL YEARS. END SUMMARY.

- 3. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH ARMY OFFICERS SEPTEMBER 18, WE HAVE PIECED TOGETHER FOLLOWING SKETCH OF EVENTS SURROUNDING REMOVAL OF GENERALS JARAMA AND MORI PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL), AND INITIAL REACTION WITHIN ARMY TO SITUATION.
- 4. JARAMA APPARENTLY WAS NOT AWARE WHEN HE TESTIFIED
 BEFORE SENATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MORNING OF
 SEPTEMBER 17 THAT IT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT AN
 ARMY PATROL COMMANDER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASSAC CIVILIANS AT ACCOMARCA ON A
 UGUST 14. THIS
 INFORMATION WAS, HOWEVER, AVAILABLE IN JARAMA'S 2ND
 MILITARY REGION HEADQUARTERS A FEW HOURS BEFORE HE
 TESTIFIED. FOR REASONS WHICH REMAIN UNCLEAR, A
 DECISION WAS TAKEN BY OFFICIALS SUBORDINATE TO
 JARAMA TO WITHHOLD THIS INFORMATION FROM HIM.
- 5. IN AFTERMATH OF TESTIMONY AND REVELATION OF ROLE OF ARMY PATROL AT ACCOMARCA, PRESIDENT GARCIA CALLED A MEETING OF NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL. JARAMA AND MORI, WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, WERE ORDERED TO ATTEND. GARCIA REPORTEDLY MADE REMARKS TO COUNCIL SHARPLY CRITICAL OF ARMY'S HANDLING OF ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORT, AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE HUMAN RIGHTS EXCESSES COMMITTED. AT CONCLUSION OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, NEITHER WAR MINISTER (GENERAL) FLORES NOR COMMANDING GENERAL RUIZ ROSE TO DEFEND THE

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INSTITUTION. JARAMA THEREUPON TOOK THE FLOOR TO EXPLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IN EMERGENCY ZONE (EZ) AND TO DEFEND ARMY'S PERFORMANCE. HE PROCEEDED TO PLACE HIS COMMAND AT DISPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT AND OFFERED TO RETIRE FROM ARMY. EZ COMMANDER MORI FOLLOWED SUIT IN SIMILAR FASHION. NEITHER FLORES NOR RUIZ SPOKE UP. AFTER MEETING ADJOURNED, GARCIA DECIDED THAT BOTH JARAMA AND MORI SHOULD BE RELIEVED OF COMMANDS, BUT THAT JARAMA'S OFFER TO RETIRE SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED.

6. HANDLING OF SITUATION PROVOKED DISSATISFACTION AND CONCERN WITHIN ARMY. OFFICERS WITH WHOM WE SPOKE SEPTEMBER 18 TOOK POSITION THAT, IN CIRCUMSTANCES,

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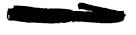
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RUIZ SHOULD HAVE RESIGNED IN SOLIDARITY WITH JARAMA AND MORI. WE UNDERSTAND RUIZ IS STILL UNDER PRESSURE FROM WITHIN THE INSTITUTION TO RESIGN AND TO ASSERT PUBLICLY THAT POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATROCITIES COMMITTED ULTIMATELY LIES WITH WAR MINISTER, NOT WITH INTERMEDIATE OFFICERS IN CHAIN OF COMMAND. SUCH A STATEMENT, MANY OFFICERS BELIEVE, WOULD SERVE TO

SYMBOLIZE SOLIDARITY WITHIN INSTITUTION, ANEVENT APRA GOVERNMENT FROM ESCAPING RESPONSIBILITY ENTIRELY. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHAT RUIZ'S COUNTER-ARGUMENTS ARE, OR WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO.

7. ARMY IS ALSO NOW WORRIED ABOUT GOP'S FUTURE INTENTIONS. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE UNEASE ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT GARCIA ADMINISTRATION MAY, IN AFTERMATH OF PUCAYACU AND ACCOMARCA, SEEK TO PURSUE HUMAN RIGHTS-RELATED CASES WHICH AROSE DURING 1983 AND 1984. A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ARMY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN EZ IN PAST TWO-AND-A-HALF



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YEARS AND MAY, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ANTI-SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS WHICH RESULTED IN CIVILIAN DEATHS. PERUVIANS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY WATCHING PRESS COVERAGE OF RELATED EVENTS IN ARGENTINA WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST. YOULE

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