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1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT
2. SUMMARY: A DOCUMENT ALLEGEDLY DRAFTED BY A MEMBER OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE (SIE) GROUP "COLINA," AND PROVIDED TO EMBASSY

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COLINA'S ORIGINS AND ITS CARRYING OUT OF THE NOVEMBER 1991 BARRIOS ALTOS EXECUTIONS OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS. ARMY COL. RODRIGUEZ ZABALBEASCOA WAS THE LINK BETWEEN THE GEN. RIVERO, HEAD OF DINTE, AND MAJOR (THEN CAPTAIN) SANTIAGO MARTIN. ONE OF THE GROUP'S NAMES WAS "SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE ANNIHILATION GROUP," BUT WAS ALSO CALLED "LOS MAGNIFICOS" OR "EL EQUIPITO." THE DOCUMENT CLAIMS THAT SIN ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS APPROVED OF THE GROUP'S OPERATIONS IN GENERAL, AND GAVE THE GO-AHEAD ON THE BARRIOS ALTOS KILLINGS. THE DOCUMENT ALSO CLAIMS THAT SIN COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER LT. COL. ROBERTO HUAMAN AZCURRA HELPED TO PLAN THIS OPERATION. THE DOCUMENT COINCIDES WITH THE

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INFORMATION PROVIDED TO EMBASSY BY "SI" MAGAZINE FROM A DEBRIEF OF A COLINA SOURCE, AND MAY BE THE SAME ITEM. THE DOCUMENT PROVIDES MANY DETAILS ON THE ALLEGED PREPARATIONS FOR AND CONDUCTING OF THE BARRIOS ALTOS ATTACK. WHETHER MONTESINOS IN FACT GAVE APPROVAL FOR THE OPERATION, OR THAT HUAMAN ASSISTED IN PLANNING IT, CANNOT BE CONFIRMED. THE APPEARANCE OF THIS DOCUMENT MAY REFLECT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS' EFFORTS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND TO SHIFT BLAME TO OTHERS, OR CREATE PROBLEMS FOR RIQONS. WHILE THE DOCUMENT IS NOT PUBLIC, IT COULD BECOME SO. LA CANTUTA AND RELATED EVENTS ARE FAR FROM OVER. END SUMMARY.

4. THE DOCUMENT ALLEGES THAT THE GROUP'S LEADER, MAJOR SANTIAGO MARTIN, BEGAN HIS WORK IN ARMY INTELLIGENCE IN JANUARY 1988. HE REPORTEDLY WAS PLACED IN A LIAISON POSITION WITH THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN). ALLEGEDLY AFTER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN MARTIN AND THE SIN, THE DOCUMENT CLAIMS THAT MARTIN RECOMMENDED THAT THE SIE CREATE AUTONOMOUS "WORKING GROUPS FOR SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS." THIS WAS APPROVED. MARTIN FORMED A SMALL SIE GROUP THAT EXECUTED SENDERO LUMINOSO LAWYER MANUEL FEBRES IN JULY 1988. FEBRES DEFENDED OSMAN MOROTE. MARTIN ARRANGED FOR THE KILLING TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE "COMANDO RODRIGO FRANCO," A PARAMILITARY

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GROUP CREATED BY THE THEN-GOVERNING APRA PARTY.
THE DOCUMENT CLAIMED THAT THE THEN-HEAD OF THE
SIE, AND HIS SUCCESSORS, SHOWED THEIR APPROVAL
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OF MARTIN'S OPERATIONS BY MAINTAINING HIM IN HIS
POSITION OVER SEVERAL YEARS.

5. THE DOCUMENT CLAIMS THAT ARMY OFFICERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BARRIOS ALTOS KILLINGS WERE
THE FOLLOWING:

-- "GENERAL JUAN RIVERO LAZO - WAS HEAD OF THE
ARMY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DINTE);"

-- "LT. COL. FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ ZABALBEASCOA -
HEAD OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DETACHMENT

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(DESTO) - ONE OF THOSE ENTRUSTED WITH RECRUITING
PERSONNEL FOR THIS DETACHMENT."

-- "MAJOR ROBERTO HUAMAN AZCURRA - ELECTRONICS
CHIEF FOR THE SIN - WAS IN CHARGE OF PLANNING
THIS OPERATION."

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-- "MAJOR JULIO PEBE MONTOYA - WAS IN THE
PLANNING GROUP - WORKED AT THAT TIME IN THE SIN."

-- "MAJOR ROBERTO PAUCAR CARBAJAL - ANOTHER OF
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THE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING GROUP, BROTHER-IN-LAW
OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS
TORRES." (COMMENT: WE CANNOT CONFIRM AT THIS
TIME THAT PAUCAR IS MONTESINOS' BROTHER-IN-LAW.)

-- "VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS TORRES - SIN ADVISER -
PRINCIPAL CREATOR OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS
GROUP, AND WHO RECEIVED FULL ACCOUNTING OF
EVERYTHING IT DID."

6. THE DOCUMENT CLAIMS THAT THE FOLLOWING
PERSONNEL CARRIED OUT THE ATTACK:

-- "CAPTAIN SANTIAGO MARTIN RIVAS - OPERATIONS
CHIEF OF THE GROUP, KNOWN AS "KIKE."

-- "CAPTAIN CARLOS PICHILINGUE GUEVARA -
ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF OF THE GROUP, KNOWN AS
"ENGINEER CARLOS."

-- "NCO AIO (OPERATIONS INTELLIGENCE AGENT)
JUAN SOSA SAAVEDRA - KNOWN AS "BAZAN," "CHATO
SOSA," "KEROSENE," CHIEF OF GROUP TWO."

-- "NCO AIO JUAN SUPO SANCHEZ - KNOWN AS
"OCAMPO," CHIEF OF GROUP ONE."

-- "NCO AIO HUGO CORAL GOICOCHEA"

-- "NCO AIO WILMER YARLAQUE"

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-- "NCO AIO NELSON CARBAJAL GARCIA - KNOWN AS
"PETER," "PETETE."

-- "NCO AIO JULIO CHUQUI AGUIRRE"

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-- "NCO AIO NESTOR PINEDA"

7. ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT, AS OF NOVEMBER 1991, THERE WERE 30 AIO'S IN THE GROUP, OF WHICH SIX WERE FEMALE. THEY WERE DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS, HEADED BY NCO'S SUPO, SOSA, AND MIGUEL ANGEL PINO.

8. THE DOCUMENT CLAIMS THAT THE OPERATION RESPONDED TO INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY NCO AIO JUAN PAMPAQUILLA ("ABADILLA"), WHO HAD INFILTRATED SENDERO LUMINOSO'S LEGAL ASSISTANCE FRONT, "ABOGADOS DEMOCRATICOS," AND THE UMBRELLA SL SUPPORT GROUP "SOCORRO POPULAR." ABADILLA HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO "COLINA" IN OCTOBER 1991. ON OCTOBER 27, ABADILLA INFORMED MARTIN THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF SOCORRO POPULAR, SOUTHERN LIMA, WAS ORGANIZING A BARBEQUE FOR NOVEMBER 3 IN THE BARRIOS ALTOS SECTION OF LIMA.

9. THE DOCUMENT ALLEGES THAT MARTIN DECIDED TO SEND COLINA TO ITS CAMP AT "LA TIZA" BEACH SOUTH OF LIMA TO TRAIN FOR A "SPECIAL OPERATION." MARTIN REPORTEDLY STAYED IN LIMA TO COORDINATE WITH THE SIN AND DINTE. ON OCTOBER 29, MARTIN REPORTEDLY TOLD MEMBERS OF THE GROUP THAT HE HAD

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RECEIVED A "GREEN LIGHT" FOR THE OPERATION IN BARRIOS ALTOS. A COLINA MEMBER RECONNOITERED THE SITE ON OCTOBER 30. ON OCTOBER 30, 31 AND NOVEMBER 1, THE COLINA MEMBERS AT LA TIZA TRAINED BY USING A MOCK-UP OF THE SITE IN BARRIOS ALTOS. THE GROUP SPENT NOVEMBER 2 CLEANING WEAPONS AND RESTING, WHILE MARTIN WENT TO SIE TO CARRY OUT FINAL COORDINATION WITH SIN AND DINTE. ON NOVEMBER 3, MARTIN RETURNED TO LA TIZA AND SAID THE OPERATION WOULD OCCUR THAT NIGHT.

10. THE DOCUMENT SAYS THE GROUP LEFT LA TIZA THAT NIGHT IN TWO VEHICLES. ONE, A BLUE

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AGENTS. IN THE SECOND VEHICLE, A WHITE PICK-UP,
WERE PICHILINGUE, AIO "KIKO," AND NINE PERSONS.
IN A THIRD VEHICLE (GREEN TOYOTA SEDAN) WERE LT.
COL. RODRIGUEZ, AND FIVE FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE
GROUP. THERE WERE ALSO TWO MOTORCYCLES WITH TWO
MEN EACH. THE GROUP ARRIVED IN BARRIOS ALTOS AT
ABOUT 8:00 PM. OTHER AGENTS WERE ALREADY IN THE
BARRIOS ALTOS AREA.

11. ONE GROUP OF AGENTS, UNDER LT. COL.
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RODRIGUEZ, WENT INTO THE BARBEQUE TO DO MORE
RECONNAISSANCE, ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT. THIS
TOOK PLACE JUST BEFORE MARTIN'S TWO VEHICLES
ARRIVED. WHEN MARTIN ARRIVED, HE ALLEGEDLY
ORDERED THE VEHICLES TO AWAIT ORDERS FROM ABOVE.
THE AUTHOR OF THE DOCUMENT CLAIMS THAT MARTIN
WAS NERVOUS, AND THAT HE COULD SEE THAT MARTIN
ALLEGEDLY TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO CALL MONTESINOS'
USING HIS CELLULAR PHONE (554446). THE AUTHOR
OF THE DOCUMENT CLAIMED THAT MARTIN REPEATEDLY
STATED "VLADI DOESN'T ANSWER." AT 10:15 P.M.,
THE AUTHOR OF THE DOCUMENT CLAIMED THAT MARTIN
SAID "NOW WE HAVE THE GREEN LIGHT FROM VLADIMIRO."

12. ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT, MARTIN LED THE

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MEMBERS FROM THE TWO VEHICLES INTO THE BARBEQUE. MARTIN WENT FIRST WITH ABADILLA, WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE PERSONS AT THE PARTY WERE SL MEMBERS. MARTIN THEN ORDERED HIS MEN TO ENTER AND TO LINE UP THE PERSONS AGAINST A WALL. THE DOCUMENT SAID THIS WAS EASILY ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THE PEOPLE WERE QUITE DRUNK AND PUT UP NO RESISTENCE, EXCEPT FOR ONE PERSON WHO "BECAME EMBOLDENED." HE WAS BEATEN "TO SHOW WHO WAS IN CHARGE." ONE AGENT TOOK A BABY FROM ONE OF THE WOMEN AND PUT IT TO ONE SIDE. A SMALL BOY WAS PLACED IN A SEPARATE ROOM. ONE PART OF THE GROUP SECURED THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. A FEMALE AGENT TURNED UP THE VOLUME ON THE MUSIC PLAYING AT THE PARTY. THE AUTHOR OF THE DOCUMENT DOES NOT REMEMBER WHO ORDERED THE GROUP TO OPEN FIRE; USING

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SUBMACHINEGUNS WITH SILENCERS, THE SHOOTING TOOK 20 SECONDS. THE DOCUMENT SAID THE NOISE WAS BARELY HEARD AS THE SILENCERS DID THEIR WORK WELL. AFTERWARDS, THE SMALL BOY CAME OUT OF THE ROOM, SURPRISING MARTIN WHO THOUGHT SOMEONE COULD BE ATTACKING THEM. HE KILLED THE CHILD. THE GROUP EXITED. ONCE IN THE VEHICLES, THEY TURNED ON SIRENS TO APPEAR LIKE POLICE, AND DEPARTED QUICKLY. THEY DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL GROUPS, AND THEN MET AT LA TIZA BEACH. THE DOCUMENT SAYS THE COLINA MEMBERS WERE NERVOUS AND ONE OF THE TRUCKS NEARLY OVERTURNED IN CHORRILLOS. THIS VEHICLE, HOWEVER, STOPPED IN CHORRILLOS TO BUY BEER. BACK AT LA TIZA THE GROUP HELD AN ALL-NIGHT PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE OPERATION AS WELL AS MARTIN'S BIRTHDAY. THEY HAD TO SEND OUT FOR MORE BEER FROM NEARBY PUCUSANA AND DANCED AS IF GIRLS HAD BEEN PRESENT. LT. COL. RODRIGUEZ ANNOUNCED THAT COLINA WAS AN ELITE FORCE WITHIN THE ARMY TO COMBAT TERRORISM WHOSE GOAL WAS TO CAPTURE ABIMAEI GUZMAN, TERMINATE SUBVERSION, AND AVENGE ARMY CASUALTIES. THE NEXT DAY THE GROUP SLEPT FOR A FEW HOURS BUT STARTED THE PARTY AGAIN WHEN THEY AWOKE. IT WAS AT THIS STAGE THAT ONE OF THE MEMBERS SUGGESTED THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE COLINA GROUP IN HONOR OF AN ARMY OFFICER INFILTRATED INTO SENDERO WHO DIED UNDER ARMY ATTACK RATHER THAN IDENTIFY HIMSELF AND PUT OTHER INFILTRATED

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OFFICERS AT RISK. THE DOCUMENT CLAIMS A VIDEO
WAS TAKEN OF THE PARTY AND GIVEN TO MARTIN. THE
VIDEO IS IN THE HANDS OF A BROTHER OF ONE MEMBER
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OF THE GROUP WHO LIVES IN TRUJILLO. ON NOVEMBER
9, THE AUTHOR CLAIMS THAT THE GROUP RETURNED TO
ITS BASE AT THE INSTALLATIONS OF THE SIN. THE
DOCUMENT ENDS WITH A ROUGH HAND DRAWN MAP OF THE
SITE OF THE KILLING IN BARRIOS ALTOS.

13. COMMENT: THE DOCUMENT (BEING POUCHED
SEPARATELY TO ARA/AND) IS 21 TYPEWRITTEN PAGES
LONG; IT COINCIDES WITH "SI" MAGAZINE'S DECEMBER
1992 PUBLICATION, BASED ON A COLINA MEMBER
(SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED TO US; SEE 93 LIMA
0014, EXDIS), AND WITH THE (UNPUBLISHED) ACCOUNT
PROVIDED BY A SEPARATE COLINA MEMBER TO "SI"

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MAGAZINE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY DEBRIEFED TO US
(REFTEL) BY THE TWO REPORTERS WHO READ FROM
THEIR NOTES. IN FACT, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE
AUTHOR OF THE DOCUMENT AND THE SECOND "SI"
SOURCE ARE THE SAME PERSON.

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14. AS IN THE CASE OF THE "SI" SOURCE, THIS SOURCE IS CONVINCING ON DETAILS OF WHICH HE PURPORTS TO HAVE FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE -- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COLINA, THE LEAD-UP TO BARRIOS ALTOS, AND THE ATTACK ITSELF. IT IS NOT CLEAR,
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HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF MONTESINOS' AND HUAMAN'S ALLEGED ROLES. THE ALLEGATION THAT COLINA CARRIED OUT BARRIOS ALTOS IS NOT NEW, AND IT IS ALMOST CERTAINLY CORRECT. BARRIOS ALTOS WAS NEVER PORTRAYED AS AN OPERATION TO DETAIN TERRORISTS THAT SOMEHOW WENT AWRY (LA CANTUTA HAS BEEN PORTRAYED AS SUCH, BUT THE VERDICT IS STILL OUT). THE OPERATION'S RESULTS AND THE DETAILS CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT AND BY THE SOURCE IN REPTTEL DEMONSTRATE THE INTENT WAS TO ELIMINATE A TERRORIST CELL.

15. THE TWO MAJOR QUESTIONS ARE: WHO APPROVED, OR KNEW ABOUT, THE CREATION AND GENERAL OPERATIONS OF COLINA; AND, WHO APPROVED, OR OTHERWISE SUPPORTED, COLINA'S BARRIOS ALTOS KILLINGS. THE DOCUMENT'S SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE SIN AND VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, WHILE NOT IMPOSSIBLE, CANNOT BE PROVEN. IT IS NOT, FOR EXAMPLE, CLEAR AT ALL WHY THE DE FACTO INTELLIGENCE CHIEF FOR PERU WOULD TAKE TIME TO APPROVE OR OVERSEE WHAT WAS A FAIRLY SMALL OPERATION. COLINA'S GENERAL SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES, HOWEVER, IS ANOTHER MATTER. WE BELIEVE IT QUITE PLAUSIBLE THAT THE SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE SIE AND THE SIN HAD TO BE AT LEAST AWARE OF WHAT COLINA WAS UP TO, AND WHAT IT WAS TRAINED TO DO.

16. WHY THE AUTHOR WROTE THE DOCUMENT, AND WHY
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IT HAS BEGUN TO CIRCULATE PRIVATELY, INCLUDING BEING PASSED TO US. IS UNKNOWN.
THE SOURCE MENTIONED IN REPTTEL ALLEGEDLY

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PROVIDED DETAILS TO "SI" SO AS TO AVOID BEING MADE A SCAPEGOAT FOR COLINA'S KILLINGS IN BARRIOS ALTOS AND LA CANTUTA, AND ELSEWHERE. THE FACT THAT THE DOCUMENT HAS BEGUN TO CIRCULATE, AT LEAST ON A VERY RESTRICTED PRIVATE BASIS, MAY REFLECT AN ATTEMPT BY SOME IN COLINA, OR THE SIE, TO PLACE SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR COLINA ON THE SIN, WHICH AVOIDED ANY LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE LA CANTUTA TRIAL. IN ADDITION, OFFICERS IN CLANDESTINE MILITARY OPPOSITION GROUPS (COMACA, LEON DORMIDO) AND THOSE ALLIED WITH JAILED COUP-LEADER GEN. SALINAS WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON COLINA TO SURFACE AND EMBARRASS THE ARMY LEADERSHIP AND THE GOP. LA CANTUTA AND RELATED CASES HAVE NOT BEEN LAID TO REST BY THE MILITARY COURT TRIAL OF SANTIAGO MARTIN AND OTHER AND WILL SURELY CONTINUE TO REVERBERATE IN POLITICAL CIRCLES. THE PRESSURES TO THIS END WILL BECOME ALL THE MORE INTENSE AS PERU ADVANCES INTO THE ELECTORAL SEASON WHEN A VARIETY OF FUJIMORI ADVERSARIES, INCLUDING GENERAL SALINAS' FRIENDS, WILL HAVE EVERY INTEREST IN HITTING ON THIS ACHILLES HEEL AND FURTHER EMBARRASSING THE PRESIDENT BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, IF NOT HIS OWN ELECTORATE.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS

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17. THE ABOVE REPORT IS SIGNIFICANT IN THAT IT ADVANCES OUR SOURCING ON BARRIOS ALTOS BEYOND THE WORD OF "SI" CORRESPONDENTS (REFTEL). IT TRACKS CLOSELY WITH DETAILS OF A "SI" UNPUBLISHED VERSION (WHICH I HAVE JUST REVIEWED FOR THE FIRST TIME). NEITHER REPORT ADDS CORROBORATIVE DETAIL TO MONTESINOS' DIRECT INVOLVEMENT.

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IT WILL BE
IMPORTANT TO KNOW MORE OF MONTESINOS' ALLEGED
PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THIS GROUP'S OPERATIONS
BEFORE THE FACT AND WE SHALL TRY TO DO SO.
HOWEVER, A SERIOUS QUESTION IS ALSO POSED BY THE
VERY EXISTENCE WITHIN THE GOP'S INTELLIGENCE
STRUCTURE OF A GROUP WHICH COMMITTED THE BARRIOS
ALTOS KILLINGS, ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS THAT COLINA
ITSELF DID NOT OPERATE FOR MUCH LONGER THAN A
YEAR AND REPORTEDLY CEASED FUNCTIONS AT THE END

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OF 1992. WE ARE ALSO DISTURBED BY THE
LIKELIHOOD THAT SENIOR GOP MILITARY AND
INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS KNEW OF ITS OVERALL
MISSION WHEN FORMED AND, AT LEAST AFTER THE
FACT, OF SPECIFIC OPERATIONS LIKE LA CANTUTA,
BARRIOS ALTOS, AND THE OTHER ACTIVITIES IN 1992
REPORTED REFTTEL.
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