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SERIAL: (U) IIR [REDACTED]

BODY

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PASS: (U) DIA PASS TO AIG 11888

COUNTRY: (U) GUATEMALA (GT).

SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] MOD'S CREDIBILITY WITH
OFFICER CORPS ERODING (U)

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DOI: (U) 880406

REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SOURCE: ~~(C/NF/WNT)~~ A. [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: ~~(C/NF)~~ DISINFORMATION WITHIN THE OFFICER CORPS APPEARS TO BE ERODING THE CREDIBILITY OF MOD MG HECTOR ALEJANDRO ((GRAMAJO)) MORALES, AS THEY BELIEVE HE HAS BEEN COOPTED BY THE RULING PARTY, FAILS TO HEED ADVICE, IS INATTENTIVE TO ARMY NEEDS, AND IS PROBABLY INVOLVED IN CORRUPT PRACTICES.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ [REDACTED] THE MOD HAS LOST FURTHER CREDIBILITY WITH THE OFFICER CORPS. ALTHOUGH THE EXAMPLES REPORTED BELOW ARE RELATIVELY MINOR, THEY INDICATE SENIOR OFFICER DISSATISFACTION WITH THE WAY MG GRAMAJO COMPORTS HIMSELF.

A. DURING AN EARLY FEB 88 CDRS CONFERENCE, MG GRAMAJO REPORTEDLY ISSUED AN OPERATIONAL ORDER TO COL JOSE DOMINGO ((GARCIA)) SAMAYOA, CDR MZ #22 PLAYA GRANDE. GARCIA RESPECTFULLY THANKED THE MOD AND REQUESTED THAT THE ORDER BE PASSED TO BG MANUEL ANTONIO ((CALLEJAS)) Y CALLEJAS, CHIEF OF STAFF, FOR ISSUANCE. THE REST OF THE CDRS ROSE IN APPLAUSE FOR GARCIA'S ACTION, INDICATING THAT THIS WAS PROPER PROCEDURE. GRAMAJO ACKNOWLEDGED HIS MISTAKE AND REDIRECTED HIS ORDER TO BG CALLEJAS.

B. DURING A LATE FEB 88 CDRS CONFERENCE, THE MOD TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT SOME OF THE RESEARCH HE HAD BEEN RECENTLY PERFORMING HAD INDICATED THAT THE ARBENZ GOVERNMENT (1950-1954) WAS NOT COMMUNIST. IMMEDIATELY, COL BYRON DISRAEL ((LIMA)) ESTRADA, CDR MZ #8 CHIQUIMULA, STATED THAT GRAMAJO'S RESEARCH WAS FAULTY AND THAT AMPLE EVIDENCE EXISTED WHICH PROVED THAT ARBENZ AND MOST OF HIS GOVERNMENT WERE COMMUNISTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GRAMAJO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE WAS ONLY TESTING HIS AUDIENCE.

C. MANY SENIOR OFFICERS HAVE REPORTEDLY ACCUSED GRAMAJO OF LISTENING MORE TO HIS CIVILIAN POLITICAL ADVISOR (NFI) AND COL LUIS ENRIQUE ((MENDOZA)) GARCIA, CDR MARISCAL ZAVALA BDE, THAN TO HIS GENERALS AND CLOSE STAFF OFFICERS. HE REPORTEDLY MAKES DECISIONS ON HIS OWN WITHOUT FULLY EXPLORING THE ISSUES.


2. ~~(e/NP)~~ [REDACTED] GRAMAJO HAS LOST CREDIBILITY WITH SOME MID AND JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS AS WELL. THE ISSUES PRESENTED BELOW DETAIL THEIR APPARENT DISSATISFACTION AND LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN GRAMAJO.

A. SOME JUNIOR OFFICERS BELIEVE GRAMAJO HAS BEEN COOPTED BY THE DCG BECAUSE HE FREQUENTLY STATES THAT THE ARMY IS TO PROTECT THE PRESIDENT. THEY DISAGREE, STATING THAT THE ARMY IS TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION, NOT THE PRESIDENT.

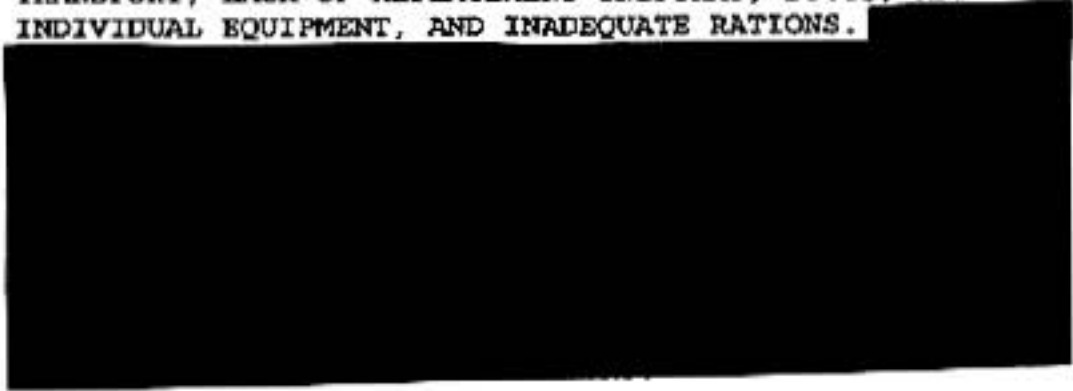
B. REPORTEDLY, SOME MID AND JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS ARE STILL IN DISAGREEMENT WITH GRAMAJO OVER HIS ATTEMPTS TO MAKE THE MOD A "GENERAL DEL EJERCITO" (LTG) BILLET, AND VICE MOD, CHIEF NDGS AND VICE CHIEF OF NDGS "GENERAL DE DIVISION" (MG) BILLETS. THEY PERCEIVE THAT HE IS ONLY DOING THIS TO MAKE HIMSELF LOOK BETTER AND JUSTIFY HIS ACTIONS BY UPGRADING THE OTHER BILLETS.

C. SOME MZ CDRS ARE REPORTEDLY COMPLAINING THAT GRAMAJO IS PLACING INEXPERIENCED JUNIOR OFFICERS [REDACTED] ON MZ OR TASK FORCE STAFFS. THIS IS CAUSING MORALE PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY WHEN JUNIOR OFFICERS ARE OPERATING OVER FIELD GRADE OFFICERS. MANY OFFICERS BELIEVE THESE JUNIOR OFFICERS ARE RECEIVING SOME SORT OF RECOGNITION (DESERVED OR OTHERWISE) FOR PAST SERVICE. ALL WHO RECEIVE SUCH ASSIGNMENTS ARE REPORTED TO BE GRAMAJO SUPPORTERS. FURTHER, "PROMOCION 73" HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE OFFICER CORPS AS RULING PARTY SUPPORTERS. MOST ARE BN CDRS AND FULLY SUPPORT GRAMAJO.

D. [REDACTED]



E. MOST JUNIOR OFFICERS INVOLVED IN COMBAT OPS BELIEVE GRAMAJO IS NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO COMBAT NEEDS. THEIR COMPLAINTS CONCERN INADEQUATE TRANSPORT, LACK OF REPLACEMENT UNIFORMS, BOOTS, AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT, AND INADEQUATE RATIONS.



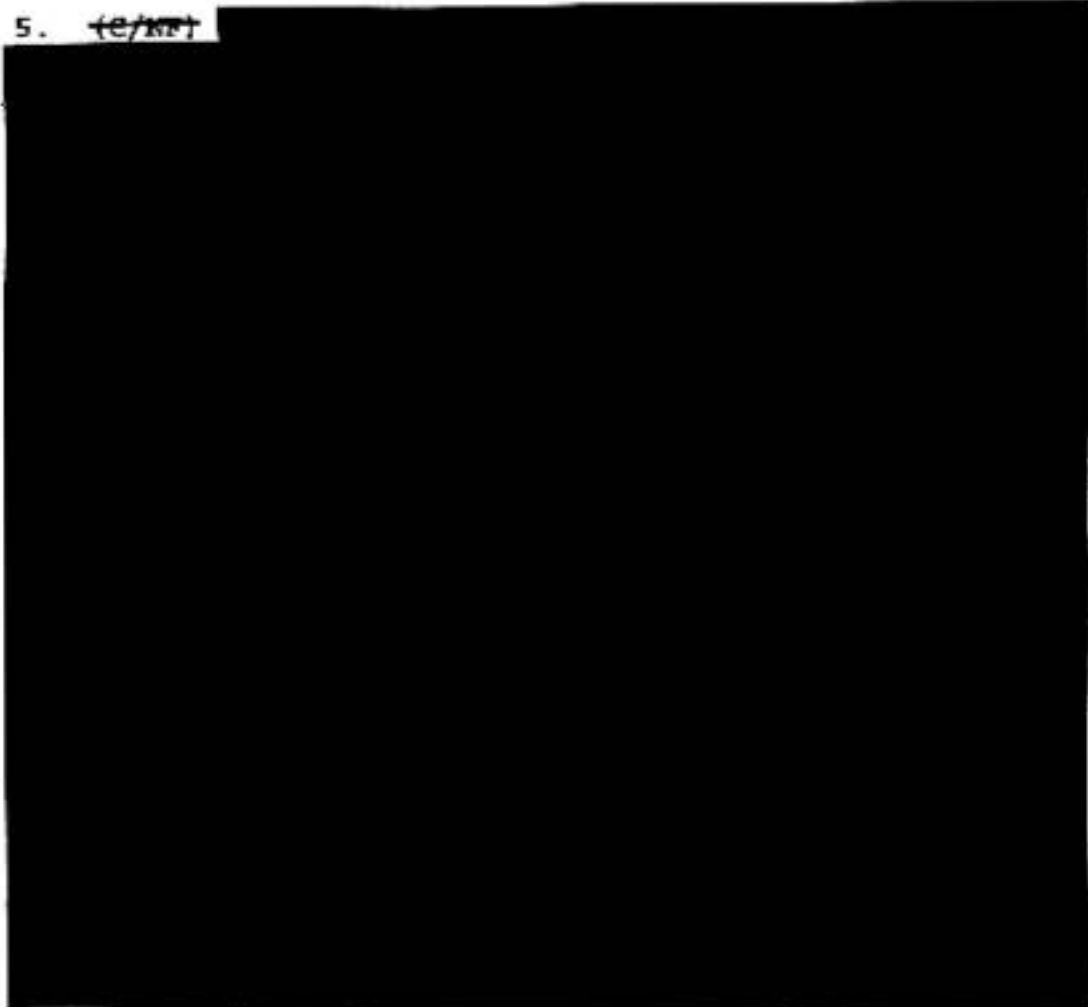
3. ~~(S/NPT)~~ REPORTEDLY, KNOWLEDGE EXISTS IN THE OFFICER CORPS THAT GRAMAJO IS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN CORRUPT ACTIVITIES.

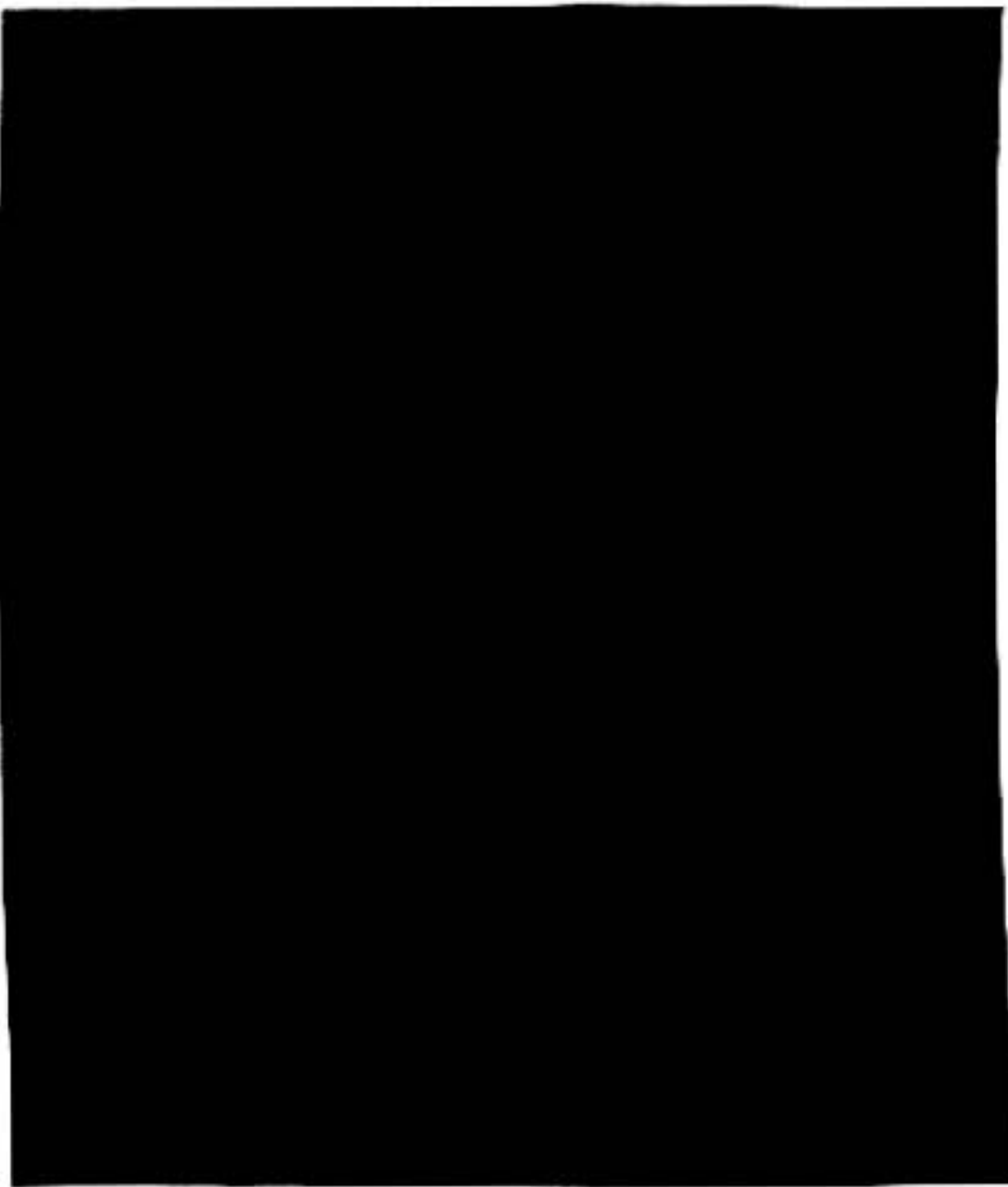
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4. ~~(S/NP)~~ [REDACTED] THE JUNIOR OFFICERS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A DIALOGUE BETWEEN A GT BASED THINK TANK [REDACTED] AND THE URNG IN SAN JOSE, CS. THE OVERALL FEELING IS THAT LEFTIST ELEMENTS OF CEDEP WANT THE URNG TO GAIN VALUABLE CONCESSIONS. THIS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE JUNIOR OFFICERS. THEY WILL SUPPORT TALKS IF THE URNG ABANDONS THE ARMED STRUGGLE, LAYS DOWN ITS WEAPONS AND REINCORPORATES ITSELF INTO SOCIETY AS A POLITICAL ENTITY.





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