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 TAGS: PGOV, PHUM, PREL, PTER, SNAR, CO
 SUBJECT: REAR ADMIRAL QUINONEZ RESIGNS FROM NAVY

CLASSIFIED BY: AMBASSADOR ANNE W. PATTERSON. REASONS 1.5 (B)
 AND (D)

1. (C) SUMMARY: ON NOVEMBER 26, REAR ADMIRAL RODRIGO QUINONES
 RESIGNED FROM THE COLOMBIAN NAVY. MINISTER OF DEFENSE MARTA
 LUCIA RAMIREZ PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION AND TOLD THE
 PRESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO "PRESERVE THE MILITARY"
 AND TO ASSURE COLOMBIANS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES
 WERE "ABOVE ANY BLEMISHES." IN ADDITION TO HIS LINKS WITH
 DRUG TRAFFICKING, QUINONES HAS ALSO BEEN ACCUSED OF HAVING

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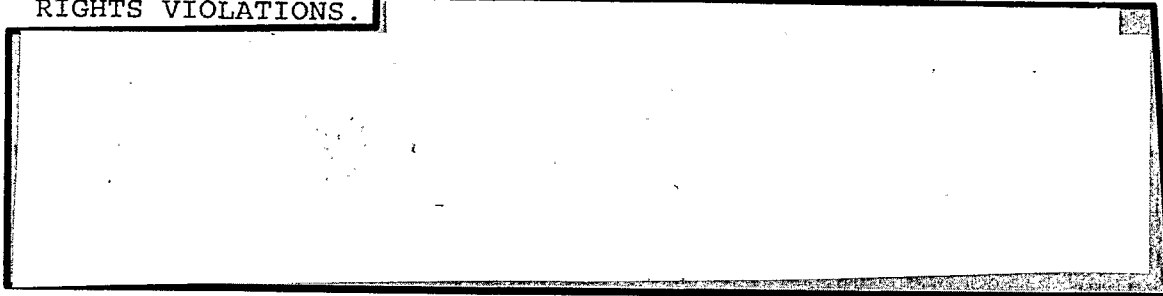
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TIES TO PARAMILITARY GROUPS AND COMPLICIT IN MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.



QUINONES RESIGNS "VOLUNTARILY"

2. (U) ON NOVEMBER 26, REAR ADMIRAL RODRIGO QUINONES RESIGNED FROM THE COLOMBIAN NAVY. HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST SENIOR NAVY
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OFFICIALS. QUINONES HAD BEEN SERVING AS COLOMBIA'S DEFENSE ATTACHE IN ISRAEL. MINISTER OF DEFENSE MARTA LUCIA RAMIREZ PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED QUINONES' RESIGNATION AFTER A MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR. PUBLICLY, RAMIREZ PORTRAYED THE RESIGNATION AS VOLUNTARY. SHE SAID QUINONES' RESIGNATION WAS ACCEPTED BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO "PRESERVE THE MILITARY" AND TO ASSURE THE PEOPLE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WERE "ABOVE ANY BLEMISHES." RAMIREZ TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE GOC'S DECISION IN THIS CASE WAS RELATED TO THE USG'S DECISION TO REVOKE QUINONES' VISA AND OTHER INVESTIGATIONS.

DRUGS AND MASSACRES

(U) QUINONES' VISA WAS REVOKED

OVER THE LAST DECADE, QUINONES HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF NUMEROUS OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR ALLEGED GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND COLLABORATION WITH PARAMILITARIES. FOR EXAMPLE, QUINONES HAS BEEN CHARGED OFFICIALLY BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2001 PARAMILITARY MASSACRE IN CHENGUE, SUCRE DEPARTMENT. THE GOC'S FAILURE TO CONVICT QUINONES, IN PARTICULAR, HAS OFTEN BEEN CITED AS EVIDENCE OF ITS LACK OF WILL IN PROSECUTING HUMAN RIGHTS CASES. ALTHOUGH ESTABLISHING QUINONES'S GUILT IN ANY PARTICULAR CASE IS PROBLEMATIC, AN UNMISTAKABLE PATTERN OF SIMILAR ALLEGATIONS HAS FOLLOWED HIM ALMOST EVERYWHERE HE HAS HELD FIELD COMMAND.

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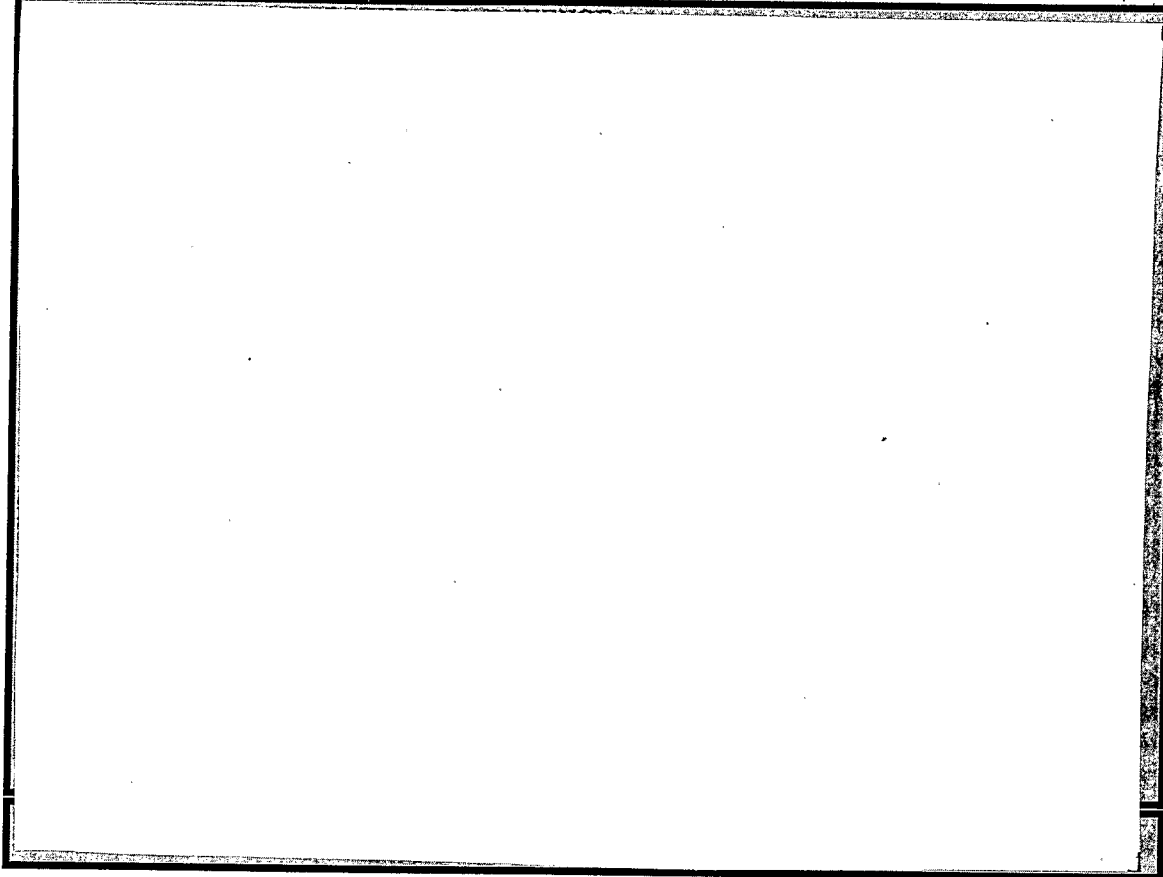
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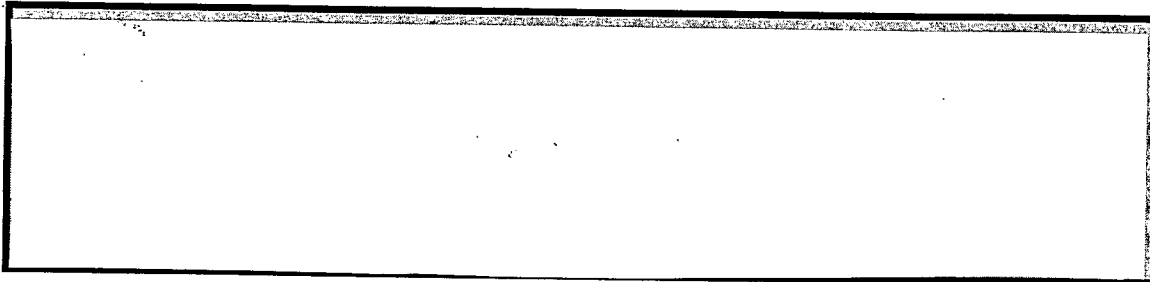
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7. (C) COMMENT: QUINONES HAS BEEN ONE OF THE HIGHEST PROFILE TARGETS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. THE LACK OF ANY DISCIPLINARY OR JUDICIAL SANCTIONS AGAINST QUINONES FOR HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE CHENGUE MASSACRE IS FREQUENTLY CITED AS AN EXAMPLE OF IMPUNITY IN THE COLOMBIAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM.



END COMMENT.

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