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8. ~~(S/NFORM)~~ SUMMARY: DESPITE THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE SIX JUNTA ADVISERS TO PERMANENT POSITIONS WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES, THE JUNTA ADVISER GROUP APPARENTLY CONTINUES TO FUNCTION FOR THE TIME BEING; HOWEVER, ONLY TWO (2) OF THE SIX ADVISERS APPEAR TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED, AND BG JOSE EFRAIN ((RIGS)) MONTT STILL PLANS TO EVENTUALLY TERMINATE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN JUNTA AFFAIRS. ONE OF THE SIX-MAN ADVISER GROUP, FIRST CAPTAIN CARLOS RODOLFO ((MONCZ)) PILONA, HAS SUPPOSEDLY ALIENATED SENIOR AND

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JUNIOR OFFICERS ALIKE BECAUSE OF HIS PERCEIVED SUPERIOR ATTITUDE AND OFFERS OF FAVORABLE ASSIGNMENTS. HE IS ALSO ALLEGED TO HAVE ACCEPTED MONEY FOR HIS ROLE IN THE COUP OF 23 MARCH. DISSATISFACTION WITH GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 10 CONTINUES; HOWEVER, THE COMPLAINTS ARE MINIMAL AND APPEAR TO EMANATE ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM A GROUP OF OFFICERS WHO BELONG TO THE SAME MILITARY ACADEMY PROMOTION CLASS (NUMBER 72). THREE OFFICERS FROM THIS PROMOTION GROUP WERE ORDERED ARRESTED BY BG RIGS FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT THEY WERE INVOLVED IN COUNTERCOUP PLOTTING AND HAD BEEN GUILTY OF CORRUPT ACTS DURING PRESIDENT FERNANDO RONEO ((LUCAS)) GARCIA'S TENURE. FINALLY, SOME OFFICERS (NFI) REMAIN CONCERNED THAT BG RIGS CONTINUES TO INTERJECT TOO MUCH OF HIS RELIGIOUS PIETY INTO EVERY DAY GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS. AS A RESULT, SOME OFFICERS BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE OUSTED.

9A. ~~(S/NFORM)~~ DETAILS: (ENTIRE TEXT ~~CONFIDENTIAL/NFORM~~)
(1) THE JUNTA ADVISER PROBLEM: ON 12 APR 82, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD) GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 10 WAS RELEASED REASSIGNING A LARGE NUMBER OF OFFICERS WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES. INCLUDED IN THE TRANSFER ORDER WERE THREE OF THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA ADVISORY GROUP: COL VICTOR MANUEL ((ARGUETA)) VILLALTA, REASSIGNED AS CHIEF, PRESIDENTIAL STAFF; MAJ ANGEL ARTURO ((SANCHEZ)) GUDIEL, AIDE, PRESIDENTIAL STAFF; FIRST CAPTAIN CARLOS RODOLFO ((MONCZ)) PILONA, S-3 OFFICER, PRESIDENTIAL STAFF. THE REMAINING THREE JUNTA ADVISERS, LTC MARIO RENE ((ENRIQUEZ)) MORALES, 2D CPT MARIO AUGUSTO ((RIVAS)) GARCIA, AND 2LT NECTOR MAURICIO ((LOPEZ)) DOMILLA REASSUMED THE POSITIONS THEY HELD ON 23 MARCH (THESE WERE 2D BN CDR, MARISCAL ZAVALA BDE; COMBAT PILOT, BAF; PLT CDR, TACTICAL SECURITY GROUP OF THE AIR FORCE, RESPECTIVELY). ALLEGEDLY, THE TRANSFERS/ASSIGNMENTS WERE DESIGNED (1) TO ENTAILY CURTAIL THE ROLE OF THE ADVISER GROUP IN DAY-TO-DAY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND (2) PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR EVENTUALLY TERMINATING THE TITLE AND POSITION OF "JUNTA ADVISER". THE DECISION TO DIMINISH AND EVENTUALLY END THE ROLE OF THE SIX-MAN GROUP FOLLOWED SEVERAL HEATED DEBATES BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AND THE JUNTA DURING POLICY MEETINGS IN THE INITIAL WEEK FOLLOWING THE COUP.

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THE PRINCIPAL LEADERS OF THE 23 MAR COUP, HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF (1) ASSUMING AN IMPERIOUS MANNER IN HIS DEALINGS WITH SENIORS, (2) CONSTANTLY USING BG RIOS' NAME IN ORDER TO GET ACTION FOR HIS PERSONAL REQUESTS, AND (3) CALLING IN PEERS AND SUBORDINATES TO OFFER THEM FAVORABLE ASSIGNMENTS.

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ALLEGEDLY, SOME SENIOR OFFICERS WILL NO LONGER ANSWER PHONE CALLS FROM CAPT MUNOZ

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ADDITIONALLY, SEVERAL JUNIOR OFFICERS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED WITH CAPTAIN MUNOZ, HAVE CIRCULATED STORIES OF RECEIVING INVITATIONS FROM THE CAPTAIN TO VISIT WITH HIM IN HIS OFFICE AT THE NATIONAL PALACE. THERE THEY ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED OFFERS OF FAVORABLE REASSIGNMENTS AND HIS ASSURANCES THAT HE (MUNOZ) COULD HELP THEM RESOLVE ANY FUTURE PROBLEMS THEY MIGHT HAVE.

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IT WAS DECIDED (1) TO TRANSFER/ASSIGN EACH ADVISER TO A POSITION WITHIN THE CAPITAL, AND (2) THAT THE ASSIGNMENTS SHOULD BE OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE AND COMMENSURATE WITH EACH OFFICER'S RANK. SUBSEQUENT TO THE TRANSFERS/ASSIGNMENTS, BG RIO WOULD DEVELOP SPECIAL PROJECTS WHICH WOULD OCCUPY A GOOD DEAL OF EACH ADVISER'S TIME, THEREBY KEEPING THE COLLECTIVE GROUP OUT OF HIS WAY. EVENTUALLY HE WOULD CUT OFF THE GROUP'S PARTICIPATION ENTIRELY; HOWEVER, THIS LAST STEP WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT OFFENDING ANY OF THE SIX-MAN GROUP. THREE OF THE ADVISERS WERE THEN TRANSFERRED UNDER MOD GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 10, WHILE THE REMAINING THREE ASSUMED THEIR PRE-23 MAR POSITIONS. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, NOT ALL OF THE ADVISER GROUP HAS BEEN KEPT OCCUPIED WITH THEIR ADDITIONAL DUTIES AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. BOTH 1ST CPT MUNOZ AND 2D CPT RIVAS HAVE MANAGED TO CONTINUE INVOLVING THEMSELVES IN THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT (NFI). BOTH OFFICERS ALLEGEDLY DEVOTE HALF OF THEIR DAY TO THEIR MILITARY BILLETS AND THE OTHER HALF TO MATTERS WHICH THEY BELIEVE COME UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE ADVISER GROUP (NFI). DESPITE BG RIOS' CONTINUED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE STATUS QUO AND HIS UNCEASING DESIRE TO TERMINATE THE INTERFERENCE ENTIRELY, HE DOES NOT WANT TO ACT TOO QUICKLY SO AS TO ALIENATE THE LATTER TWO OFFICERS.

SUPPOSEDLY, THESE INCIDENTS HAVE RESULTED IN SEVERAL COMPLAINTS BEING FORWARDED TO BG RIOS FROM SENIOR COMMANDERS CONCERNING CAPTAIN MUNOZ' PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR. ADDITIONALLY, THE RESPECT AND NOTORIETY CAPTAIN MUNOZ GAINED AMONG SOME OF HIS PEERS AND JUNIORS FOLLOWING THE EVENTS OF 23 MARCH HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY INDIGNATION BECAUSE OF PERCEIVED ABUSES OF POWER. SOME JUNIOR OFFICERS (NFI) ARE ALSO UPSET WITH CAPTAIN MUNOZ' ASSIGNMENT AS AN 3-3 OFFICER IN THE PRESIDENTIAL STAFF. SOME HAVE COMMENTED THAT THIS IS A BILLET NORMALLY RESERVED FOR SENIOR FIRST CAPTAINS OR MAJORS AND THAT MUNOZ LACKS THE EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO PROPERLY CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES. BY ACCEPTING THIS POSITION THEY (CRITICS) BELIEVE CAPTAIN MUNOZ WAS GONE AGAINST ONE OF THE PRINCIPLES THAT ORIGINALLY LED HIM TO DIRECT THE COUP AGAINST THE LUCAS REGIME. THERE IS ALSO CRITICISM OF CAPTAIN MUNOZ' ALLEGED EFFORTS TO REINSTATE SOME OFFICERS (NFI) ON ACTIVE DUTY WHO HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY CASHEIRED OFFICERS WERE WRONGFULLY DISCHARGED, OTHERS BT

(2) A POSSIBLE SWELLED HEAD: IN CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES OF JUNTA ADVISER, ONE OFFICER IN PARTICULAR HAS ALLEGEDLY MANAGED TO ALIENATE SENIORS AND JUNIORS ALIKE, CAPTAIN MUNOZ PILONA, ON OF

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SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED RETURN BASED ON THEIR RECORDS OF POOR PERFORMANCE. ONCE AGAIN THEY (CRITICS) CITE THIS AS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HIS (MOMOS) OVERSTEPPING HIS AUTHORITY AND ABUSING HIS POSITION.

(3) GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 10 AND PROMOTION CLASS NUMBER 73: ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS OF BG RIOS FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF MOO GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 10 WAS WHETHER OR NOT ALL THE OFFICERS WOULD COMPLY WITH THEIR REASSIGNMENT ORDERS. HIS CONCERNS WERE QUICKLY DISPELLED AS THE DAYS PASSED AND OFFICERS LISTED IN THE ORDER BEGAN ARRIVING AT THEIR NEW POSTS. ALTHOUGH SOME GRUMBING PERSISTS OVER THE TRANSFER ORDER, DISCONTENT IS MINIMAL AND APPEARS TO ORIGINATE PRIMARILY FROM OFFICERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF PROMOTION CLASS NUMBER 73 OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY (ESCUELA POLITECNICA). THIS PROMOTION CLASS, WHICH ORIGINALLY CONSISTED OF 95 OFFICERS, IS CONSIDERED AN ANOMALY WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES BECAUSE OF THE EXCEPTIONAL COHESIVENESS IT HAS MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. WHILE IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR THE OFFICERS OF A PROMOTION CLASS TO MAINTAIN SOME FRATERNAL TIES THROUGHOUT THEIR ACTIVE DUTY CAREERS, PROMOTION CLASS NUMBER 73 HAS ALLEGEDLY MAINTAINED A MUCH STRONGER RELATIONSHIP AMONG ITS CLASS MEMBERS. SUPPOSEDLY, THE CLASS MAINTAINS IT OWN STRUCTURAL ORGANIZATION, HAVING DIVIDED ITSELF INTO GROUPS WITH GROUP LEADERS AND A CLASS PRESIDENT. THESE POSITIONS ROTATE AMONG THE CLASS MEMBERS PERIODICALLY. THE GROUPINGS FACILITATE THE PASSING OF INFORMATION AND ENHANCES THE COMMUNICATION LINK WITH ALL CLASS MEMBERS. PERIODICALLY, THERE ARE MEETINGS OF THE GROUP LEADERS AND CLASS PRESIDENT TO PLAN

CLASS REUNIONS/FUNCTIONS AND TO PASS INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUAL CLASS MEMBERS (E.G. TRANSFERS, MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS, PROBLEMS, ECT.). FOLLOWING THESE MEETINGS EACH GROUP LEADER RELAYS THE INFORMATION TO THOSE CLASS MEMBERS IN HIS GROUP. FREQUENTLY THERE ARE CLASS FAMILY PICNICS, DANCES, OUTINGS, BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, ETC., WHEREIN ALL CLASS MEMBERS ARE REUNITED. ADDITIONALLY, THE CLASS MAINTAINS A MONETARY KITTY (WHICH ALL OFFICERS SUPPOSEDLY CONTRIBUTE TO FREELY) FOR EMERGENCIES OR HARDSHIPS WHICH MAY BEFALL A CLASS MEMBER OR HIS FAMILY. FOR INSTANCE, IF AN OFFICER FROM THE CLASS IS PLACED IN A "BAJM" STATUS (DROPPED FROM ACTIVE DUTY), THE CLASS MEMBERSHIP MAINTAINS THE OFFICERS PAY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS. THIS IS NOT A LOAN BUT A FREE GIFT TO ALLEVIATE ANY FAMILY SUFFERING UNTIL THE OFFICER CAN FIND ANOTHER JOB. NO OTHER PROMOTION CLASS SUPPOSEDLY PROVIDES SUCH A SERVICE. THERE ARE ALSO ATTEMPTS BY THE CLASS MEMBERS TO ASSIST EACH OTHER IN OBTAINING MILITARY POSITIONS THAT WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S CAREER. CLASS MEMBERS WITH SENIOR MILITARY "PADRINOS" (GODFATHERS) IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE WITH THEIR SPONSORS TO HELP ANOTHER CLASS MEMBER GET THE RIGHT JOB AT THE RIGHT TIME. THIS UNCOMMON UNITY DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE MANY COMPLAINTS AGAINST MOO GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 10 BY THE OFFICERS OF THE PROMOTION CLASS. SUPPOSEDLY, A NUMBER (NFI) OF THE OFFICERS FROM THIS CLASS HAD ENJOYED COMFORTABLE JOBS IN THE CAPITAL DURING THE LUCAS ADMINISTRATION. NOW UNDER GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 10, MANY (NFI) WERE BEING TRANSFERRED TO NON-CONSEQUENTIAL JOBS, OR, WORST YET, TO OPERATIONAL AREAS WHERE THE LIVING IS FAR FROM PLUSH. MEMBERS OF CLASS 73, THEREFORE, BANNED TOGETHER TO TRY TO CHANGE GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 10 THROUGH THREATS OF MASS RESIGNATIONS AND/OR OPEN DEFIANCE OF THE ORDER. THIS MESSAGE WAS SUPPOSEDLY PASSED DIRECTLY TO BG RIOS BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS; HOWEVER, THEIR THREAT DID NOT IN ANY WAY INFLUENCE BG RIOS TO RESCIND OR CHANGE THE ORDER. INSTEAD, BG RIOS ORDERED THAT INVESTIGATIONS BE CARRIED OUT ON CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CLASS WHO HAD HELD POSITIONS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD AND STAFF. WHILE THIS PROBE WAS BEING CARRIED OUT, RUMORS BEGAN TO CIRCULATE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PROMOTION CLASS, WITH THE AID OF THE MOVIMIENTO DE LIBERACION (MLN) POLITICAL PARTY, WERE PLANNING A COUNTERCOUP AGAINST BG RIOS. CONCOMITANTLY, THE CURSORY INVESTIGATION ORDERED BY BG RIOS ALLEGEDLY UNCOVERED INFORMATION WHICH INDICATED THAT AT LEAST THREE OF THE CLASS MEMBERS MAY HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF CORRUPT ACTS WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD AND STAFF DURING THE LUCAS YEARS. ALLEGEDLY, THREE OF THE OFFICERS FROM THIS PROMOTION CLASS, CAPTAINS MARIO S. ((LOPEZ)) SERRANO, ROBERTO E. ((LETONA)) HORA AND OTTO F. ((PEREZ)) MOLINA, HAD EACH INVESTED 100,000 QUETZALES/DOLLARS IN A PRIVATE ENTERPRISE (NFI). BT

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73 DID NOT STOP ENTIRELY. EVERY OFFICER FROM THE CLASS THAT WAS REASSIGNED DID REPORT TO HIS NEW DUTY POST AS REQUIRED. SINCE THEN THE OFFICERS OF PROMOTION CLASS 73 HAVE BEEN LESS VOCIFEROUS IN STATING THEIR DISPLEASURE WITH THE STATUS QUD. NEVERTHELESS, DISQUIETUDE CONTINUES, BUT THE CLASS STILL REMAINS AS UNIFIED AS EVER.

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OTHER MEMBERS OF PROMOTION CLAS 73 WERE ALSO BELIEVED TO BE INVOLVED BUT WITH INVESTMENTS OF LESSER AMOUNTS. WHEN THE FINDINGS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND RUMORS OF THE COUNTERCOUP REACHED THE EARS OF BG RIOS, HE ORDERED THAT THE THREE CAPTAINS (LOPEZ, LETONA AND PEREZ) BE ARRESTED AND CONFINED. THE OFFICERS WERE SUPPOSEDLY PICKED UP AT THEIR HOMES THE SAME EVENING AND TAKEN TO THE HONOR BRIGADE. THIS ACTION BY BG RIOS WAS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE REST OF THE PROMOTION CLASS THAT BG RIOS WAS AWARE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND WAS PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THEM. ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE ARRESTS, BG RIOS CONFERRED WITH THE OTHER JUNTA MEMBERS AND HIS SIX-MAN ADVISER GROUP AND PRESENTED THE EVIDENCE AGAINST THE THREE OFFICERS. SINCE MOST OF THE EVIDENCE WAS LARGELY CIRCUMSTANTIAL AND SINCE BG RIOS BELIEVED HIS POINT HAD BEEN MADE WITH THE OTHER OFFICERS OF CLASS NUMBER 73, IT WAS DECIDED TO FREE THE THREE OFFICERS PENDING COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THEIR PERSONAL FINANCES; HOWEVER, BEFORE THE THREE CAPTAINS WERE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO DUTY, BG RIOS ALLEGEDLY HELD A PRIVATE TALK WITH THEM. DURING HIS MEETING WITH THE PROTAGONISTS HE SUPPOSEDLY REITERATED HIS DETERMINATION TO INVESTIGATE THEIR PRIVATE DEALINGS AND TO DEAL SEVERELY WITH ANYONE WHO ATTEMPTED TO ORGANIZE AN ARMED REVOLT AGAINST HIM. FURTHER, HE THREATENED TO GO PUBLIC WITH THE INFORMATION HE HAD ON THEM IF THE RUMORS OF A COUNTERCOUP OR THEIR THREATS TO DISOBEY GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 10 CONTINUED.

(4) BG RIOS - CHURCH AND STATE: SINCE THE COUP OF 23 MARCH, A NUMBER OF OFFICERS (MFI) WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES HAVE BEEN CONCERNED BY BG RIOS' RELIGIOUS IDIOSYNCRASIES. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, CONCERN HAS TURNED TO ALIENATION BECAUSE OF THE JUNTA PRESIDENT'S CONTINUED ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE HIS RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS ON OTHERS. OFFICERS OPENLY CRITICAL OF BG RIOS' ATTEMPTS TO BRING RELIGION INTO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMED FORCES CITE HIS WEEKLY SUNDAY NIGHT TELEVISION BROADCASTS AS A BASIS FOR THEIR HOSTILITY TOWARD HIS STYLE. THESE SAME OFFICERS BELIEVE BG RIOS SHOULD BE USING THE TIME TO INFORM THE PEOPLE OF WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING TO CORRECT THE MANY PROBLEMS FACING THE NATION AND NOT TO DISCUSS THEMES OF LOVE, FAMILY, WORK, DRINKING, ETC. THEY BELIEVE IT IS WRONG FOR ANY GOVERNMENT LEADER TO USE THE NATIONAL MEDIA TO DELIVER RELIGIOUS EPISTLES. WHAT ESPECIALLY WORRIES THESE OFFICERS IS THE IMAGE THAT MAY BE FORMING IN THE MINDS OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS STATIONED IN GUATEMALA. THEY BELIEVE BG RIOS' MORALISTIC APPROACH MAY IN THE LONG RUN HARM GUATEMALA'S CHANCES TO RECEIVE OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN COMPLAINTS ABOUT BG RIOS' CONTINUING MORAL CRITIQUES AT COMMANDERS' MEETINGS. HE HAS ALLEGEDLY FORBIDDEN OFFICERS TO SMOKE AND/ OR DRINK (ALCOHOL) AT THESE GET-TOGETHERS, AND, ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, HAS LECTURED THESE OFFICERS ON THE EVILS OF WOMANIZING. SOME OF THE COMMANDERS HAVE OPENLY STATED THAT BG RIOS IS BEGINNING TO EXCEED HIS AUTHORITY BY STEPPING ON PERSONAL LIBERTIES. ALL THESE FACTORS HAVE RESULTED IN SOME OFFICERS (SENIOR AND JUNIOR) ADVOCATING THAT BG RIOS BE OUSTED FROM OFFICE. THEY (CRITICS) BELIEVE THE LONGER HE STAYS, THE MORE HE WILL IMPOSE HIS MORALISTIC CODE.

ADDITIONALLY, THESE SAME OFFICERS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT REPLACING BG RIOS WOULD CREATE EXTERNAL OR INTERNAL PROBLEMS AS LONG AS THE REFORMS AND PRINCIPLES ALREADY SET FORTH WOULD BE CARRIED ON (I.E. ELIMINATION OR CORRUPTION, CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS, REHABILITATION OF THE ECONOMY, ETC.). BG RIOS' CRITICS WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES DO NOT BELIEVE HE HAS OVERWHELMING CIVILIAN POPULAR SUPPORT EITHER. THEY BELIEVE THE SUPPORT IS FOR THE MILITARY AND WHAT IT DID ON 23 MARCH. THEREFORE, SINCE THE MILITARY PUT RIOS IN OFFICE THEY CAN TAKE HIM OUT.

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THE OFFICERS WERE THEN RELEASED AND SUBSEQUENTLY CARRIED OUT THEIR REASSIGNMENTS. IN ADDITION, ALTHOUGH THE GRIBBLINGS FROM PROMOTION CLASS

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