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SERIAL: (U) IIR [REDACTED]

BODY

COUNTRY: (U) GUATEMALA (GT).
SUBJECT: IIR [REDACTED] BACKGROUND TO THE REMOVAL OF GENERAL
MARROQUIN, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY (U)
WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED
INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASSIFIED ~~SECRET~~-~~NOFORN-WNINTEL~~.
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REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SOURCE: A. (S/NF/WN) [REDACTED]

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B. (S/NF/WN) [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: (S/NF/WN) ON THE MORNING OF 3 SEPTEMBER, CHIEF OF STAFF
JUAN JOSE ((MARROQUIN)) SILIEZAR WAS DEPOSED AT GUNPOINT WHILE HIS
FAMILY WAS HELD HOSTAGE. REMOVAL WAS BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE.
POSSIBILITY OF COUNTERACTION EXISTS, BUT NOT IMMINENT.

TEXT:

1. (S/NF/WN) [REDACTED] ON SUNDAY, 2 SEP 1990, GT ARMY
CHIEF OF STAFF JUAN JOSE ((MARROQUIN)) SILIEZAR WAS NOTIFIED BY THE
MINISTER OF DEFENSE JUAN LEONEL ((BOLANOS)) CHAVEZ THAT THERE WOULD
BE A BUSINESS MEETING IN MARROQUIN'S OFFICE AT 0800 HOURS ON 3 SEP.
SOURCE B REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENT ACTUALLY SIGNED THE ACCORD AT
0300 ON 3 SEP. ACCORDINGLY GENERAL MARROQUIN SET UP HIS CONFERENCE
TABLE WITH PADS AND PAPER AND ASSEMBLED HIS DIRECTORATE STAFF. ALL
WERE UNARMED.
2. (S/NF/WN) AT APPROXIMATELY 0810 GENERAL BOLANOS, ARRIVED
ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL ROBERTO "BOBBY" ENRIQUE ((MATA)) GALVEZ, THE

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SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL STAFF, AND APPROXIMATELY HALF A DOZEN ARMED SOLDIERS. THE SOLDIERS ACCOMPANYING GENERAL BOLANOS FANNED OUT WITHIN THE ROOM AND COVERED THE GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS WITH THEIR WEAPONS.

3. (S/NF/WN) AT THIS POINT THE SECRETARY READ THE PRESIDENTIAL ACCORD FIRING GENERAL MARROQUIN. AT THE SAME TIME THAT THESE EVENTS WERE TAKING PLACE, TWO PLATOONS FROM THE HONOR GUARD BRIGADE WERE IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING OVER GENERAL MARROQUIN'S RESIDENCE AND CAPTURING HIS FAMILY. GENERAL MARROQUIN'S SECURITY DETAIL, GREATLY OUTNUMBERED, WAS REMOVED FROM THE RESIDENCE, AND THE MARROQUIN FAMILY WAS NOTIFIED THAT THEY WERE RESTRICTED TO THEIR QUARTERS.

4. (S/NF/WN) IMMEDIATELY UPON HEARING OF THE SITUATION, COLONEL LUIS FRANCISCO ((ORTEGA)) MENALDO, COMMANDER OF THE MOBILE MILITARY POLICE (PMA), WENT TO THE MARROQUIN RESIDENCE. ORTEGA CALLED THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION MARROQUIN ORDERED. UPON BEING NOTIFIED OF ORTEGA'S PRESENCE, COLONEL JOSE DOMINGO ANTONIO ((GARCIA)) SAMAYOA, COMMANDER OF THE HONOR GUARD BRIGADE, WENT TO THE RESIDENCE AND NOTIFIED ORTEGA THAT HE WAS OUTNUMBERED AND TOLD HIM TO RETURN TO HIS QUARTERS.

ORTEGA WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST.

5. (S/NF/WN) AT 1000 HOURS ON 5 SEPTEMBER, ALL OF THE MILITARY COMMANDERS WERE BEING ADDRESSED BY GENERAL BOLANOS ON THE REASONS FOR MARROQUIN'S DISMISSAL.

THE REASON GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT BY BOLANOS FOR JUSTIFYING THE ACTION AND THE REASON THAT WILL BE GIVEN OFFICIALLY, WAS THAT MARROQUIN WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A UCN SUPPORTER FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

6. (S/NF/WN) GENERAL MARROQUIN WOULD FIGHT TO BE REINSTATED. THERE ARE MANY IN THE ARMY WHO WOULD FOLLOW MARROQUIN. MARROQUIN WOULD COMMENCE A PRESS CAMPAIGN, THROUGH UCN PARTY SPOKESMEN, IN ORDER TO GENERATE PUBLIC OUTRAGE OVER THE EVENTS.

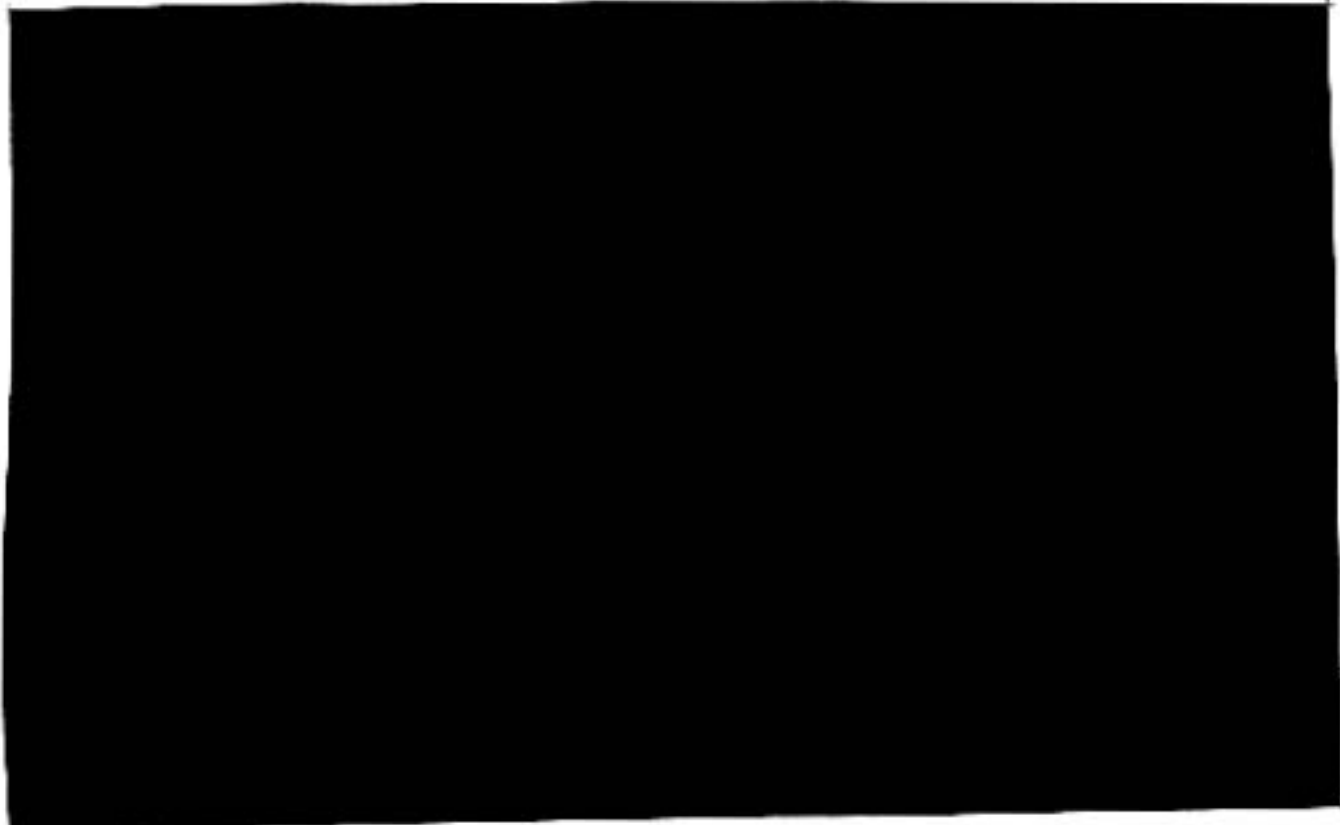
7. (S/NF/WN) THERE WERE RUMORS THAT GENERAL GRAMAJO WAS BACK IN GUATEMALA AND THAT HE WAS BEHIND THE SHAKEUP. NO ONE IN THE ARMY BELIEVED THAT BOLANOS HAD ENGINEERED THIS EVENT AND THE ONLY QUESTION IN THE ARMY WAS WHO WAS BEHIND IT. A KEY PLAYER BEHIND

BOLANOS WAS NAVY CAPTAIN JORGE ARTURO ((MAZARIEGOS)) AGUIRRE, WHOM MARROQUIN WAS TRYING TO EXPUNGE FROM THE ARMY FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

GENERAL MATA WOULD BECOME THE NEW MINISTER OF DEFENSE IN NOVEMBER IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

COMMENTS:





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