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SUBJECT: POLICE TRAINING

1. SEPTEL REPORTS RESULTS OF STUDENT INVESTIGATION ON JUNE 10 EVENTS AND THEIR MEETING WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA AUGUST 28. SEVEN PERSONS NAMED BY STUDENTS AS TRAINING HALCONES ARE LISTED IN REPORT, AND PRESS, AS FOLLOWS: " UN SENOR TERRONES, OTRO ROEL, JAVIER CASTELLANOS, MOISES CUAUHEMOC, JOSE LAMBERTE PONCE LARA, FRANCISCO VILLASENOR AND PERES MORALES."

2. ON CHECKING EMBASSY RECORDS, WE FIND THAT AT LEAST THREE PERSONS NAMED DID INDEED RECEIVE TRAINING AT INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY IN WASHINGTON. JAVIER CASTELLANOS AGUERO WAS HEAD OF FIRST GROUP, WHICH LEFT MEXICO FOR WASHINGTON MARCH 5 AND RETURNED JULY 11. JOSE LAMBERTO PONCE LARA WAS MEMBER OF SAME GROUP. FRANCISCO VILLASENOR WAS MEMBER OF SECOND GROUP, WHICH LEFT MEXICO FOR WASHINGTON APRIL 17 AND RETURNED AUGUST 14.

3. IN ADDITION, STUDENT REPORT MAY HAVE MADE MISTAKE WITH NAME "TERRONES". ROGELIO FLORES BERRONES ACCOMPANIED MANUEL DIAZ ESCOBAR TO WASHINGTON JANUARY 20 TO NEGOTIATE THE TRAINING PROGRAM. DIAZ ESCOBAR WAS ALSO ACCOMPANIED IN JANUARY BY JAVIER CASTELLANOS.

4. COMMENT: PUBLICATION OF DETAILED REPORT BY STUDENT GROUP WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASE PRESSURE ON PRESIDENT

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AND ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MAKE RESULTS OF GOM INVESTIGATION PUBLIC SOON. THERE ARE INDICATIONS ECHEVERRIA MAY DEAL WITH SUBJECT IN HIS INFORME SEPT 1. IF TREATMENT ON THAT OCCASION, HOWEVER, IS NOT SATISFACTORY, AGITATION IS LIKELY TO INCREASE. STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST ON OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT ROLE BEHIND HALCONES AND ASSURANCES THAT ALL SUCH GROUPS WILL BE PERMANENTLY DISBANDED.

5. SINCE FORMER MAYOR, CHIEF OF POLICE OF FEDERAL DISTRICT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL HAVE ALL RESIGNED, GOM WILL PRESUMABLY LAY THE BLAME AT THEIR DOORS. IT PROBABLY CANNOT TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION AGAINST THESE INDIVIDUALS EVEN IF IT SO WISHED, BECAUSE THEY KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT THE COMPLICITY OF OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THIS AFFAIR. EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES TRAINING IN THE US AT INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY WILL PROBABLY ALSO BE CONFIRMED IN LOW-KEY FASHION ALONG LINES OF OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA. EMBASSY URGSS NO COMMENT BY US OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON OR HERE. WE PLAN REFER ANY PRESS INQUIRIES TO GOM. GP-1.
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