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SUBJECT: ALTMANN CASE

REF: LA PAZ 1183

1. MARCH 2 ULTIMA HORA FRONTPAGED ARTICLE ON LATEST MOVE BY ALTMANN DEFENSE LAWYERS TO FORESTALL EXTRADITION. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE DEFENSE PRESENTED DOCUMENTS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTING THAT GOF EXTRADITION REQUEST BE DENIED ON GROUNDS OF: (1) THERE IS NO EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN GOB AND GOF; QWL NONAPPLICABILITY OF RECIPROCITY IN THE CASE; (3) THE UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLE OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS; (4) NONAPPLICABILITY OF A UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS; AND (5) THE PROVISIONS OF LOCAL LAW. (THE NATION TO A UN RESOLUTION WAS NOT EXPLAINED.)
2. THE DEFENSE DOCUMENT CITES ARTICLES 109 OF THE BOLIVIAN PENAL CODE, WHICH STATES, QUOTE THOSE (FOREIGNERS) WHO RESIDE IN BOLIVIA AND WHO FOR CRIMES COMMITTED OUTSIDE BOLIVIA ARE CLAIMED BY THE IRDPRCTIVE GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT BE TURNED OVER TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS EXCEPT IN THOSE CASES AND UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED IN EXISTING TREATIES....(AND) THOSE WHO RESIDE IN BOLIVIA WILL NEVER BE TURNED OVER BY THE GOVERNMENT EXCEPT IN THOSE CASES WHERE THE CRIME IS EXPRESSED IN SAID TREATIES. UNQUOTE.



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3. HOY OF MARCH 3 REPORTED THAT MRS HALAUNERENNER HAD COMMISSIONED A BOLIVIAN LAWYER TO BRING CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST ALTMANN IN THE LOCAL COURTS. HOY ALSO STATED THAT THE ACTION OF ALTMANN'S LAWYERS IN OPPOSING ALTMANN'S EXTRADITION IN EFFECT WAS AN ADMITTANCE THAT ALTMANN IS INDEED BARRIE. MARCH 3 PRESENCIA CARRIED TEL AVIV DATED LINE ARTICLE WHICH STATED THAT ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN INFORMED THE ISRAELI PARLIAMENT THAT BOLIVIA WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SEE THAT ALTMANN IS TRIED. SIRACUSA

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