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SUBJ: ALTMANN CASE

REF: LA PAZ 2502

1. EL DIARIO OF MAY 23 CARRIED FIRST INSTALMENT OF LATIN PRESS SERVICE RELEASE OF "O ESTADO DO SAO PAULO". SERIES TITLED "THE MEMOIR S OF ALTMANN OR BARBIE", IN WHICH ALTMANN IS QUOTED AS ADMITTING THAT HE IS FACT KLAUS BARBIE. THE ARTICLE QUOTES ALTMANN AS HAVING CONFESSED HIS ROLE IN THE DETENTION OF FRENCH RESISTANCE HERO MOULIN TO BOLIVIAN SUBSECRETARY OF INTERIOR ELIO AND IMMIGRATION SUBSECRETARY GREMMINGER. THE MEMOIRS ARE ALLEGEDLY BASED ON AN INTERVIEW GIVEN REPORTED EVALDO DANTAS FERREIRA BY ALTMANN; HOWEVER, NEITHER THE DATE X OR THE PLACE OF THE REPORTED INTERVIEW WJE GIVEN.

2. IN A DECLARATION PUBLISHED IN MAY 22 ULTIMA HORA, MININTERIOR ADET ZAMORA STATED THAT ALTMANN, UPON BEING QUESTIONED REGARDING THE ARTICLE, CLAIMED THAT THE MEMOIRS ARE NOT AUTHENTIC AND THAT IT IS NOT TRUE THAT HE HAD ADMNTTED TO BEING BARBIE. ADET ZAMORA STATED THAT ALTMANN REMAINS IN LA PAZ UQDER POLICE GUARD, "NOT TO PREVENT HIS ESCAPE BUT RATHER TO PROTECT HIS LIFE AGAINST ANY JFSASSINATION ATTEMPT".

3. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS THE DEAN OF THE SUPREME

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COURT STATED THAT THE CASE WAS STILL IN THE HANDS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THAT IT WAS UNKNOWN WHEN IT MIGHT BE SENT TO THE COURT FOR ITS DELIBERATIONS. THE DEAN COMMENTED THAT "THE CASE INVOLVED A COMPLICATED ISSUE WHICH BEIVSSE OF INTERNATIGCAL OVERTONES WOULD BE AN UNPLEASANT ONE TO DECIDE". BARNEBEY

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