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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: LNTONE INVESTIGATION OF KLAUS ALTMAN BARBIE

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- REFS: A. []
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1. (IDEN A) TOLD [] ON MORNING OF 21 APRIL THAT HE AND THE TWO LNTONE INVESTIGATORS HAD MET WITH FORMER SUB-SECRETARY OF INTERIOR FREDDY (VARGAS) ON THE PREVIOUS DAY. VARGAS STATED THAT HE HAD USED ALTMAN BARBIE DURING THE ENTIRE THREE YEARS THAT HE HAD SPENT IN THE MININT BUT ONLY AGAINST HARD TARGETS AND ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. VARGAS CLAIMS HE DID NOT ALLOW ALTMAN BARBIE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN INTERNAL BOLIVIAN MATTERS.

2. VARGAS TOLD THE LNTONE INVESTIGATORS THAT HE RECALLED ONLY ONE OCCASION IN WHICH HE PASSED INFORMATION TO (IDEN B) THAT CAME DIRECTLY FROM ALTMAN BARBIE. HE DOES NOT RECALL WHETHER HE IDENTIFIED THE INFORMATION AS HAVING BEEN PRODUCED BY ALTMAN BARBIE OR WHETHER HE TOLD (IDEN B) SOMETHING LIKE, "SEE, WE HAVE GOOD SOURCES TOO." IT WAS OBVIOUS TO (IDEN A) THAT VARGAS HAD GREAT AFFECTION AND RESPECT FOR (IDEN B) AND SHOWED SOME SIGNS THAT HE MIGHT BE WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER HE, VARGAS, HAD TALKED TOO MUCH. VARGAS SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT REVEAL THE DETAILS OF HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE LNTONE OFFICIALS TO THE AMERICAN STRINGER WITH WHOM HE HAD TALKED PREVIOUSLY. THERE WAS ALSO NO MENTION OF (IDEN C) NOR ANY OTHER FORMER [] OFFICER BY VARGAS.

3. SINCE THIS MESSAGE, ALONG WITH REFS A AND B, DO NOT ADD TO OR SUBTRACT FROM THE LNTONE INVESTIGATION OF ALTMAN BARBIE, SUGGEST THAT ALL THREE MESSAGES WITH IDEN CABLES BE

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DESTROYED AFTER READING. OUR PURPOSE IN PRODUCING THESE MESSAGES WAS TO KEEP HQS ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL FOR BEING MISUNDERSTOOD. THAT POTENTIAL IS INCREASED BY THE PRESENCE OF A NEWS TEAM THAT MAY NOT BE OBJECTIVE IN ITS CONCLUSIONS. BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT LINTONE FININGS, WE ARE MORE CERTAIN THAN EVER THAT PNEXCEL IN BOLIVIA HAS NEVER HAD A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH ALTMAN BAREIE, NOR IS THERE EVIDENCE THAT AN INDIRECT BITTING RELATIONSHIP THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WAS EVER MAINTAINED WITH HIM.

4. PLEASE DESTROY AFTER READING. DECL: OADR DRV HUM 4-82.
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