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SERIAL: 6 808 0239 83  
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SOURCE: MULTIPLE OTS AND OTHER U.S. AGENCIES, COMPLETELY  
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SUMMARY: (S/NORFORN/WNINTEL/NOCONTRACT/ORCON) IN EX-  
CHANGE FOR **KLAUS BARBIE**, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SECRETLY  
AGREED TO PROVIDE BOLIVIA WITH A SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF  
ARMS (UP TO 50 TONS) IN MULTIPLE SHIPMENTS. THE BOLIVIAN  
GOVERNMENT ASSURED THE FRENCH THAT THE WEAPONS, INCLUDING  
SMALL ARMS, MACHINE GUNS, ANTI-TANK WEAPONS, AND AMMUNI-  
TION, WOULD BE USED FOR "POLICE NARCOTICS WORK." INSTEAD  
THE ARMS HAVE PROBABLY BEEN USED TO EQUIP A SECRET PARA-  
MILITARY FORCE FOR PRESIDENT SILES' NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY  
MOVEMENT OF THE LEFT (MNRI) PARTY. SOME OF THE WEAPONS  
MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN REROUTED TO NICARAGUA BY THE MNRI.

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TEXT: (S/NOFORN/WNINTEL/NOCONTRACT/ORCON) THE MOST RECENT  
SHIPMENT OF 100 PISTOLS AND 100 MACHINE GUNS ARRIVED IN  
LA PAZ ON 16 DEC 83 VIA FRENCH MILITARY TRANSPORT TO  
CAYENNE, FRENCH GUIANA FROM WHERE BOLIVIA ARRANGED TRANS-  
PORTATION TO LA PAZ. CUBAN-CONNECTED PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR  
FELIX ((ROSPIGLIOSI)) (CITE-IIRS 6 808 0236/7 83), WITH  
THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRESIDENT, HAS MANAGED THE OPERATION  
AND CONTROLLED DISTRIBUTION THROUGH LEFTIST ASSOCIATES IN  
THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, I.E. EX-MINISTER MARIO ((RONCAL))  
ANTEZANA AND SUB-MINISTER GUSTAVO ((SANCHEZ)) SALAZAR.  
NONE OF THE WEAPONS HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE OR  
THE MILITARY EVEN THOUGH THE POLICE ARE DESPERATE FOR  
WEAPONS TO EQUIP A SPECIAL U.S.-SUPPORTED ANTI-NARCOTICS  
UNIT. THE WEAPONS ARE BELIEVED TO BE A MIX OF NEW AND USED  
FRENCH AND THIRD COUNTRY (BELGIAN, SPANISH, AND SWISS) MAN-  
UFACTURE. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA HAS CONFIRMED,  
TO A RANKING U.S. OFFICIAL, THE EXISTENCE OF ONE SHIPMENT .  
THE TRANSFER OF SOME OF THE ARMS TO NICARAGUA HAS NOT BEEN  
CONFIRMED, BUT HAS BEEN RUMORED.

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ORIG CMTS: (S/NOFORN/WNINTEL/NOCONTRACT/ORCON) PREVIOUSLY  
REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF "STRANGE AIRCRAFT" UNLOADING CRATES  
INTO INTERIOR MINISTRY TRUCKS AT NIGHT ARE PROBABLY EX-  
PLAINED BY THIS REPORT; IIRS 6 808 5056 AND 0158 83 ARE  
RELATED. EARLIER REPORTING INDICATED THAT SILES' MNRI  
PARTY IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE AND TERRORIST AC-  
TIVITY INCLUDING TERRORIST BOMBINGS AND GUERRILLA TRAINING  
OF PARTY MEMBERS IN CUBA AND IN BOLIVIA. IN THE OPINION  
OF THE RO, IT IS BUT A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE "FRENCH  
CONNECTION" BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND PROVES VERY  
DAMAGING TO SILES.

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