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DIST: 13 JULY 1984
COUNTRY: HONDURAS

SUBJ: FALSE ALLEGATION AGAINST 316TH INTELLIGENCE BATTALION
MADE BY LEADER OF HONDURAN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

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TEXT: SOON AFTER THE REMOVAL OF GENERAL GUSTAVO ((ALVAREZ)) MARTINEZ AS COMMANDER OF THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES ON 31 MARCH 1984, LEFTIST PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONDURAS (CODEH) RAMON ((CUSTODIO)) LOPEZ MET WITH HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY LEADERS AND TOLD THEM THAT THE 316TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ALMOST ALL PERSONS ON THE CODEH LIST OF MISSING PERSONS. THE OFFICERS THAT HE MET WERE NEW ARMED FORCES COMMANDER GEN. WALTER ((LOPEZ)) REYES; COL. EFRAIN ((GONZALEZ)) MUNOZ, CHIEF OF THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF; COL. LEONEL ((RIERA)) LUNATTI, COMMANDER OF THE FIRST INFANTRY BATTALION; AND COL. WILLIAM ((SAID)) SPEER, COMMANDER OF THE ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT. AT FIRST THESE OFFICERS BELIEVED CUSTODIO'S ALLEGATION AND BEGAN TO PLAN THE DISMANTLING OF THE 316TH BATTALION. LATER THEY WERE PERSUADED BY SUBORDINATE OFFICERS TO CONDUCT FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CHARGE AGAINST THE BATTALION BEFORE PROCEEDING TO DISMANTLE THE UNIT. THIS THEY DID AND FROM THESE INVESTIGATIONS IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THE BATTALION WAS INNOCENT OF THE ALLEGATIONS, AND IT WAS THEN DECIDED TO LEAVE THE BATTALION INTACT. [REDACTED] COMMENT: FOLLOWING THE ORDERS OF SENIOR OFFICERS ,CERTAIN MILITARY SECURITY UNITS

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ARE CONSUMING CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME INVESTIGATING ABSURD RUMORS, MOST OF THEM DEALING WITH PLANS TO RETURN GENERAL ALVAREZ TO POWER.)

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