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SUBJECT

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MUTUAL LOYALTY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN GENERALS RENE BARRIENTOS AND ALFREDO OVANDO  
SITUATION APPRAISAL AS OF 26 MAY 1965



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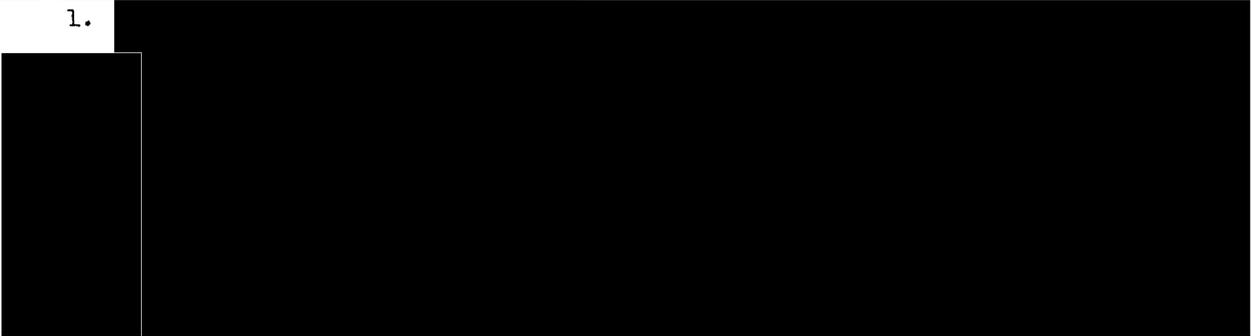


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2. THE SITUATION IN BOLIVIA HAS TEMPORARILY RELAXED AS FAR AS THE PUBLIC IS CONCERNED. WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THE JUNTA THERE IS ALSO A SIGH OF RELIEF. THIS IS A RESULT OF THE SWEARING IN OF GENERAL ALFREDO OVANDO CANDIA AS CO-PRESIDENT OF THE JUNTA. BUT BY NO MEANS DOES THIS SIGNIFY A CLEARING OF TENSIONS AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OVANDO AND BARRIENTOS. THE ENTRY OF OVANDO INTO THE JUNTA WAS A PREARRANGED PLAN OF BARRIENTOS TO HAVE OVANDO SHARE

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HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO ALLOW BARRIENTOS TO SHARE OVANDO'S AS  
COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED

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FORCES. BARRIENTOS IS NOW CO-COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES.  
THE ALIGNMENT OF THE JUNTA AND THE TOP ECHELONS OF THE ARMED FORCES  
REMAINS THE SAME.

3. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT EITHER OVANDO OR BARRIENTOS WILL DESIST  
IN HIS EFFORTS TO DOMINATE EACH OTHER. THE BASIC POLITICAL  
IDEOLOGY OF OVANDO LEANS TOWARD THE FALANGE SOCIALISTA BOLIVIANA  
(FSB) A RIGHT WING ORGANIZATION. THAT OF BARRIENTOS WITH THE  
MOVIMIENTO NACIONALISTA REVOLUCIONARIO (MNR), THE DEPOSED LEFT  
CENTER PARTY WHICH HAD DOMINATED BOLIVIAN POLITICS FOR TWELVE YEARS  
PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1964. BARRIENTOS MAINTAINS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH MANY  
LEADING MEMBERS OF THE MNR, AS DOES OVANDO WITH THE FSB.

4. BEYOND THEIR POLITICAL FEELINGS LIES A BASIC DIFFERENCE IN  
CHARACTER. OVANDO IS RESERVED, CAUTIOUS AND ACCORDING TO MANY  
MILITARY MEN A PHYSICAL COWARD. HE IS VERY INTELLIGENT. BARRIENTOS  
IS AN EXTROVERT, AUDACIOUS AND INTUITIVE. BARRIENTOS IS SHREWD RATHER  
THAN INTELLIGENT. HE HAS A NATIVE ALERTNESS AND COMMON SENSE.

5. THUS FOR THE MOMENT A BALANCE HAS BEEN STRUCK BETWEEN THE  
LEADING CONTENDERS FOR POWER IN BOLIVIA. ACTIONS IN THE MINES CAN  
ALTER CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE POINT WHERE ONE OR THE OTHER WILL ATTEMPT TO  
DOMINATE THE SITUATION. BARRIENTOS IS KNOWN TO BE WAITING FOR THE  
PROPER MOMENT TO DUMP OVANDO FOR GOOD. IT IS PRESUMED OVANDO HAS THE  
SAME FEELINGS TOWARD BARRIENTOS.

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