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HQ AFSPACECOM
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WA/IN, 12 TIS BERGSTROM AFB FOR INI, INS ATTN COINT, 9TH AFB SHAW SC//IN//, CENTCOM MACDILL AFB FL//J2//, FAA/ATTH ACS-400, HQ AFSPACECOM INTEL PETERSON AFB CO//IN, HQ USSPACECOM/CIA REP PETERSON AFB CO, FR/ATLANTA, FR/ST LOUIS.

SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF OCPAS LAB 39-111 FOR 13 MAY 1989.

FROM: DD1/D/CPAS.

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1. GUATEMALA: FAILED COUP HIGHLIGHTS MILITARY'S DISCONTENT [REDACTED]

THE EASE WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT PUT DOWN A COUP ATTEMPT THIS WEEK BELIES THE EXTENT OF THE MILITARY'S UNHAPPINESS WITH CORRUPTION, ALLEGED WEAK SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTERINSURGENCY PROGRAM, AND PERCEIVED SUBORDINATION OF MILITARY INTERESTS TO CIVILIAN POLICY. [REDACTED]

THE COUP ATTEMPT, APPARENTLY AIMED AT OUSTING DEFENSE MINISTER GRAMADO, FIZZLED WHEN OFFICERS COMMANDING THE FOUR KEY MILITARY UNITS IN THE CAPITAL REFUSED TO SUPPORT THE UPRISING. [REDACTED]

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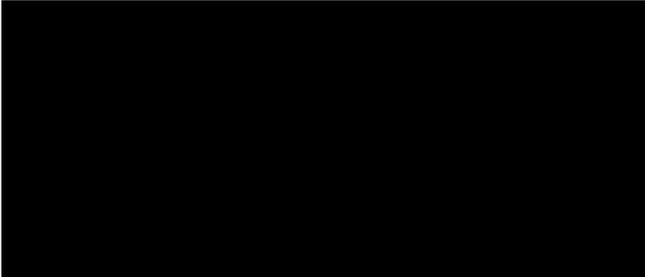
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THE PLOT WAS POORLY PLANNED AND EXECUTED. NEVERTHELESS, SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GRAMAJO AND DISSIDENT OFFICERS NOT INVOLVED IN THE COUP POINT TO WIDESPREAD DISCONTENT AND SYMPATHY WITH REBEL OBJECTIVES. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: GRAMAJO, WHO WAS THE TARGET OF A COUP ATTEMPT LAST YEAR AND OTHER PLOTS, IS UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE FROM OFFICERS TO ADDRESS GRIEVANCES. HE EVIDENTLY STILL HAS THE SUPPORT OF KEY COMMANDERS, BUT JUNIOR OFFICERS APPEAR INCREASINGLY RESTIVE. FOR



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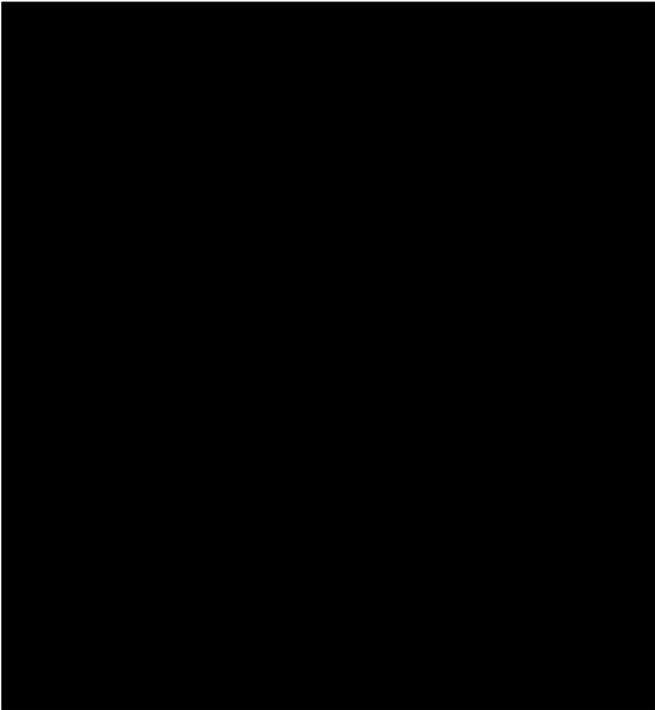
NOW, GRAMAJO WILL PROBABLY TRANSFER REBELLIOUS OFFICERS TO PROVINCIAL COMMANDS TO DEFUSE TENSIONS AND REASSERT HIS CONTROL. [REDACTED]

PRESIDENT CEREZO MUST WALK A FINE LINE BETWEEN ASSERTING AUTHORITY AND NOT APPEARING TO INTERFERE IN THE MILITARY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IF IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT COUP PLOTTERS WERE INTENT ON DUSTING HIM AS WELL AS GRAMAJO, CEREZO MAY HAVE TO ACT MORE DECISIVELY--POSSIBLY BY REPLACING GRAMAJO. HE HAS HINTED ABOUT THE NEED TO SPEND MORE ON SECURITY TO KEEP THE MILITARY IN CHECK AND WILL PROBABLY LOOK TO THE US FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE. [REDACTED]

WHETHER OR NOT THE COUP WAS AIMED AT THE PRESIDENT, THE CEREZO ADMINISTRATION IS UNDER INCREASING FIRE FROM CRITICS FOR CORRUPTION AND INEFFICIENCY. MILITARY OFFICERS ARE PARTICULARLY DISMAYED BY CEREZO'S SELECTION OF THE REFUTEDLY CORRUPT ALFONSO CABRERA AS THE RULING PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE IN THE ELECTION NEXT YEAR. THE MILITARY ALSO IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S PURSUIT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION TALKS WITH LEFTIST GROUPS. IF CIVILIAN DISAFFECTION CONTINUES TO GROW, SENIOR OFFICERS WILL COME UNDER

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INCREASING PRESSURE TO MOVE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]



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