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REPORT CLASS ~~SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM~~ [redacted] COUNTRY BOLIVIA SUBJECT ATTACK ON PRESIDENT RENE BARRIENTOS, RESULTING STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE ARMED FORCES [redacted]

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1. WORD WAS RECEIVED AFTERNOON 22 MARCH 1965 AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE THAT PRESIDENT RENE BARRIENTOS ORTUNO HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN COCHABAMBA. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE MILITARY HAVE BEEN PLACED IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CONFINED TO BARRACKS. MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT, OSCAR QUIROGA TERAN AND ANTONIO ARGUEDAS, FORMER SUB SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT LEFT DURING THE MORNING OF 22 MARCH FOR COCHABAMBA, UNKNOWN TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET. QUIROGA AND ARGUEDAS DID NOT KNOW THAT

B ARRIENTOS WAS SHOT.

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2. [redacted] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR CINCSO CINCLANT.

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SUBJECT REPORTED ATACK ON THE LIFE OF RENE BARRIENTOS [redacted]

1. PRESIDENT RENE BARRIENTOS WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED IN THE HIP ON THE EVENING OF 21 MARCH WHILE RETURNING FROM A VISIT TO TARATE, LOCATED 6 KILOMENTERS FROM COCHABAMBA. TWO OTHER BULLETS WERE STOPPED BY A BULLET PROOF VEST BARRIENTOS WAS WEARING. HIS ATTAVKERS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

2. AT APPROXIMATELY 4 P.M. 22 MARCH BARRIENTOS RETURNED TO LA PAZ FROM COCHABAMBA IN AN AIRPLANE WHICH WAS ESCORTED BY 4 MUSTANG FIGHTERS.

3. [redacted] COMMENT: THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH ONE WAS RECEIVED AFTER TALKING WITH THE SOURCE OF PARAGRAPH TWO, WHO REPORTED NOTHING CONCERNING THE REPORT THAT BARRIENTOS HAD BEEN ATACKED.

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4. [redacted] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR CINCSO CINCLANT.