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1. THE MILITARY HAS NO PLANS OR INTENTIONS OF ATTEMPTING TO TAKE OVER THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME. ACTUALLY THE MILITARY, AND PARTICULARLY THE ARMY, IS SO DIVIDED INTO VARIOUS CLIQUES AND FACTIONS AT THIS TIME THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT A COUP WHICH WOULD BE POPULAR WITHIN THE SERVICES OR WHICH COULD ENDURE WITHOUT THE THREAT OF A COUNTER COUP ATTEMPT BY ANOTHER FACTION OF THE MILITARY. GENERAL JULIO DOIG SANCHEZ, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE

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ARMY, IS STILL THE MAN IN POWER BUT HIS FOLLOWING HAS DWINDLED, ESPECIALLY AMONG COLONELS AND LIEUTENANT COLONELS. FURTHERMORE HE IS NOT ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH OTHER GENERALS. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT ATTENDANCE BY COLONELS AT MANY OF THE INDEPENDENCE HOLIDAYS CEREMONIES IS MANDATORY, ALL COLONELS WERE SIGNIFICANTLY ABSENT FROM THESE CEREMONIES. DOIG NOTICED THIS AND HAS BERATED COMMANDING OFFICERS FOR NOT ENSURING THAT THESE COLONELS WERE PRESENT. DOIG AND SOME OF THE OTHER GENERALS ARE INTERPRETING THE AMOUNT OF APPLAUSE RECEIVED DURING THE MILITARY PARADE AS AN INDICATION OF POPULAR SUPPORT OF THE ARMY, PARTICULARLY IN THIS TIME OF POLITICAL CRISIS. FOR THIS REASON DOIG IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THE OBVIOUS LACK OF COHESION WITHIN THE ARMY AS REPRESENTED BY THE ABSENCE OF THE COLONELS. (C) COMMENT: (C) IT

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HAS NOT BEEN UNUSUAL IN THE PAST FOR COLONELS TO REMAIN AT HOME TO WATCH THE PARADE AND OTHER EVENTS ON TELEVISION BUT STILL FELT THAT THE ABSENCE OF ALL THE COLONELS THIS YEAR HAD SOME SIGNIFICANCE.)

2. THE ARMORED DIVISION OF THE ARMY WAS PREPARED TO MOVE, IF NECESSARY, ON 28 JULY IF THE APRA-NATIONAL ODRIISTA UNION COALITION HAD ATTEMPTED TO INSTALL CONGRESS WITHOUT A QUORUM OR HAD COMMITTED ANY OTHER UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACT. HOWEVER, ANY MILITARY ACTION

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WOULD HAVE BEEN ONLY TO PROTECT THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONSTITUTION.

3. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS WERE NOTIFIED TO STAY AWAY FROM THE ATTEMPT TO INSTALL CONGRESS ON 28 JULY TWO GENERALS WERE NOT NOTIFIED AND SAT THROUGH ABOUT AN HOUR OF ROLL CALLS BEFORE THEY COULD FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE. THEY BLAME DOIG AND GENERAL LUIS PALACIOS TRUJILLO, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF MILITARY JUSTICE, FOR NOT GETTING THE WORD TO THEM.

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