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FOLLOWING IS INFORMALLY TRANSLATED TEXT OF ARTICLE (RELAYED BY THE OFFICIAL SPANISH NEWS SERVICE IN MOSCOW) APPEARING IN SPAIN'S LARGEST CIRCULATION DAILY "EL PAIS" ON DEC 21, UNDER HEADLINE "MOSCOW BELIEVES THAT CIA KILLED THE PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA": "AN AGENT OF THE NORTHAMERICAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) KILLED EX-PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA, MAURICE BISHOP, DURING THE COUP D'ETAT ON THAT CARIBBEAN ISLAND WHICH PRECEDED THE INVASION OF THE NORTHAMERICAN MARINES, THE SOVIET DAILY 'PRAVDA' AFFIRMED YESTERDAY. THE ORGAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR (PCUS) THUS SHARES THE SAME JUDGMENT PUBLISHED RECENTLY BY A DAILY NEWSPAPER IN INDIA, WHICH ASSERTED THAT THE GRENADIAN PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED BY THE CIA. THE INDIAN DAILY STATED THAT BISHOP WAS KILLED BY ONE OF THE SUBORDINATES OF HIS CHIEF OF PERSONAL SECURITY, SEFAS SAINT PAUL, WHO HAD BEEN 'RECRUITED BY THE CIA'. FOLLOWING THE COUP D'ETAT ON THE ISLAND OF GRENADA, SOVIET SPOKESMEN MAINTAINED SILENCE CONCERNING BISHOP'S DEATH, CONCENTRATING THEIR COMMENTARIES ON THE ACCUSATIONS MADE BY THE USSR THAT WASHING-TON WAS PREPARING TO INVADE GRENADA, WHICH ACTUALLY CAME TO PASS. OBSERVERS IN THE SOVIET UNION BELIEVE THAT, IN A CERTAIN SENSE, THE 'PRAVDA' COMMENTARY EXONERATES OF RESPONSIBILITY IN BISHOP'S DEATH THOSE WHO ORIGINALLY LED THE COUP IN GRENADA. "

2. THE ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE UPPER CORNER OF PAGE 7 OF "EL PAIS". WE HAVE NOT SEEN IT PICKED UP ELSEWHERE, AS YET, IN THE SPANISH MEDIA. ENDERS BT

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IN INVESTIGATING NATURE OF THIS PARTICULAR (PRESUMABLY SOVIET) DISINFORMATION EFFORT, BASED UPON A FORGED DOCUMENT OF ZAIRIAN NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, DEPARTMENT SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE PECULIAR COINCIDENCE OF THE LONDON OBSERVER STORY (REFTELS B AND C) AND A PREVIOUS, VERY SIMILAR REPORT FROM ZIMBABWE FOREIGN MINISTRY (REFTEL D).

- HARARE ACCOUNT IS SIMILAR IN CONTENT, BUT IS BASED UPON A SUPPOSED MEETING IN KINSHASA IN MAY 1983, INSTEAD OF NOVEMBER 1983. PARTICIPANTS IN THE TWO MEETINGS (ONE AS FICTITIOUS AS THE OTHER) WERE REPORTEDLY THE SAME: US, SOUTH AFRICA, UNITA, AND ISRAEL (ZAIRE IS LISTED AS PARTICIPANT ONLY IN THE LATER VERSION).
- NOTE THAT OBSERVER REPORTER GODWIN MATATU IS A ZIMBABWEAN, AND THAT OBSERVER OWNER SPECULATED HE HAD PICKED UP STORY ON VISIT TO HARARE (REFTEL C). CONSTABLE RT

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USIA FOR AR P/G FOR INR/IC/CD LA PAZ PASS GENERAL WILLIAMS E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR SUBJECT: (C) ALLEGED US ARMS SALES TO CHILE: POSSIBLE SOVIET DISINFORMATION. STATE 046720 REF:

(U) LEFTIST SENSATIONALIST DAILY "LA REPUBLICA" HEAD-LINED FEBRUARY 18 THAT CHILE IS PURCHASING PERSHING MISSILES WITH ATOMIC WARHEADS FROM US. FULL PAGE REPORT, CITING LATIN AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES, ALLEGED THAT: --US HAS REMOVED RESTRICTIONS ON ARMS SALES TO CHILE.

-- SALE OF "VAST QUANTITY" OF PERSHING 1A MISSILES WITH NUCLEAR WARHEADS (FROM STOCKS IN WEST GERMANY WHICH BECOME AVAILABLE ON ARRIVAL OF PERSHING 2S) VIOLATES REGIONAL TREATY (TLATELOLCO) BANNING INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR ARMS, ETC.

--BEYOND PERSHINGS, US ALSO SELLING CHILE IN 1983 AND 1984 AT HUGE DISCOUNTS THE STINGER (800 MISSILES AND 200 MISSILE LAUNCHERS; MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNGHING SYSTEM (5); M-91 MISSILE LAUNCHING SYSTEM (8) WITH 4000 M-55 CHEMICAL ROCKETS; AND LANCE MISSILE (5). -- CONFIDENTIAL STATE DEPARTMENT AIRGRAM 1490 INFORMED LATIN AMERICAN POSTS ABOUT THESE SALES TO CHILE. SUBSEQUENT CONFIDENTIAL MUNITIONS CONTROL BULLETIN NUMBER 98 (SIC) ANNOUNCED THAT CHILE HAD FULL RIGHT TO ACQUIRE ARMS SUPPLIES.

- (U) "LA REPUBLICA" STORY WAS REPLAYED ELSEWHERE FEBRUARY 20 AND FEBRUARY 21, AND IS APPARENTLY BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY ELEMENTS OF GOP AND RESPECTABLE DAILIES.
- ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL JULIA TOLD REPORTERS AT AIRPORT FEBRUARY 20 THAT MILITARY MINISTERS ARE ASKING PRESIDENT BELAUNDE TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THIS REPORT FROM US AND CHILEAN AMBASSADORS. WERE IT TO BE TRUE, JULIA SAID, IT WOULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR EXISTING

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BALANCE BETWEEN LAND FORCES, WHICH WOULD NEED TO BE REESTABLISHED.

- 4. (C) COMMENT: EMBASSY/USIS FULLY AWARE THAT "LA REPUBLICA" PIECE IS A FABRICATION. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, REPORT IS SOVIET DISINFORMATION. AUTHOR, VICTOR CAYCHO, WAS IN USSR AS QUEST OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT LAST MONTH. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO TURN THIS SITUATION TO ADVANTAGE. WE HAVE ASKED HOUSE ARMED SERVICE COMMITTEE DELEGATION CURRENTLY IN TOWN TO DEBUNK STORY IN MEETINGS FEBRUARY 21 WITH PERUVIAN MILITARY MINISTERS. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO ISSUE A STRONG PRESS RELEASE LATER TODAY (DRAWING ON REFTEL) CATEGORICALLY DENYING ALLEGATIONS AND IMPLYING THEY ARE PRODUCT OF DELIBERATE DISINFORMATION EFFORT. AS REQUESTED REFTEL WE PASSED MCCORMACK MESSAGE TO FINANCE MINISTER RODRIGUEZ PASTROR ON FEBRUARY 17. DIA DIRECTOR GENERAL JAMES WILLIAMS WILL BE IN LIMA FEBRUARY 22-24. HE MIGHT USEFULLY URGE PERUVIAN COUNTERPARTS TO PROVIDE WHATEVER INFORMATION/ DOCUMENTATION THEY HAVE TO HELP US PIN DOWN ORIGIN OF REPORT IN "LA REPUBLICA".
- 6. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION ASAP TO PROCEED ALONG ABOVE LINES. OGDEN BT