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SUBJ: ANOTHER MARTINEZ FRANCISCO-BREA PENA RESIGNATION
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1. NACIONAL AFTERNOON OF MAY 3 HEADLINED STORY THAT TWO EX-PRD MEMBERS OF CABINET, SEC OF FINANCE MARTINEZ FRANCISCO AND SEC INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE BREA PENA, ON POINT OF RESIGNING IF PRES ACCEPTED ACCUSATIONS OF "COMMUNIST" MADE AGAINST THEM BY GOVERNOR OF SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ PROVINCE AND DECREED CANCELATION OF TREASURY REPRESENTATIVE IN THAT PROVINCE WHO HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED BY MARTINEZ. ACCORDING STORY TWO SECRETARIES PREPARING GO JOINTLY TO PALACE WHEN MARTINEZ RECEIVED CALL FROM PRESIDENTIAL AID GUERRERO AVILA WITH ASSURANCE THAT EMPLOYEE WOULD NOT BE CANCELLED.

2. MARTINEZ AND BREA HAD TOLD EMBOFFS PREVIOUS EVENING THAT THEY WERE ON POINT OF RESIGNING OVER CONTINUING INTERFERENCE BY PALACE STAFF IN APPOINTMENTS, WITH MATTERS BROUGHT TO A HEAD BY SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ CASE. HOWEVER THEY INDICATED AT END OF CONVERSATION THAT WOULD DO NOTHING "DRASTIC" WITHOUT FIRST TALKING TO PRES IN EFFORT OBTAIN SATISFACTION AS THEY HAD ON SIMILAR PREVIOUS OCCASION.

3. ON EVENING OF MAY 3 MARTINEZ CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT RESIGNATION HAD BEEN OBTAINED AND HE AND BREA WOULD NOT RESIGN.

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