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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ASSASSINATION PLOT

REF: SD-3970, 3972, 3986, 4008

1. IN LONG STATEMENT READ OVER PRD RADIO PROGRAM, TRIBUNA DEMOCRATICA, OCT. 19, PRD SECGEN JOSE FRANCISCO PENA GOMEZ OFFERED EXPLANATION HIS ROLE IN EVERTSZ CASE. PRD RESPONSE PROMPTED BY REVELATION MADE AT PRESS CONFERENCE LAST WEEK OF AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL SALVADOR LLUBERES MONTAS THAT EVERTSZ INFORMED AIR FORCE SECURITY SERVICE HE HAD OBTAINED PROMISE FROM PENA GOMEZ AND PRD DEPUTY JOTTIN CURY FOR FALSE PASSPORT AND VISA TO TRAVEL TO CUBA IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION EVERTSZ WOULD SUPPLY ON ACTIVITIES OF CIA IN DR.

2. PENA DENIED SUCH A DEAL AND CLAIMS TO HAVE TOLD EVERTSZ PRD NOT IN BUSINESS FALSIFYING PASSPORTS. PENA SAID HE OFFERED TO HELP EVERTSZ FOR "HUMANITARIAN REASONS" AND DECLARED "AS FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES IN OUR COUNTRY OF A FOREIGN ESPIONAGE AGENCY (REFERRED TO EARLIER IN STATEMENT AS CIA), IT IS NO CRIME, BUT AN ACT OF DEFENSE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY". APPARENTLY "HELP" CONSISTED OF ADVICE TO EVERTSZ SEEK ASYLUM IN SOME LA EMBASSY--ADVICE WHICH WAS FOLLOWED. PENA ASSERTED "PRD TOOK NO PART IN ANY PLOT, IF INDEED THERE WAS ONE IN THIS INSTANCE". PENA

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SAID PRD NOT TAKING SIDES IN AFFAIR NOR WOULD IT COMMENT ON WHETHER "PLOT" DID IN FACT EXIST OR NOT. PURPOSE EXPLANATION, SAID PENA, WAS TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT INsofar AS PRD CONTACTS WITH EVERTSZ CONCERNED.

3. PENA LAMENTED AT LENGTH FACT THAT PEOPLE LIKE EVERTSZ WITH TRUJILLO REGIME AND SIM BACKGROUND ARE PERMITTED RETURN TO DR AND ACQUIRE SENSITIVE JOBS WITH POLICE AND AIR FORCE, SAYING THIS COULD ONLY HAPPEN UNDER BALAGUER GOVERNMENT. EXEMPT. CRIMMINS

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