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1. IN CONVERSATION TODAY WITH 2ND ARMY BRIGADE COMMANDER JUAN E. PEREZ GUILLEN, CONSULATE OFFICER SOUGHT HIS REACTION TO TRANSFER OF ARTILLERY UNITS FROM 4TH BRIGADE (FORMERLY CEFA). PEREZ GUILLEN SAID THAT 80 MEN, 4 OFFICERS AND 4 105 MM HOWITZERS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE 2ND BRIGADE IN SANTIAGO. HE ADDED THAT THE MOVE WAS OBVIOUSLY AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INTEMPERATE ACTION BY THE 4TH BRIGADE. HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS, STATING THAT THE 4TH BRIGADE HAD BEEN AGITATING FOR THE RETURN OF GENERAL WESSIN Y WESSIN, A MOVE WHICH HE FEELS UNDERSIRABLE.

2. PEREZ GUILLEN SAID THAT HE WAS INVITED TO A LONG PRIVATE LUNCHEON WITH BALAGUER YESTERDAY IN WHICH BALAGUER SOUGHT HIS

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VIEWS ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. HE CLAIMED THAT BALAGUER MADE NO MENTION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF HIM REPLACING PEREZ Y PEREZ AS MOD BUD DID ADDRESS HIM CONTINUOUSLY AS "GENERAL". (SEE SAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS 9).

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