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1. PENNA MARINHO, CLAIRMONT DUENAS AND I MET SAT. MORNING WITH GARCIA GODOY, RIVERA CAMINERO AND MIN. INTERIOR CASTILLO ON PROBLEMS RECOVERY OF ARMS AND REINTEGRATION MILITARY FORCES.

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PRIOR TO MEETING WE VISITED, AT OUR REQUEST, ARMS DEPOSITORY NEXT TO NATIONAL PALACE AND INSPECTED 19 3 INCH, 50 CALIBER, MOUNTED NAVAL GUNS WHICH HAD BEEN BROUGHT FROM FORTALEZA OZAMA. PRIOR TO OUR DEPARTURE, CONSTITUTIONALISTS' ONLY MOVABLE TANK WAS TOWED IN TO DEPOSITORY. NO OTHER WEAPONS YET DEPOSITED. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTION, MIN. INTERIOR STATED THAT STOCK OF WEAPONS WHICH HAD BEEN COLLECTED AT MUSIC CONSERVATORY AND WHICH HAD BEEN INSPECTED BY BUNKER AND VERIFICATION COMMITTEE HAVE NEVER BEEN RECOVERED AND ARE PROBABLY NOW AGAIN DISPERSED AMONG MILITARY FORCES IN REBEL ZONE. RIGERA DISMISSED THEM AS UNIMPORTANT, HOWEVER, SINCE HE CLAIMS THEY DAMAGED AND UNUSABLE IN ANY EVENT. (A JUDGMENT NOT SHARED BY GENERAL RIKHYE WHO EXAMINED THEM.)

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RE ARMS WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN TO REBEL CIVILIANS, GARCIA GODOY STATED CAAMANO HAS ASSURED HIM APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT (A TOTAL OF ABOUT 1200 PIECES) HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND ARE IN HANDS OF CONSTITUTIONALIST MILITARY. OF REMAINDER HE SAYS SOME ARE HIDDEN BUT MOST HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM CONSTITUTIONALIST ZONE.

AS TO ARMS IN HANDS OF CONSTITUTIONALIST MILITARY, GARCIA GODOY POINTED OUT THAT UNTIL FULL AUTHORITY OF PG AND NATIONAL POLICE IS REESTABLISHED DOWNTOWN, CONSTITUTIONALIST MILITARY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER AND THEY SAY THEY NEED THEIR ARMS FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE SUGGESTED THAT SIDE ARMS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT AND THAT THE BAZOOKAS,

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MORTARS AND HEAVY MACHINE GUNS STILL IN CONSTITUTIONALIST HANDS SHOULD BE COLLECTED SOONEST. GARCIA GODOY, RIVERA AND CASTILLO READILY AGREED AND SAID WOULD BE DONE.

ACCORDING TO RIVERA, 8 OR 9 UNARMED CONSTITUTIONALIST OFFICERS HAVE VOLUNTARILY REINTEGRATED AT OLD RANKS. (RIVERA ESTIMATES TOTAL OF CONSTITUTIONALIST OFFICERS AT 25 -30, BUT GARCIA GODOY IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB. BENNETT LAST NIGHT, MENTIONED FIGURE OF 200.) GARCIA GODOY SAID HE ASSEMBLING LISTS OF CONSTITUTIONALIST MILITARY BY RANKS AND UNITS AND HOPES REINTEGRATE THEM IN GROUPS, WITH PROCESS TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF WEEK. RIVERA SUGGESTED THAT AS THEY COME OUT, THEY COME OUT, THEY TURN ARMS OVER TO NATIONAL POLICE WHO WOULD MOVE IN TO TAKE OVER MAINTENANCE OF ORDER.

COMMENT: RELATIONS BETWEEN GARCIA GODOY AND RIVERA SEEMED CORDIAL AND RELAXED, ALTHOUGH LATTER VOLUNTEERED LITTLE IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION. MIN. INTERIOR (AND VICE PRES) CASTILL SEEMS WILLING BUT APPEARS LACK ABILITY ORGANIZE AND GET THINGS DONE. THERE STILL APPEARS TO BE NO WELL THOUGHT OUT PLAN OF ACTION AND WHOLE MATTER PROCEEDING AT SLOW PACE. WE STRONGLY URGED GREATER SPEED.

2. WE BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF POLITICAL TRUCE AND GARCIA GODOY STATED HE AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING IT AND IS NOW DRAFTING SPECIAL LAW ON SUBJECT WHICH HE EXPECTS TO ISSUE IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSING MESCCELLANEOUS PROBLEMS, GARCIA GODOY REPORTED (TO RIVERA'S SATISFACTION) THAT HE HAS TOLD CAAMANO THAT ON VISITS TO PALACE HE CAN HAVE ONLY ONE CAR AND MAXIMUM ESCORT OF FIVE MEN. THIS WAS ONE OF AF LEADERS' SEVEN COMPLAINTS.

4. ON OAS RESOLUTIONS, PRESIDENT SUGGESTED THAT CLAIRMONT AND I MEET WITH HIM AND MESSINA SUNDAY EVENING. (CLAIRMONT NOW LEAVING TODAY; I PLAN GO AHEAD WITH MEETING.)

5. CANADIA CHARGE CALLED TO STATE HE HAS AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER FROM HIS GOVERNMENT RE POSTING OF MONTES ARACHE TO OTTAWA AND IS SEEING GARCIA GODOY TO WORK OUT DETAILS. GP-3
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