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SUBJ: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN IMBERT CASE

1. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF IMBERT CONTINUES AS AT LEAST THREE PERSONS, INCLUDING NEPHEW OF TRUJILLO, ARRESTED FOR QUESTIONING. MEANWHILE STATEMENTS BY INT SEC AMIAMA TO EFFECT THAT POLICE INVESTIGATION OF CASE HAS NOT BEEN SATISFACTORY HAS CAUSED SPECULATION THAT HIGH-LEVEL CHANGES MIGHT BE MADE IN NATIONAL POLICE.

2. ON MAR 26, AMIAMA ANNOUNCED THAT LUIS RUIZ TRUJILLO, NEPHEW OF LATE DICTATOR, KALIL HACHE, INTIMATE FRIEND OF RHADAMES TRUJILLO, AND FRANCISCO ANTONIO PEREZ, WRESTLER AND ALLEGED FORMER SIM AGENT, HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND WERE BEING INTERROGATED BY POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH IMBERT SHOOTING. AMIAMA ALSO STATED 15 POLICE ENLISTED MEN HAD BEEN QUESTIONED.

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IN INVESTIGATION, WHILE ARMED FORCES SECRETARY PEREZ Y PEREZ STATED ON 25TH THAT SPECIAL MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN AT PORTS, AIRPORTS AND BORDER AREAS TO PREVENT ESCAPE OF ASSAILANTS. WHEN QUESTIONED BY REPORTERS ON THE 26TH AS TO WHETHER HE AGREED WITH IMBERT SPECULATION THAT ATTACK CARRIED OUT BY TRUJILLISTAS, BALAGUER REFUSED COMMENT, STATING HIS COMMENT MIGHT PREJUDICE INVESTIGATION.

3. SPECULATION THAT POLICE CHIEF TEJEDA ALVAREZ WOULD BE REMOVED BEGAN ON MAR 24, WHEN AMIAMA STATED HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH POLICE INVESTIGATION OF CASE, IN WHICH, ACCORDING AMIAMA, POLICE HAVE COMMITTED "UNJUSTIFIABLE ERRORS," INCLUDING FAILURE TO INTERROGATE SEVERAL TRAFFIC POLICEMEN WHO WERE NEAR SCENE OF CRIME UNTIL 20 HOURS AFTER CRIME OCCURRED AND FAILURE BLOCK ONE POSSIBLE EXIT FROM CITY UNTIL DAY AFTER CRIME OCCURRED. STATEMENT LATER SUPPORTED BY BALAGUER, WHO ASSERTED THAT POLICE HAD FAILED NOT ONLY IN THIS CASE BUT IN VARIOUS OTHER UNSOLVED CASES, CITING GUIDO GIL DISAPPEARANCE, NATIONAL LOTTERY ROBBERY AND DEATHS

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