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TEXT: 1. DURING EARLY NOVEMBER 1982, THE MILITARY COMMANDER OF SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT, COLONEL NAPOLEON ((ALVARADO)), WAS ORDERED BY THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES TO REMOVE A CAPTAIN (FNU) ((BRITO)) FROM HIS POSITION AS COMPANY COMMANDER AND PLACE HIM IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE POST OF ALVARADO'S FIFTH BRIGADE. THE HIGH COMMAND INFORMED ALVARADO THAT CAPTAIN BRITO WAS A POLITICAL RIGHTIST WITH TIES TO THE NATIONALIST

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REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PARTY. ALVARADO COMPLIED WITH THE ORDER AND CAPTAIN BRITO WAS TRANSFERRED TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION PRIOR TO 4 NOVEMBER 1982. FOLLOWING THE TRANSFER OF BRITO, COLONEL ALVARADO CONFIDED TO CLOSE FRIENDS THAT HE WOULD NOT TOLERATE RIGHTIST POLITICAL INTRIGUE BY OFFICERS IN HIS BRIGADE.

2. COLONEL ALVARADO ALSO STATED THAT THE HIGH COMMAND AND SPECIFICALLY MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA)) WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POLITICAL LEANINGS OF THE MILITARY COMMANDER OF SAN MIGUEL DEPARTMENT, COLONEL JAIME ERNESTO ((FLORES)). ACCORDING TO ALVARADO, FLORES WAS ONCE

CONSIDERED APOLITICAL BUT NOW APPEARED TO BE MOVING CLOSER TO RIGHTIST POLITICAL ELEMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, THE HIGH COMMAND DISPATCHED AN OFFICER TO THE THIRD INFANTRY BRIGADE IN SAN MIGUEL IN LATE OCTOBER TO REPORT ON FLORES' ACTIVITY AND STATEMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, COLONEL ALVARADO STATED, THE HIGH COMMAND INTENDED TO LIMIT THE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE OF THE MILITARY COMMANDER OF CABANAS DEPARTMENT, LT. COLONEL SIGFRIEDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ. ALVARADO EXPLAINED THAT OCHOA, A KNOWN RIGHTIST AND ARENA SUPPORTER, HAD BEEN WARNED SEVERAL TIMES BY THE HIGH COMMAND TO CEASE HIS POLITICAL ACTIVITY, BUT THAT HE HAD FAILED TO DO SO. (FIELD COMMENT: TO MORE CLOSELY CONTROL OCHOA'S ACTIVITIES, GENERAL GARCIA RECENTLY ASSIGNED OCHOA TO THE GENERAL STAFF, OSTENSIBLY TO ASSIST IN THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL MILITARY

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