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E. O. 12065: GDS 8/19/81 (HALLMAN, WILLIAM H) OR-P  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, A  
ORSUBJECT: POLICE TURNCOAT PLANTS A BOMB AT HEADQUARTERS

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. WORD HAD COME TO US DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM  
SEVERAL POLICE SOURCES OR PEOPLE CLOSE TO THE POLICE THAT  
THE BOMB THAT WENT OFF AT NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
EVENING AUGUST 12 HAD BEEN PLACED INSIDE THE BUILDING BY A MEMBER  
OF THE POLICE HIMSELF. ONE SOURCE GAVE THE NAME OF THE PERSON  
SUSPECTED: JOAQUIN MENDOZA, ADDING THAT HE HAD BEEN ON THE FORCE  
ABOUT THIRTEEN YEARS.3. THIS TREACHERY WAS CONFIRMED AUGUST 15 BY "RADIO  
VENCEREMOS," THOUGH THE ENGLISH TEXT OF THE BROADCAST SENT  
OUT BY FBIS INDICATES THAT THE FIRST NAME "JOSE" OR  
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"JACINTO" WAS HEARD INSTEAD OF "JOAQUIN." ACCORDING TO  
"VENCEREMOS", MENDOZA "A LONGTIME MILITANT OF THE FARABUNDO  
MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT, PERFORMED INTELLIGENCE  
WORK AT THE GENERAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN SAN SALVADOR."  
HE TOOK "ADVANTAGE OF HIS MILITARY IMMUNITY, ENTERED THE  
HEADQUARTERS ... AND PLACED DYNAMITE CHARGES IN AN ARMORED  
TRANSPORT AND AN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER." (NOTE: ON  
AUGUST 14 RADIO HAVANA REPORTED THAT THE FMLN CLAIMED  
CREDIT FOR THE ATTACK IN A COMMUNIQUE.**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Leonard Kusnitz, Senior  
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4. THE INSIDE BOMBING JOB COMES JUST AFTER REPORTS OF CONSIDERABLE RANK-AND-FILE DISSATISFACTION WITH POLICE COMMANDER CARLOS REYNALDO LOPEZ NUILA. LOPEZ, ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, IS BELIEVED TO BE "TOO SOFT" AND "TOO FAR TO THE LEFT" TO BE COMPETENT AND TRUSTWORTHY IN HIS JOB.  
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