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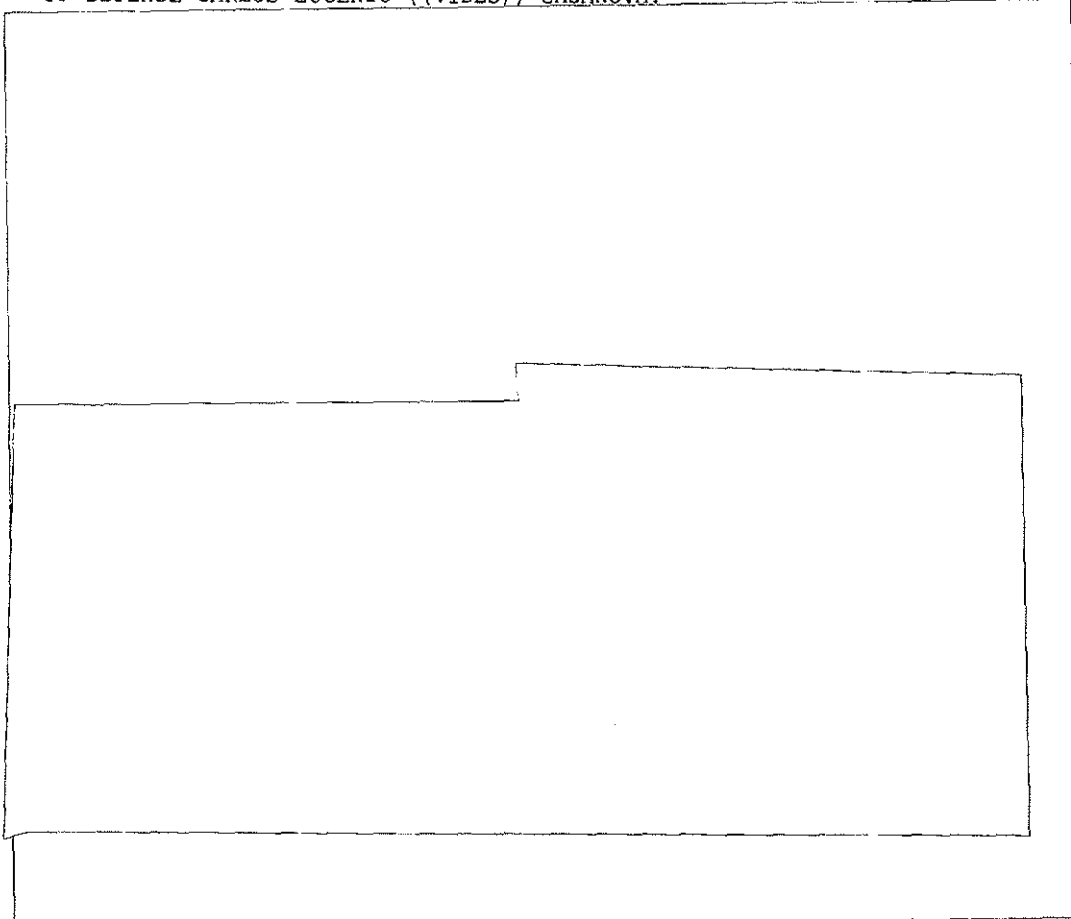
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TEXT: 1. [REDACTED]

2. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)) INTENDS TO REPLACE FOUR OR FIVE CABINET OFFICERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE ANY KEY PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD), MAINLY BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS OF SUCCESSION WITHIN THE MILITARY HIERARCHY. A PRINCIPAL REASON IS THAT, GIVEN THE CURRENT PERSONNEL SITUATION WITHIN THE MILITARY

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HIGH COMMAND, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO REPLACE MINISTER
OF DEFENSE CARLOS EUGENIO ((VIDES)) CASANOVA:



--ARMED FORCES JOINT GENERAL STAFF (EMCFA) CHIEF

GENERAL BLANDON WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO REPLACE IN HIS
POSTING IF HE WERE TO MOVE TO THE MOD POST. [REDACTED] COMMENT:

THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE TO ASSUME BLANDON'S EMCFA POSITION IS
FOURTH BRIGADE COMMANDER COLONEL SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ.

OCHOA, HOWEVER, IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN PETTY BICKERING WITH
VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE 1966 TANDA. BLANDON HAS CAUTIONED OCHOA
AGAINST CONTINUING THIS BEHAVIOR AT A TIME WHEN THE ARMED FORCES
ENERGIES SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON DEFEATING THE INSURGENTS. BLANDON

HAS SIMILARLY WARNED OTHER KEY MEMBERS OF THE TANDA OF 1966,
SPECIFICALLY EMCFA C-2 LT. COLONEL JUAN ORLANDO ((ZEPEDA)) AND
EMCFA C-3 LT. COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCEL)) NOT TO ANTAGONIZE OCHOA.)

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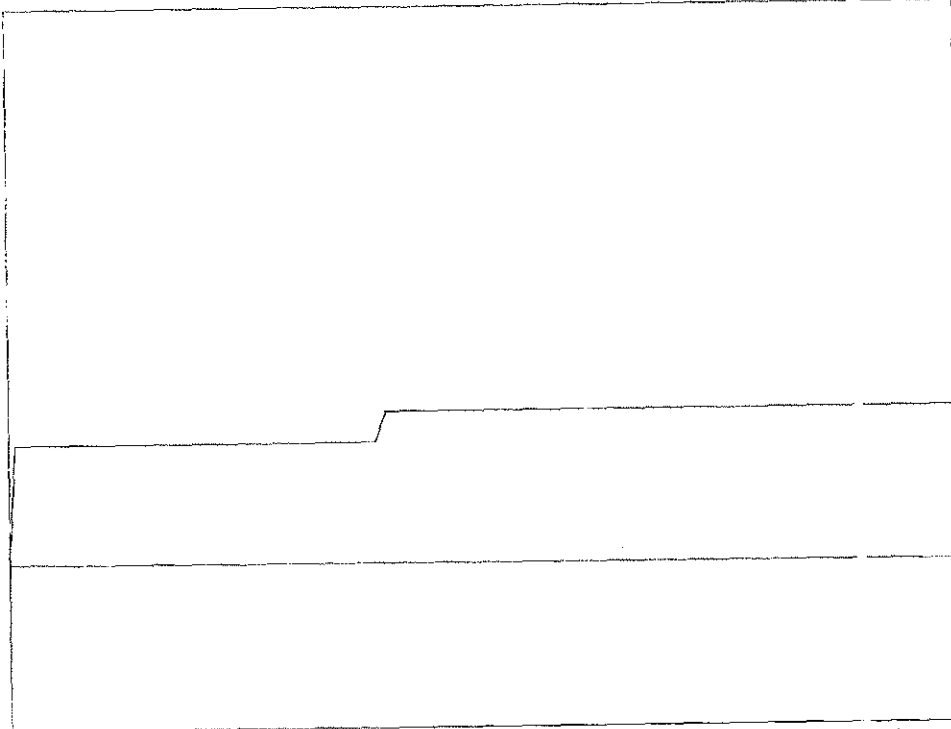
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