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1. ACCORDING TO COLONEL RAFAEL ((FLORES)) LIMA,
CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF, ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1982
ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)), PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
AND HEAD OF THE NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA),
ARRANGED A PRIVATE MEETING WITH GENERAL JOSE GUILLERMO
((GARCIA)), MINISTER OF DEFENSE, DURING WHICH D'AUBUISSON
COMMENTED ON HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SALVADORAN MILITARY
OFFICERS.

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2. D'AUBUISSON SAID THAT DESPITE RUMORS AND CONTRARY

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TO AN EDITORIAL RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN A HONDURAN NEWSPAPER, HE WAS NOT ATTEMPTING TO DIVIDE THE ARMED FORCES NOR WAS HE PROMOTING OPPOSITION WITHIN THE OFFICER CORPS AGAINST GARCIA. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO FLORES LIMA, D'AUBUISSON ADMITTED THAT HE WAS IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH VARIOUS MILITARY OFFICERS AND FURTHER ADMITTED THAT HE HAD OFFERED SOME OF THEM POSITIONS AS ADVISORS TO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED INDUSTRIES AND ENTERPRISES. THIS ARRANGEMENT PROVIDES THE MILITARY OFFICERS CERTAIN PRIVILEGES WHICH USUALLY INCLUDE A MODEST SALARY AND PERHAPS THE USE OF AN OFFICIAL VEHICLE.

3. FLORES LIMA STATED THAT D'AUBUISSON HAD OFFERED SUCH POSITIONS TO KEY MILITARY OFFICERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CULTIVATE THEIR LOYALTY. MOST OF THESE OFFICERS REPORTED D'AUBUISSON'S APPROACHES TO GENERAL GARCIA BUT SOME HAD ACCEPTED APPOINTMENTS WITHOUT GARCIA'S APPROVAL. AMONG THOSE OFFICERS WHO ACCEPTED

POSITIONS WITHOUT GARCIA'S APPROVAL WERE LTC. SIGFRIEDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ, CABANAS DEPARTMENTAL COMMANDER; LTC. ROBERTO MAURICIO ((STEBAN)), EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CAVALRY REGIMENT, AND AIR FORCE LTC. HECTOR ((LOBO)), CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AT THE ILOPANGO AIR BASE. (OCHOA PEREZ WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FORCED BY GARCIA TO RESIGN HIS POSITION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK.) D'AUBUISSON PROMISED THAT IN THE FUTURE HE WOULD CONSULT WITH GARCIA PRIOR TO OFFERING SUCH APPOINTMENTS TO MILITARY OFFICERS.

4. ACCORDING TO FLORES LIMA, THE FOLLOWING ARMY OFFICERS WERE OFFERED ADVISORY POSITIONS WITH STATE ENTITIES BY D'AUBUISSON BUT REPORTED THE OFFERS TO GARCIA; COL. FRANCISCO ANTONIO ((MORAN)), DIRECTOR OF THE TREASURY POLICE; MAJOR RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)), SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE TREASURY POLICE; MAJOR ARISTIDES ALFONSO ((MARQUEZ)), CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE OF NATIONAL POLICE; COL. ARISTIDES ((MONTES)), SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL GUARD; AND LTC. RICARDO ((CIENFUEGOS)), AIDE TO FLORES LIMA. AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER, GARCIA HAD APPROVED ONLY THE APPOINTMENT OF COL. MORAN, AS AN ADVISOR TO THE STATE ELECTRICAL ENTERPRISE (CEL). THIS CONCESSION TO MORAN RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT COMPLAINTS AGAINST GARCIA BY ELEMENTS OF THE OFFICER CORPS.

5. FLORES LIMA SAID THAT EVEN HE HAD BEEN OFFERED A POSITION WITH A STATE ENTITY BY D'AUBUISSON BUT HAD DECLINED. D'AUBUISSON'S MOST RECENT ATTEMPT TO BUILD INFLUENCE IN THE MILITARY WAS TO OFFER SUBSTANTIAL ASSIGNMENTS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S AGRARIAN REFORM INSTITUTE (ISTA) TO THE WIVES OF LIEUTENANT COLONELS OCHOA PEREZ AND CARLOS ANGEL ((AVILES)), THE CHIEF OF LOGISTICS (D-IV) OF THE GENERAL STAFF. AVILES' WIFE, A LAWYER, WAS OFFERED A POSITION AS A LEGAL ADVISOR TO ISTA.

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