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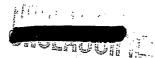
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THANAS FOR REPORT OF VERY INTERESTING CONVERSATION REFTEL. SUAZO SEEMS TO HAVE GOOD HANDLE ON HIS PRESIDENT'S AND FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS. IT IS REGRETTABLE BUT TRUE THAT TOP LEVELS OF GOH DISTRUST CHAVEZ MENA BECAUSE THEY THING HE PLACES PERSONAL POLITICAL AMBITION ABOVE THE PROPER EXERCISE OF HIS FUNCTIONS. THEY ALSO BELIEVE HE LEEPS HIS PRESIDENT IN THE DARA ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO GOH. PAZ BARNICA DOES NOT HELP MATTERS WITH HIS OWN RATHER NERVOUS AND SOMETIMES ABRASIVE STYLE.

ON MORE CONSTRUCTIVE NOTE, VIDES CASANOVA AND ALVAREZ GET ALONG VERY WELL. RMTC HAS HELPED CEMENT THAT RELATIONSHIP. PERHAPS WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE FREQUENT MILITARY EXCHANGES. ON CIVILIAN SIDE, I WOULD WELCOME ANY IDEAS YOU HAVE AS TO HOW, IN PRACTICAL TERMS, WE MIGHT HELP OUR TWO FRIENDS OVERGOME PETTY BICKERING. NEGROPONTE

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