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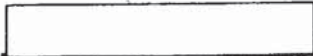
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SUBJECT THE ELIMINATION OF THE REAR GUARD OF THE BOLIVIAN GUERRILLAS

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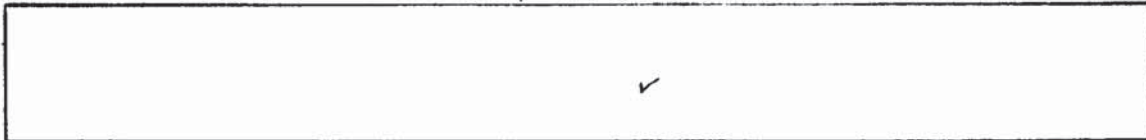
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1. COMMENT: ON 2 SEPTEMBER THE LA PAZ PRESS CARRIED THE STORY, SOURCED TO THE ARMY, THAT A CLASH WITH THE GUERRILLAS HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE NIGHT OF 31 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 1967 DURING WHICH NINE GUERRILLAS HAD BEEN KILLED AT THE COST OF ONLY ONE BOLIVIAN SOLDIER KILLED. THE PRESS IDENTIFIED THE GUERRILLA GROUP KILLED AS THAT LED BY "JOAQUIN," AND LISTED AS DEAD "JOAQUIN," "ALEJANDRO," "BRAULIO," "MOISES," "WALTER," "TANIA," "ERNESTO EL MEDICO," "NEGRO," AND "TORO." THE BODIES OF SEVEN OF THE DEAD GUERRILLAS WERE BROUGHT TO VALLEGRANDE, ALONG WITH ONE UNIDENTIFIED PRISONER.)

2. THE AFTERNOON OF 31 AUGUST 1967 FOUND A MILITARY PATROL,

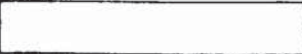
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UNDER THE COMMAND OF CAPTAIN VARGAS, AND THE REAR GUARD OF GUERRILLAS, LED BY "JOAQUIN," PATROLLING OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE RIO GRANDE, UNBEKNOWNST TO EACH OTHER. THE GUERRILLAS HAD BEEN ORDERED BY ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA TO REMAIN SOUTH OF THE RIO GRANDE BUT, BECAUSE OF THE SEVERE HARDSHIPS ENCOUNTERED, HAD DECIDED, AFTER THREE MONTHS, TO RECONTACT THE MAIN GUERRILLA GROUP FARTHER NORTH.

3. THE GUERRILLAS, SEEKING TO CROSS THE RIO GRANDE, CONTACTED A LOCAL PEASANT AND ASKED HIM TO SCOUT OUT A CROSSING POINT AND TO MARK IT FOR THEM. A WHITE CLOTH WAS TO SIGNIFY A SAFE CROSSING POINT AND A RED CLOTH WAS THE DANGER SIGN, IF DISPLAYED ON THE OPPOSITE BANK AT THE FORD. THE PEASANT ACCEPTED THE MISSION AND CROSSED THE RIVER, RUNNING INTO THE ARMY TROOPS ON THE OTHER SIDE. HE WAS THEN PERSUADED TO PLACE THE WHITE CLOTH AT THE FORD, AS THE ARMY TROOPS DEPLOYED AN AMBUSH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER. THIS WAS NEAR THE VADO DEL YESO, ABOUT 19-028, 16-48W.

4. AT 5:30 P.M. THE GUERRILLAS ARRIVED AT THE MARKED FORD AND BEGAN TO CROSS. WHEN ALL WERE IN MID-RIVER, THE ARMY OPENED FIRE, KILLING OR WOUNDING ALL IN SHORT ORDER. THE GUERRILLAS

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WERE UNABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. AFTER THE BATTLE, THE ARMY WENT OUT TO RECOVER THE BODIES. ONE OF THE CUBANS, PRESUMABLY "JOAQUIN," WAS STILL ALIVE AND KILLED A SOLDIER BEFORE HE HIMSELF WAS KILLED WITH A BURST OF BOLIVIAN MACHINE GUN FIRE, RESULTING IN THE ONLY BOLIVIAN ARMY CASUALTY OF THE ENGAGEMENT.

5. THE BODIES OF THE FOLLOWING GUERRILLAS WERE RECOVERED AND BROUGHT TO VALLE GRANDE: "JOAQUIN," "ALEJANDRO," "BRAULIO," MOISES GUEVARA, "PALO" AND "WALTER." FREDI ERNESTO MAIMURA HURTADO AND JOSE CASTILLO CHAVEZ ("LOCO") WERE TAKEN ALIVE, BUT MAIMURA DIED OF HIS WOUNDS ON HIS WAY TO OR AT VALLEGRANDE. "NEGRO" AND "TANIA" WERE BELIEVED KILLED BUT THE BODIES WERE NOT RECOVERED, HAVING BEEN WASHED DOWNSTREAM. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ACCORDING TO THE PRISONER, CASTILLO, WHO CROSSED THE RIVER IN FILE DIRECTLY BEHIND "TANIA," "TANIA" WAS WOUNDED BUT COULDN'T DISENGAGE HER KNAPSACK. HE SAW HER BEING CARRIED DOWN THE RIVER BY THE CURRENT.)

6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: "JOAQUIN," A CUBAN MAJOR AND MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA, WAS PROBABLY

ANTONIO E. LESSON BATTLE. "ALEJANDRO" HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE CUBAN ARMY CAPTAIN RICARDO GUSTAVO MACHIN HOED DE BECHE.

"BRAULIO" HAS YET TO BE IDENTIFIED, BUT IS KNOWN TO BE A CUBAN.

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MOISES GUEVARA IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRO-CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY OF BOLIVIA. "PALO" WAS IDENTIFIED BY EUSEBIO TAPIA ARUNI AS AGUSTIN AQUINO QUISPE AND "WALTER" AS WALTER ARANCIBIA AYALA, BOTH BOLIVIANS. FREDI MAIMURA HURTADO IS A BOLIVIAN OF JAPANESE DESCENT WHO RECEIVED HIS MEDICAL TRAINING IN CUBA, RETURNED TO BOLIVIA IN EARLY 1967.)

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SUBJECT [REDACTED] JOSE CASTILLO CHAVEZ, GUERRILLA PRISONER CAPTURED 31 AUGUST 1967

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SOURCE



1. JOSE CASTILLO CHAVEZ, A BOLIVIAN BORN 4 FEBRUARY 1936 AT UYUNI, JOINED THE GUERRILLAS DURING FEBRUARY 1967, HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY RECRUITED IN NOVEMBER 1966 BY MOISES GUEVARA RODRIGUEZ, A FORMER CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE PRO-CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY OF BOLIVIA AND EXPELLED FOR HIS ADVOCACY OF GUERRILLA WARFARE. GUEVARA MET CASTILLO THROUGH PAUL QUISPAYA, NOW ALSO WITH THE GUERRILLAS. CASTILLO LEFT ORURO ON 10 FEBRUARY 1967 WITH GUEVARA AND OTHER GUERRILLA RECRUITS. WHILE IN ORURO THE GUERRILLAS LIVED WITH A DR. TORO. THEY WENT TO COCHABAMBA, SUCRE, CAMIRI, AND FINALLY ARRIVED AT THE GUERRILLA CAMP ON 18 FEBRUARY.

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2. WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN THE NANCAHUAZU CAMP, THERE WERE ONLY "ANTONIO," "CAMBA," "ARTURO," "EL CHINO," "EUSTAQUIO" AND "COCO" PRESENT. THE EIGHT NEW GUERRILLAS WERE WELCOMED BY "ANTONIO," AND TOLD THAT "RAMON" ("CHE" GUEVARA) HAD LEFT ON A MISSION IN THE RIO GRANDE REGION AND WOULD BE BACK IN 30-45 DAYS. THEIR ONLY TRAINING IN THE NANCAHUAZU CONSISTED OF DAILY LONG HIKES.

3. WHILE THE NEW GUERRILLAS WERE WAITING FOR THE RETURN OF "RAMON," JULES REGIS DEBRAY AND CIRO ROBERTO BUSTOS ARRIVED IN THE CAMP, BROUGHT BY "TANIA" (LAURA GUTIERREZ BAUER DE MARTINEZ). DEBRAY WAS CALLED "DALTON" AND BUSTOS, "CARLOS." [REDACTED] COMMENT: CASTILLO [REDACTED] HE HAD SEEN DEBRAY AND BUSTOS CARRY GUNS AND THAT DEBRAY HAD BROUGHT MAPS AND LETTERS TO THE CUBANS. [REDACTED]

4. "RAMON'S" ARRIVAL WAS PRECEDED BY THREE DAYS BY THE ARRIVAL OF "MARCOS" AND THE VANGUARDIA GROUP. "RAMON" ARRIVED LATER WITH ABOUT 30 MEN. "RAMON" WAS VERY ANGRY WITH "MARCOS" AND RELIEVED HIM OF HIS COMMAND, NAMING "MIGUEL" TO REPLACE HIM AS THE VANGUARDIA LEADER. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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GAVE A SPEECH IN WHICH HE SAID THE STRUGGLE IN BOLIVIA WOULD
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