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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] EXPOUNDS NEW CONSPIRACY THEORY AGAINST  
MONTESINOS

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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN R. HAMILTON FOR REASONS  
1.5(B) AND 1.5(D).

2. (C) SUMMARY: WITH THE AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 13, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LAID OUT A COMPLICATED CONSPIRACY THEORY  
ATTRIBUTING THE APRIL 2000 DEATH OF PUBLISHER GUSTAVO MOHME TO  
FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF MONTESINOS. [REDACTED] ALSO ALLEGED THAT  
MONTESINOS'S BANK ACCOUNT IN NEW YORK WAS HIS PRIMARY ONE AND  
THAT, AS OF THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER, IT CONTAINED \$146  
MILLION. WITHOUT LEADING [REDACTED] TO BELIEVE THAT WE FOUND ANY

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TRUTH TO HIS THEORY, THE AMBASSADOR URGED HIM TO TAKE THE  
INFORMATION TO THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATING  
MONTESINOS. END SUMMARY.

3. (C) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ASKED TO SEE THE AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER  
13 TO SHARE URGENT INFORMATION. AMBASSADOR MET WITH [REDACTED]  
THAT DAY. [REDACTED] LAID OUT A COMPLICATED CONSPIRACY THEORY  
WHICH BOILS DOWN TO TWO ALLEGATIONS: FIRST, MONTESINOS ORDERED  
THE APRIL 2000 ASSASSINATION OF GUSTAVO MOHME, LEGISLATOR-ELECT  
AND OWNER-EDITOR OF LA REPUBLICA OPPOSITION DAILY NEWSPAPER, BY  
INFILTRATING AN INTELLIGENCE AGENT INTO MOHME'S SECURITY DETAIL  
AND SUBSTITUTING HIS BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICINE. (MOHME DIED IN

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APRIL, REPORTEDLY OF COMPLICATIONS FROM A HEART ATTACK SUFFERED WHILE WALKING ALONE ON A BEACH.) SECOND, MONTESINOS' PRIMARY BANK ACCOUNT IS IN NEW YORK AND, AS OF THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER, CONTAINED \$146 MILLION.

4. (C) [REDACTED] TOLD US THE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED BY A THIRD PARTY FROM TARAPOTO BUSINESSWOMAN MATILDE PINCHE. REPORTEDLY, PINCHE WORKED CLOSELY WITH MONTESINOS IN MONEY LAUNDERING. [REDACTED] HAS SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH MOHME'S SON, THE PRESENT OWNER-EDITOR OF LA REPUBLICA, AND WITH A PROMINENT JOURNALIST (MIRKO LAUER) AT THE SAME NEWSPAPER. [REDACTED] ASKED AMBASSADOR TO ADVISE HIM ON WHAT TO DO WITH THE INFORMATION AND, SPECIFICALLY, WHETHER HE SHOULD MAKE IT PUBLIC.

5. (C) AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT HE COULD NOT ADVISE [REDACTED] ON WHETHER HE SHOULD TAKE THE INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA, BUT URGED THAT HE SHARE IT WITH JOSE UGAZ, THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR INVESTIGATING MONTESINOS, AND THAT HE SEEK UGAZ'S COUNSEL ON THE [REDACTED]

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PRESS QUESTION. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, [REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD DO THAT.

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