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2. SUMMARY: A SOURCE PREVIOUSLY CLOSE TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S DE FACTO INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, AND WHO IS NOW OPENLY OPPOSED TO MONTESINOS, REITERATED AND EXPANDED ON ALLEGATIONS THAT MONTESINOS MAY HAVE

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BEEN DIRECTLY LINKED TO A MAY 1990 BOMBING NEAR THE HOME OF AN OPPOSITION CONGRESSMAN.
(MONTESINOS AT THE TIME WAS AN ADVISOR TO THE APRA GOVERNMENT AND ITS NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.) THE ALLEGATIONS OFFER ADDITIONAL INSIGHT -- POSSIBLY COLORED BY THE SOURCE'S KNOWN ANTAGONISM TOWARDS MONTESINOS -- BY SOMEONE WHO KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CLOSE TO FUJIMORI AND MONTESINOS. WHILE IN THEORY PLAUSIBLE, WE CANNOT JUDGE THE VERACITY OF THESE ACCUSATIONS. THEY ARE BY THEIR VERY NATURE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE
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TO VERIFY AND CORROBORATE. END SUMMARY.

1990 BOMBING RAISES LINKS TO MONTESINOS IN 1994

3. THE EMBASSY'S ORIGINAL CABLE (REF B) ON THE MAY 30, 1990 BOMBING AGAINST OPPOSITION CONGRESSMAN FERNANDO "POPPY" OLIVERA (FIM) REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

"UNKNOWN TERRORISTS EXPLODED A MODERATE-SIZED DYNAMITE CHARGE NEAR THE HOME OF INDEPENDENT CONGRESSMAN FERNANDO OLIVERA. THE BLAST DESTROYED TWO VEHICLES PARKED ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF OLIVERA'S HOME, BUT THERE WERE NO KNOWN INJURIES... PRESS SOURCES ARE ALTERNATELY ATTRIBUTING THE ATTACK TO SENDERO LUMINOSO AND MRTA... OLIVERA IS A CONTROVERSIAL AND POPULAR FIGURE, KNOWN FOR HIS CRUSADES AGAINST GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION AND WASTE. HIS LATEST

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TARGET HAS BEEN CAMBIO 90 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ALBERTO FUJIMORI WHOM OLIVERA HAS ACCUSED OF INCOME TAX EVASION... OLIVERA WAS NOT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK... COMMENT: WE ARE STILL AWAITING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE ANTI-TERRORISM POLICE (DICOTE) ON THE ATTACK ON OLIVERA'S HOME. DICOTE CHIEF BLANCO TOLD US THAT MRTA WAS SUSPECTED BECAUSE OF THE UNVERIFIED BUT REPORTED USE OF ALUMINUM POWDER AS AN EXPLOSION-ENHANCER." (COMMENT: DINCOTE WAS CALLED DICOTE IN 1990. END COMMENT.)

MONTESINOS FRIEND TURNED FOE MAKES A CHARGE

4. DURING THE COURSE OF A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH POLOFF IN LATE JULY, SOURCE TURNED TO THE PERENNIAL TOPIC OF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS AND COMMENTED THAT THE USG COULD NOT BE SO NAIVE AS TO BE UNAWARE OF MONTESINOS' ROLE IN A VARIETY OF CRIMES, ESPECIALLY HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS SUCH AS BARRIOS ALTOS AND LA CANTUTA. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO THE SOURCE THAT DESPITE NEAR-UNIVERSAL PERSISTENCE OF SUCH ALLEGATIONS

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AGAINST MONTESINOS, THERE WAS AS YET NO HARD EVIDENCE LINKING MONTESINOS TO THE ALLEGED CRIMES AND NO FIRST-PERSON WITNESS HAD COME FORWARD. RATHER THAN RECEIVING THE EXPECTED DISCLAIMER, SOURCE BECAME SILENT.

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MELODRAMATIC "I HAVE NEVER TOLD THIS TO ANYONE BEFORE," SOURCE TOLD POLOFF ABOUT AN "INCUPLATORY" THREE-WAY CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH THEN-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FUJIMORI (AFTER THE

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FIRST ROUND OF THE ELECTION) AND VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS (THEN A LAWYER ALSO WORKING AS AN ADVISOR TO APRA ATTORNEY GENERAL DENEGRI AS WELL AS WORKING FOR THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

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-- SIN). THE CONVERSATION OCCURED DURING A ROUTINE CAMPAIGN STRATEGY SESSION IN LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE, 1990. FUJIMORI WAS REPORTEDLY COMPLAINING THAT HE WAS BEING HAMMERED IN THE MEDIA BY CORRUPTION CHARGES BEING MADE AGAINST

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HIM BY OPPOSITION FREDEMO CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE AND SITTING CONGRESSMAN FERNANDO "POPPY" OLIVERA.

6. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, MONTESINOS TOLD AN ASTONISHED FUJIMORI "NOT TO WORRY," THAT HE HAD "TAKEN CARE OF" OLIVERA. "WE HAVE GIVEN HIM A LITTLE BOMB" (LE HEMOS METIDO UNA BOMBITA), MONTESINOS REPORTEDLY TOLD FUJIMORI. THE SOURCE ADDED THAT MONTESINOS ALSO MENTIONED THE BOMBING OF TWO FOOD DISTRIBUTION TRUCKS BELONGING TO THE OPPOSITION "FREDEMO" CAMPAIGN'S SOCIAL EMERGENCY PROGRAM (PES) EFFORT AS THEY HEADED OUT OF LIMA. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, A SOMEWHAT DISCONCERTED FUJIMORI TURNED TO MONTESINOS AND TOLD HIM THAT HE (FUJIMORI) "DID NOT WANT TO KNOW" ABOUT SUCH THINGS. SOURCE THEN REMINDED POLOFF THAT HE HAD NEVER MADE THESE ALLEGATIONS PUBLIC AND HAD NOT MENTIONED THEM TO ANYONE ELSE. HE ASKED THAT THE CONVERSATION BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

7. AT ANOTHER MEETING SEVERAL DAYS LATER, SOURCE REITERATED THE ALLEGATIONS TO POLOFF. THE SOURCE AGAIN CONFIRMED THAT HIS RECOLLECTION OF THE TONE, CONTEXT AND MEANING OF MONTESINOS' COMMENTS LED HIM TO CONCLUDE THAT MONTESINOS HAD HAD A DIRECT ROLE OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BOMBINGS. SOURCE SEES THE OLIVERA BOMBING AS A RATCHETING UP IN A "DIRTY TRICKS" CAMPAIGN AGAINST FREDEMO BY THE APRA GOVERNMENT, WHICH INCLUDED OTHER

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ACTIONS SUCH AS THE ATTACKS ON THE "PES" FOOD TRUCKS. THE SOURCE DOES NOT CLAIM FURTHER INSIDE KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPARENT DIRTY TRICKS

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CAMPAIGN, NOR DOES THE SOURCE CLAIM TO KNOW WHO IN FACT CARRIED OUT THE ACTIONS OR WHAT THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IN THESE ACTIONS MIGHT HAVE BEEN. THE SOURCE CAREFULLY EXPLAINED THAT GIVEN THE CONTEXT AND MANNER IN WHICH MONTESINOS MADE HIS STATEMENTS, THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION WAS THAT MONTESINOS WAS CLOSELY IMPLICATED IN THE OLIVERA BOMBING. THE SOURCE REPEATED HIS COMMENTS THAT THE ALLEGATIONS HAD NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND ASKED AGAIN THAT THE INFORMATION BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. POLOFF ASSURED THE SOURCE THIS WOULD BE THE CASE.

8. COMMENT: THE SOURCE OF THESE ALLEGATIONS IS KNOWN TO HAVE HAD A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO BOTH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AND MONTESINOS DURING THIS PERIOD IN 1990. THE SOURCE HAD EXTENSIVE DAILY CONTACTS WITH FUJIMORI, INCLUDING CLOSED CONVERSATIONS AT WHICH MONTESINOS MAY WELL HAVE ALSO BEEN PRESENT. THE SOURCE HAS ALSO HAD AN INTERMITTENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH MONTESINOS FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND HAS, SINCE 1992, TAKEN A CONSISTENT, STRONG PUBLIC STANCE CRITICAL OF MONTESINOS AND WHAT THE SOURCE CONSIDERS IS MONTESINOS' SINISTER CORRUPTING ROLE WITHIN THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION (SEPTTEL).

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9. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THESE FIRST-HAND ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE SENIOR POSITION, ROLE AND COMPLETE ACCESS TO THE PRINCIPALS IS BEYOND DOUBT. THE SOURCE HAS NOT,

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TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, PREVIOUSLY MADE THESE SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS IMPLICATING MONTESINOS IN THE BOMBING OF OLIVERA'S HOME IN 1990, NOR DO THESE ALLEGATIONS FORM PART OF THE OFTEN-HEARD AND LENGTHY CATALOG OF CHARGES MADE AGAINST PERU'S EMINENCE GRIS BY THE OPPOSITION. WE FIND THE ALLEGATIONS ARE PLAUSIBLE, IN THEORY; WE NOTE THE SOURCE'S CURRENT OPEN AND ADMITTED OPPOSITION TO MONTESINOS. HOWEVER, WE

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ARE ALSO AWARE THAT THE CONVERSATION, DUE TO THE RESTRICTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND THE TIME LAPSE INVOLVED, WILL BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FURTHER CORROBORATE.

10. OLIVERA IS THE LEADER OF THE "INDEPENDENT MORALIZING FRONT - FIM" PARTY IN THE CURRENT NATIONAL CONGRESS. HE IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS OF FORMER PRESIDENT ALAN GARCIA PEREZ FOR HIS ROLE IN, AMONG OTHER SCANDALS, THE ILLEGAL USE OF PREFERENTIAL RATE DOLLARS FOR A VARIETY OF INAPPROPRIATE TRANSACTIONS, AND BRIBERY AND EMBEZZELMENT IN CONNECTION TO THE BUILDING OF URBAN TRANSIT TRAIN FOR LIMA INVOLVING ITALIAN COMPANIES AND OFFICIALS. ADAMS

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