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[redacted] UNLIKELY ONE GENERAL ORDERED ASSASSINATION OF

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2. ~~(S)~~ [redacted] IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE
ASSASSINATION SOME JUNIOR OFFICERS EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM
OF THE MILITARY'S SWIFT DECLARATION THAT IT HAD BEEN
PERPETRATED BY FARC (REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF
COLOMBIA) GUERRILLAS. BG GIL WAS VERY POPULAR WITH MANY
JUNIOR OFFICERS. THIS POPULARITY WAS A RESULT OF HIS
REMARKABLE SUCCESS AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS AND FOR HIS
STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONDEMNING CORRUPT PUBLIC
OFFICIALS.

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3. ~~(S)~~ [redacted] IT IMPOSSIBLE THAT RAMIREZ WOULD
HAVE HAD ANY PART IN THE ASSASSINATION. ALTHOUGH THE TWO
GENERALS HAD VERY DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES AND MANAGEMENT
STYLES, THEY WERE CLOSE FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. [redacted]

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THESE TWO GENERALS WORKING TOGETHER. THEY SEEMED TO HAVE UNUSUALLY CLOSE PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP. THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS THAT THERE HAD BEEN A FALLING OUT BETWEEN THEM PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION. SOURCE HEARD THROUGH MULTIPLE SUB-SOURCES THAT RAMIREZ WAS VERY DISTRESSED WHEN HE HEARD OF GIL'S ASSASSINATION.

4. ~~(S)~~ RAMIREZ'S REPUTATION FOR HAVING HELPED NARCOTRAFFICKERS IS WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE COLAR. ALTHOUGH RAMIREZ IS PERCEIVED BY MANY COLAR OFFICERS AS A PERSON CAPABLE OF DOING JUST ABOUT ANYTHING WHEN MONEY IS INVOLVED. NEVERTHELESS, HE IS ALSO KNOWN AS A PERSON WHO "HIT THE GUERRILLAS HARD." RAMIREZ IS KNOWN TO HAVE LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR THE GUERRILLAS AND IS SUSPECTED OF "LOOKING THE OTHER WAY" WHEN TROOPS UNDER HIS CONTROL COMMITTED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

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THE GUERRILLAS SPENT SEVERAL MONTHS PLANNING THE ASSASSINATION. THEY OBSERVED GIL'S VEHICULAR MOVEMENTS. APPARENTLY GIL TOOK THE SAME ROUTE EVERY DAY FROM HIS RESIDENCE TO WORK. (b)(1),1.4 (c)

GUERRILLAS USING A DEAD DOG TO PREVENT THE DISCOVERY OF THE EXPLOSIVES BURIED ALONG THE ROAD. THE DOG'S CARCASS DISCOURAGED CASUAL PASSERSBY FROM INADVERTENTLY DISCOVERING THE EXPLOSIVES.

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MG RAMIREZ HAS "PROBLEMS" INsofar AS HIS ALLEGED TIES TO NARCOTRAFFICKERS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RAMIREZ'S "INVISIBLE HAND" REGARDING HIS CONTINUING INFLUENCE IN BOTH THE 20TH BRIGADE AND THE COLAR'S INTELLIGENCE NETWORK, BASED ON HIS PREVIOUS SERVING AS BOTH JOINT INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR (D-2) AND ARMY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR (E-2). NEVERTHELESS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RAMIREZ'S WELL-KNOWN FRIENDSHIP WITH GIL, AND LACK OF A CLEAR MOTIVE, IN DOWNPLAYING THE POSSIBILITY THAT RAMIREZ PARTICIPATED IN THIS ACT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RAMIREZ, BECAUSE OF HIS NOTORIOUS REPUTATIONS FOR ABUSING GUERRILLA HUMAN RIGHTS AND ASSOCIATING WITH NARCOTRAFFICKERS, MAKES HIM AN EASY TARGET ON WHICH TO PIN THE ASSASSINATION OF BG GIL.

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