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DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2001 2007 SUBJECT: MEDIA PLAY ON THE BOOK "SECRET DOSSIER" BY MARTIN ANDERSEN

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1. ON MARCH 4 TWO LA PAZ DAILIES ANNOUNCED THE APPEARANCE IN WASHINGTON OF THE BOOK "SECRET DOSSIER" BY FORMER NEWSWEEK AND WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT MARTIN ANDERSEN, WHICH ALLEGES AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT THE 1980 GARCIA MEZA COUP IN BOLIVIA WAS PLANNED BY THE ITALIAN MAFIA AND ARGENTINE SECRET AGENTS, AND THAT GENERAL JUAN JOSE TORRES, LEFTIST BOLIVIAN POLITICAL LEADER WAS MURDERED BY BOLIVIAN AGENTS IN ARGENTINA DURING GENERAL BANZER'S DICTATORSHIP.

2. "HOY" (SENSATIONALIST, FAR-LEFT) OPENED ITS EDITION WITH THE BANNER, ABOVE-THE-FOLD HEADLINE "REVELATIONS OF GENERAL LEOPOLDO GALTIERI: 'SECRET DOSSIER' EXPLOSIVE BOOK ABOUT ARGENTINE EX-PRESIDENT." SUBHEAD EXPLAINED: "GARCIA MEZA COUP PREPARED BY MAFIAS, SECRET AGENTS AND NAZIS INCLUDING **KLAUS BARBIE**. DETAILS OF THE MURDER OF GEN. JUAN JOSE TORRES IN CHARGE OF THREE BOLIVIAN 'RANGERS.' 'OPERATION CONDOR' ALLOWED THE MURDER OF EXILES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN ARGENTINA. COL. SEINELDIN ONE OF THE PROTAGONISTS. REVELATIONS OF THE 'NEWSWEEK' AND 'WASHINGTON POST' CORRESPONDENT MARTIN E. ANDERSEN, BASED ON REPORTS OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE."

3. "LA RAZON" (PRO-BUSINESS, PRO-LEGALIZATION OF DRUGS) PUBLISHED IN INTERIOR PAGES "'SECRET DOSSIER' FOR BOLIVIA. GARCIA MEZA'S GOVERNMENT 'MADE IN BUENOS AIRES.'"

4. THE ANNOUNCEMENT GENERATED THE NEXT DAY A WAVE OF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GENERAL BANZER FROM THE OPPOSITION, AND COUNTER ACCUSATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT DEFENDING BANZER AND ACCUSING THE MNR OF BEING ALSO A PART OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AT THAT TIME. HEADLINE TREATMENT FOLLOWS:

5. "EL DIARIO" (CENTRIST, OLDEST NATIONAL DAILY) PUBLISHED THREE RELATED ARTICLES: "THE REVELATIONS OF THE 'SECRET DOSSIER' PROVOKES DIFFERENT REACTIONS." SUBHEAD ADDED: "GOVERNMENT DEFENDS GENERAL BANZER." "REPORT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO REVEALING PREPARATIONS FOR MILITARY COUP, AFFIRMS MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, CARLOS SAAVEDRA." "WHAT HAPPENED IN DICTATORSHIP MUST BE CLARIFIED."

6. "PRESENCIA" (CATHOLIC CHURCH OWNED, ANTI U.S. BIAS) PUBLISHED SEVERAL ARTICLES THAT DAY: "ACCORDING TO PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONS: THE BOOK 'SECRET DOSSIER' WILL REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT DICTATORSHIPS." SUBHEAD ADDED: "UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES WERE INVOLVED WITH MILITARY COUPS IN BOLIVIA. MURDERS AND DRUG TRAFFICKING WERE THE RESULTS. GENERAL TORRES' FAMILY WILL PERSEVERE IN OPEN TRIAL IN ARGENTINA TO FIND THE GUILTY IN HIS DEATH." 7. "OPPOSITION DEPUTIES: 'IF GARCIA MEZA GETS 30 YEARS IN JAIL, WHY SHOULD BANZER BE PRESIDENT?'"

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8. "COMPLEX MATTER FOR THE 'ALLIES.' PAZ ZAMORA TRIES TO EXONERATE BANZER'S DICTATORSHIP FROM ALL GUILT." SUBHEAD EXPLAINED: "'THE GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED BY THE MNR AND FSB,' WHEN HE WAS ASKED ABOUT GENERAL TORRES' MURDER.'"

9. "EMMA OBLEAS DE TORRES: THE ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENT WAS ACCOMPLICE IN THE MURDER OF GENERAL TORRES."

10. "MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR: 'SECRET DOSSIER' WILL NOT INFLUENCE TRIAL AGAINST GARCIA MEZA."

11. "LA RAZON" PUBLISHED A BOX ON INTERIOR PAGES ANNOUNCING "EX-DEA AGENT: CIA PUT GARCIA MEZA IN POWER TO PREVENT SILES ZUAZO FROM BEING PRESIDENT." SUBHEAD EXPLAINED: "EX-DICTATOR ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED MONEY FROM DRUG TRAFFICKING THAT WAS GENERATED IN HUANCHACA FOR 'COVERT OPERATIONS' OF THE NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WHEN NOEL KEMPF WAS ASSASSINATED 'THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT, ITS MILITARY AND THE DEA ITSELF DID ALL POSSIBLE TO AVOID ARRESTING THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS,' SAYS AN ARTICLE FROM THE SPANISH MAGAZINE 'CAMBIO 16.' THIS IS ALL CONFIRMED IN 'SECRET DOSSIER.'"

12. "ULTIMA HORA" (CENTRIST, PRO-DEMOCRACY) PUBLISHED THREE RELATED ARTICLES: "POLITICAL LEADERS DEMAND THE CLARIFICATION OF TORRES MURDER." SUBHEAD ADDED: "EX-PRESIDENT'S WIFE SAYS THAT WRITER'S AFFIRMATIONS MUST BE INVESTIGATED."

13. "JAIME PAZ ZAMORA: 'I DENOUNCED THE CRIMINAL CHARACTER OF GARCIA MEZA'S GOVERNMENT.'" SUBHEAD ADDED: "HE SAID THAT REPRESSION WAS EXERTED NOT ONLY BY MILITARY BUT BY CIVILIANS AS WELL. FERNANDEZ SAYS THAT ANDERSEN'S REVELATIONS DO NOT HAVE THE SERIOUS WEIGHT OF AN ESSAY."

14. "MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR: BOOK IS REVEALING BUT WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING TO THE TRIAL."

15. "HOY" REPORTED THAT "PAZ ZAMORA AFFIRMED THAT BANZER DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH TORRES' MURDER. 'AT THAT TIME THE GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED BY THE MNR AND THE FSB,' HE SAID."

16. "GOVERNMENT DEFENDS BANZER IN TORRES CASE."

17. ON MARCH 6 "LA RAZON" CARRIED THE MNR'S DEFENSE: "GUILLERMO BEDREGAL: (FOREIGN MINISTER DURING THE MNR GOVERNMENT OF PAZ ESTENSORRO) 'JAIME PAZ IS A LIAR BECAUSE MNR BROKE WITH BANZER IN AUGUST OF 74.'" SUBHEAD ADDED: "HE REJECTED THE DEA AGENT'S STATEMENTS ON THE HUANCHACA CASE. 'IT IS A PITY THAT RETIRED DEA PEOPLE WANT TO TELL THE TRUTH NOW, WHILE WHEN THEY WERE AT WORK THEY MUST HAVE BEEN A BUNCH OF LIARS AND CONCEALERS. THEY WAIT TO RETIRE TO SELL THEIR MEMOIRS, ' HE SAID."

18. "LA RAZON" PUBLISHED AS WELL BANZER'S DEFENSE ON THE SAME PAGE: "BANZER DENIES IMPLICATIONS WITH TORRES' MURDER AND MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS." SUBHEAD EXPLAINED: "THE AP (PATRIOTIC AGREEMENT) LEADER ASSURED THAT WHEN HE LEARNED ABOUT TORRES' DEATH, HIS GOVERNMENT INSISTED TO ARGENTINA THAT IT INVESTIGATE THE CRIME. HE SAID THAT THE RANGERS ARE NOT TRAINED TO KIDNAP OR MURDER ANYBODY. HE CONSIDERED THE INVESTIGATION OF THE 'SECRET DOSSIER' A NOVEL."

19. ON MARCH 7 "ULTIMA HORA" REPORTED THAT "THE DISCUSSION ON THE 'SECRET DOSSIER' CONTINUES." SUBHEAD EXPLAINED: "OPPOSITION DENIES USING AFFIRMATIONS APPEARED IN THE BOOK AS A WEAPON AGAINST BANZER IN THE COMING ELECTIONS." 20. COMMENT: THE ABOVE CONFIRMS FOUR THINGS:

- A) THE OPPOSITION WILL CONTINUE TO USE WHATEVER STORIES POSSIBLE TO REMIND THE ELECTORATE OF BANZER THE DICTATOR;

- B) THE MIR/ADN WILL REMIND THE MNR AT EVERY POINT POSSIBLE OF THE PARTICULAR SINS IN THEIR PAST;

- C) THE WIDOW AND SON OF GENERAL TORRES (FORMER MIR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE DECLARED THEMSELVES INDEPENDENT OF THE ADN/MIR BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION TO BANZER) WILL DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO KEEP THIS PARTICULAR STORY ALIVE; AND

- D) WE, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, ARE REACTING TO SOMETHING WE HAVE NOT SEEN AND WOULD ASK USIA OR SOME OTHER ADDRESSEE TO SEND VIA APO OR WITH THE FIRST POSSIBLE VISITOR A COPY OF "SECRET DOSSIER." REGARDS, WILLIAMS

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