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LETELIER CASE

FEBRUARY 11 TOP CIRCULATION DAILY "LA TERCERA" ARTICLE  
HEADLINED "CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE CIA AND THE FBI IN  
THE LETELIER CASE ARE LIKE A MOVIE" ACCUSES CIA AND FBI  
OF INVOLVEMENT IN LETELIER MURDER. PARTIAL TEXT:

"THE SPECTACULAR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON OF EX -  
CAPTAIN OF THE CHILEAN ARMY, ARMANDO FERNANDEZ LARIOS,  
ABOARD THE PERSONAL JET OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI,  
DIRECTLY TO ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE DEMONSTRATES THE KEY  
ROLE THIS INSTITUTION PLAYED IN THE SURPRISE APPEARANCE  
OF THIS EX - OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES.

"THE FBI...AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
APPEAR TO BE INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF LETELIER,  
WHO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS AN AGENT OF THE OFFICE  
OF INTELLIGENCE OF FIDEL CASTRO.

UPON ITS EXECUTION, THE CASE MUST HAVE COME UNDER  
THE AUSPICES OF THE FBI, BUT VERY QUICKLY THIS CHANGED IN  
A STRONG CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THIS AGENCY AND THE  
CIA...IT IS PROBABLE THAT REASONS EXIST IN THE GOVERNMENT  
AND THERE WERE STRONG CONNECTIONS WITH THE CONGRESS AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN ORDER TO PERMIT AN OPERATION  
OF THIS MAGNITUDE IN ONE OF THE MOST GUARDED CAPITALS ON  
EARTH.

"BUT A TINY OPENING PRESENTED ITSELF TO THE FBI. AN  
EX - MEMBER OF THE CIA, BROTHER - IN - LAW OF CHILEAN  
OFFICER FERNANDEZ LARIOS, REPORTED THAT HE (FERNANDEZ  
LARIOS) WAS GOING THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT TIME  
PERSONALLY. THEY REALIZED THAT FERNANDEZ LARIOS WAS A  
VERY VULNERABLE PERSON AND THAT THEREFORE THEY COULD NOW  
CONTINUE THEIR INVESTIGATION. WHEN THEY WERE CERTAIN THAT  
THIS WAS A FACT, THEY MADE A PLAN. FERNANDEZ LARIOS  
SHOULD CONFESS ALL, INCLUDING WHAT THEY WOULD MAKE HIM

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BELIEVE CONSIDERING THE BRIEF BACKGROUND OF THE CASE THAT THE OFFICER HAD...TO PUT THIS PLAN INTO PLACE, THEY SHOULD ORGANIZE THEMSELVES AS IF THEY (FBI) WERE COMING TO VACATION IN CHILE, MAKING BUSINESS PLANS THAT HID THEIR CONNECTION WITH THE FBI, AND ABOVE ALL, THE CIA WOULD NOT HAVE TO KNOW ANYTHING UNTIL THE FACTS WERE IN. AS IT HAPPENED, THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE, AND THE CIA AS WELL AS THE U.S. EMBASSY IN CHILE WERE INFORMED.

"LATER ON, FERNANDEZ LARIOS WAS INVITED TO TALK, AND EVERYTHING BEGAN. FBI AGENTS ACCOMPANIED HIM FROM BRAZIL TO THE UNITED STATES AS THEY WERE AFRAID THAT THE CIA MIGHT TAKE ACTION AND THIS WOULD END WITH THE DEATH OF THE CHILEAN OFFICER.

"TODAY FERNANDEZ LARIOS IS UNDERGOING HIS HOURS OF TRAINING, UNDER ENORMOUS PRESSURE FROM THE TWO AGENCIES. SURELY THEY WILL HAVE TO MAKE A TRANSACTION WHICH LEAVES THE CIA CLEAN AND WHICH WILL MAKE CHILE GUILTY IN ORDER TO PLEASE THEIR BOSSES. BUT THE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE ONLY WITHIN THE CIA, INFORMATION THAT NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW BECAUSE IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE WHOLE PLOT WAS CONCOCTED BY THEIR OWN OFFICIALS." DESHAZO  
END OF MESSAGE

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