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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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SUBJ: [REDACTED] REPORTS ON PRA 1; FOIA B-1
GOC INVOLVEMENT IN DEATH OF CHARLES NORMAN, GO 12958 3.4 61+63
ASKS EMBASSY FOR ASYLUM AND AID
REF: (U) SANTIAGO 2448 (EXDIS)

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

>BEGIN SUMMARY:

2. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH

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ACCOUNT OF NORMAN'S DEATH CORRESPONDS WITH WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE CASE AND THE GOC ATTEMPT TO COVER UP THEIR INVOLVEMENT. [REDACTED] INSISTS THAT HE IS IN REAL DANGER FROM THE CNI CHILEAN INTELLIGENCE AND IS NOW SEEKING EMBASSY PROTECTION AND AID. HE HAS COMPARED HIS SITUATION TO THAT OF FERNANDEZ LARIOS AND WANTS TO GO TO THE U.S. FOR SAFETY. CLEARLY [REDACTED] COULD BE PART OF A GOC PLOT TO COMPROMISE EMBASSY OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY IN THE WAKE OF THE FERNANDEZ DEFECTION. PRA 1; FOIA B-1
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[REDACTED] ON THE OTHER HAND, HE COULD BE ON THE LEVEL AND HAVE USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT COLOMEL ESPINOZA, ONE OF THOSE UNDER INDICEMENT IN THE LETELIER CASE. PRA 1; FOIA B-1
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EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE FURTHER WHAT [REDACTED] MIGHT KNOW, BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FIRST TO HAVE AN INDICATION FROM WASHINGTON AS TO WHETHER ANYTHING HE SAID IS KEY, OR POTENTIALLY USEFUL IN LETELIER CASE. END SUMMARY. PRA 1; FOIA B-1
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THE EMBASSY IN LATE FEBRUARY WHEN HE CALLED AND ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE POLITICAL SECTION. HE SUBSEQUENTLY MET WITH A POLITICAL OFFICER ON MARCH 18, APRIL 20, AND APRIL 24. IN MID-MARCH HE ALSO MET WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL. HE RELATED THE FOLLOWING STORY.

4. HE IS [REDACTED] PRA 1; FOIA B-1
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ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] NORMAN WAS OBTAINED ON SEPTEMBER 18 BY A UNIT STATIONED AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL DURING A ROUTINE ACTION AGAINST A HOME REPUTED TO HOUSE EXTREMISTS. MATERIALS WERE FOUND AT THE HOUSE WHICH WERE CONSIDERED "EXTREMIST" IN CONTENT. NORMAN WAS

INTERROGATED AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE NATIONAL STADIUM FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING. HE WAS ORDERED SHOT AND KILLED THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 19. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE AUTHORITIES AT THE STADIUM DID NOT KNOW THAT NORMAN WAS AN AMERICAN SINCE HIS PAPERWORK ARRIVED AFTER HIS DEATH, AND HIS POOR KNOWLEDGE OF SPANISH MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO UNDERSTAND AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. THEY ONLY KNEW THAT HE WAS A FOREIGNER AND AN "EXTREMIST". THE BODY WAS TAKEN FROM THE STADIUM AND LEFT AT A LOCATION TO CREATE THE IDEA THAT HE HAD BEEN KILLED IN A FIREFIGHT WITH THE MILITARY. HOWEVER, IN THE CONFUSED DAYS FOLLOWING THE COUP, AND AFTER IT WAS KNOWN THAT HE WAS AN AMERICAN, THE MILITARY SOUGHT TO HIDE THE FACT THAT HE WAS DEAD. [REDACTED] CONFIRMED THAT NORMAN WAS REQUIRED TO CHANGE CLOTHES SHORTLY BEFORE HE WAS EXECUTED. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] PEDRO ESPINOZA WAS THE ONE AT THE STADIUM WHO APPROVED THE KILLING OF NORMAN. HE ADDED THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED WERE SHOT AT THE STADIUM BUT THAT MANY MORE WERE KILLED IN VALPARAISO, WHERE THE BODIES WERE DUMPED AT SEA.

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Authority: 58 CFR 1.55(a), 1.55(b)
BY: [REDACTED] NARA, DATE: [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] WAS VERY CRITICAL OF THE ROLE OF EMBASSY OFFICERS IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF CHARLES NORMAN. HE SAID THAT EMBASSY OFFICERS SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN THE CASE AND DID NOT HELP THE FAMILY. PRA 1; FOIA B-1
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IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT QUESTION, [REDACTED] SAID THAT, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, NO U.S. OFFICIAL PLAYED ANY ROLE IN THE DEATH OF CHARLES NORMAN SINCE HE WAS DEAD BEFORE ANYONE IN THE EMBASSY WOULD HAVE KNOWN OF HIS DETENTION.

6. IN HIS EARLIER MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS, [REDACTED] INSISTED THAT HIS ONLY WISH WAS THAT THE TRUTH BE KNOWN. HOWEVER, HE LATER IMPLIED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE CHILE ONCE THE TRUTH WAS KNOWN THOUGH HE DENIED THAT MONEY WAS INVOLVED IN HIS MOTIVATION. DURING HIS MOST RECENT VISIT, [REDACTED] PRA 1; FOIA B-1
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HE BECAME VERY EMOTIONAL WHILE REPORTING THIS STORY AND STATED THAT THE EMBASSY WAS HIS ONLY HOPE AND THAT WE HAD TO HELP HIM. HE COMPARED HIS PLIGHT TO THAT OF FERNANDEZ LARIOS.

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7. POST HAS BEEN HANDLING [REDACTED] WITH GREAT CAUTION BECAUSE HE MAY BE A CNI PLANT WHOSE JOB PRA 1; FOIA B-1
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IS TO COMPROMISE HIGH EMBASSY OFFICIALS AS REPORTED IN REFTEL. REPORTS OF SUCH AN ATTEMPT HAVE REACHED US AND THE GOC WRATH OVER THE DEFECTION OF FERNANDEZ LARIOS HAS PRESUMABLY ONLY WHETTED THE GOC DESIRE TO CATCH US IN THE ACT. THEREFORE, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY THAT [REDACTED] IS ATTEMPTING TO LURE US INTO A TRAP, SUCH AS A MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OR A RECREATION OF THE FERNANDEZ LARIOS SCENARIO. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT HE IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS. HE HAS PROVIDED DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF THAT AND HIS INFORMATION ON THE NORMAN CASE AND HIS OWN PERSONAL HISTORY HAVE CHECKED OUT. OUR CURRENT CONCERN IS WHAT TO DO WITH HIM.

WE ARE UNABLE TO FULLY EVALUATE THE WORTH OF THE INFORMATION HE IS OFFERING. POST NEEDS TO KNOW IF THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THE INFORMATION TO BE WORTHWHILE, NOT ONLY FOR ITS REVELATIONS ABOUT THE NORMAN CASE BUT ALSO FOR ITS CONNECTION TO INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE LEBELER CASE. WE CAUTION THAT THE THREAT OF ENTRAPMENT STILL EXISTS. POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT VIEW ASAP AS TO THE USEFULNESS OF MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] BARNES BT #3059

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2. AFTER THE FOREGOING WAS TYPED, [REDACTED] RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY ON APRIL 27, ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED]

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THE UPSHOT OF ALL THIS WAS THAT HE WANTED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO GET HIM TO THE U.S. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DURING THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, IT WAS APPARENT THAT WHAT HE HAD IN MIND WAS SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THE DEAL STRUCK WITH FERNANDEZ LARIOS -- A HOTEL ROOM AND A NEW LIFE. HE REJECTED THE SUGGESTION THAT THE TWO CASES WERE DISSIMILAR. WHILE NEVER ACTUALLY REQUESTING ASYLUM, HE ARGUED THAT

WE WERE THE ONLY EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO THAT DID NOT GRANT ASYLUM.

3. [REDACTED] SUGGESTED TO [REDACTED] THAT HE COULD, IN THE INTERIM, OBTAIN CHILEAN LEGAL COUNSEL, PERHAPS THROUGH THE NICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY. FURTHER THAT, HE COULD GO TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REJECTED BOTH SUGGESTIONS OUT OF HAND, REINFORCING THE CONJECTURE THAT HIS

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PRIME MOTIVATION IS TO OBTAIN A VISA AND U.S. GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. (FYI: IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED IN SANTIAGO THAT FERNANDEZ LARIOS RECEIVED A LARGE LUMP SUM PAYMENT IN RETURN FOR HIS TESTIMONY.)

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14. ACTION REQUESTED: POST LEANS TOWARD THE BELIEF THAT [REDACTED] IS LEGITIMATE RATHER THAN A GMI PLANT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HE IS IN ANY IMMINENT DANGER, NOTWITHSTANDING [REDACTED] HOWEVER,

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