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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT
  2. THANKS FOR REPORT OF VERY INTERESTING CONVERSATION REFTTEL. SUAZO SEEMS TO HAVE GOOD HANDLE ON HIS PRESIDENT'S AND FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS. IT IS REGRETTABLE BUT TRUE THAT TOP LEVELS OF GOH DISTRUST CHAVEZ MENA BECAUSE THEY THINK HE PLACES PERSONAL POLITICAL AMBITION ABOVE THE PROPER EXERCISE OF HIS FUNCTIONS. THEY ALSO BELIEVE HE KEEPS HIS PRESIDENT IN THE DARK ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO GOH. PAZ BARNICA DOES NOT HELP MATTERS WITH HIS OWN RATHER NERVOUS AND SOMETIMES ABRASIVE STYLE.
  3. ON MORE CONSTRUCTIVE NOTE, VIDES CASANOVA AND ALVAREZ GET ALONG VERY WELL. RMTC HAS HELPED CEMENT THAT RELATIONSHIP. PERHAPS WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE FREQUENT MILITARY EXCHANGES. ON CIVILIAN SIDE, I WOULD WELCOME ANY IDEAS YOU HAVE AS TO HOW, IN PRACTICAL TERMS, WE MIGHT HELP OUR TWO FRIENDS OVERCOME PETTY BICKERING.
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