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SUBJECT: ARMED MEN ATTACK LIMA RESTAURANT

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. AT APPROXIMATELY 2220 HOURS JUNE 6, SIX OR SEVEN ARMED MEN ATTEMPTED TO FORCE THEIR WAY INTO "EL PABELLON DE CAZA," A TONY MONTEPRICO RESTAURANT WHERE VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMY GUSTAVO SABERBEIN WAS HAVING DINNER. ALERTED BY ONE OF SABERBEIN'S PERSONAL BODYGUARDS WHO NOTICED THE MEN'S SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR, ONE OF THE RESTAURANT'S OWN GUARDS CLOSED THE NEWLY INSTALLED STEEL-PLATED DOORS, AND A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN THE ATTACKERS AND SABERBEIN RESTAURANT GUARDS ENDED.
3. TWO EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE AT THE RESTAURANT WITH THEIR SPOUSES WHEN THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE REPORTED HEARING A LOT OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AND TWO LARGE EXPLOSIONS. THEY WERE ASKED BY RESTAURANT PERSONNEL TO REMAIN INSIDE THE BUILDING FOR NEARLY 30 MINUTES AFTER THE LAST EXPLOSION OCCURRED BECAUSE THE GUARDS OUTSIDE FEARED OTHER EXPLOSIVES HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND BY THE ATTACKERS. WHEN THEY FINALLY EMERGED, THEY SAW BULLET MARKS IN THE FRONT DOOR, DAMAGE BY THE ENTRANCE (APPARENTLY MADE BY ONE OF THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES), AND AN AUTOMOBILE APPARENTLY DAMAGED BY ONE OF THE BLASTS.
4. ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS, ONE GUARD AND

FOUR ATTACKERS WERE WOUNDED IN THE FIREFIGHT. THE ATTACKERS ALL ESCAPED. ONE WITNESSES SAW THE WOUNDED GUARD WHO SAW A POOL OF BLOOD INSIDE THE RESTAURANT.

5. THE PRESENCE OF SABERBEIN IN THE RESTAURANT IMMEDIATELY RAISES THE QUESTION WHETHER HE WAS THE INTENDED TARGET. HE COULD HAVE BEEN, BUT TERRORISTS COULD HAVE ASSUMED THAT A SATURDAY NIGHT ATTACK WOULD FIND SOMEONE OF PROMINENCE INSIDE.

6. COMMENT: BOTH SENERO LUMINOSO AND THE MIRA-MIR HAVE ATTACKED RESTAURANTS DURING LATE 1965-EARLY 1966. THE MIRA-MIR BOMBED SEVERAL EXCLUSIVE RESTAURANTS (INCLUDING "PABELLON DE CAZA," "COSTA VERDE, AND "LA TRANQUERA") TO PROTEST "EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION." IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CARRIED OUT THE BOMBINGS IN LATE 1966 OF SEVERAL RESTAURANTS ALSO FREQUENTED BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL. THE SENERO LUMINOSO HAS ALSO ATTACKED LESS EXCLUSIVE RESTAURANTS MOST NOTABLY THE APRIL RAID ON A "CEVICHERIA" IN WHICH SEVERAL MILITARY PERSONNEL AND OTHER PATRONS WERE KILLED.
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