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P.C. 12355: DECL: CADR  
JAGS: PTER, PGOV, ASEC, PE  
SUBJECT: THE KITASANO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT:  
AFTERMATH AND POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES  
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2. ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF APRA PARTY OFFICIAL  
ALBERTO KITASANO BY SENIORS LUMINOSO ON MAY 26  
(REF) COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT REPERCUSSIONS. BOTH  
SENIORS AND MIRA HAVE, INDEED, BEEN TARGETING APRA  
INSTALLATIONS AND OFFICIALS FOR SOME TIME. ATTACK ON  
KITASANO DID NOT REPRESENT A CHANGE IN TERRORIST  
STRATEGY. WHAT DID HAPPEN, THOUGH, WAS THAT THIS  
PARTICULAR ATTACK SUCCEEDED IN DIVERTING PARTY'S ATTENTION  
ON PROBLEM. MANY SENIOR GOVERNMENT AND APRA OFFICIAL  
NOW KNOW HE/SHE COULD BE A TERRORIST TARGET.

3. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THIS MEANS THAT PRESSURES  
ARE BUILDING ON PRESIDENT SACOLA TO TAKE MORE

AGGRESSIVE ACTION. AT FUNERAL OF KITASANO'S COMPANION  
MAY 28, SOME APRA ATTENDEES WERE SHOUTING IN UNISON  
"AN EYE FOR AN EYE, A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH." THERE HAS  
ALREADY BEEN TALK OF "UNLEASHING" THE APRA YOUTH

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MOVEMENT TO DEAL WITH COMMUNIST YOUTH, PRESUMABLY WHERE  
THEY ARE CONCENTRATED ON CERTAIN UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES.

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4. BY KILLING AN ADMIRAL IN APRIL AND ATTACKING  
A PCP-APRA OFFICIAL NOW, TERRORISTS HAVE RATCHETED UP THE  
POLITICAL STAKES. THERE IS NOW A GREATER CHANCE THAT  
FURTHER SELECTIVE ASSASSINATIONS OF KEY MILITARY,  
GOVERNMENT OR PARTY LEADERS WILL LEAD TO HARSH  
COUNTERMEASURES OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER.

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