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GUEVARA DEATH, DEBRAY TRIAL

Some interesting news reports on Che WMB

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(SUMMARY WITH QUOTATIONS) "THE BODY OF CHE GUEVARA LAYS ON A CONCRETE SLAB IN THE VALLEGRANDE HOSPITAL." HIS BODY IS GUARDED BY 100 WELL-ARMED MEN. HE WAS 39 YEARS OLD WHEN HE DIED AND WAS SHOT IN THE CHEST AND LEGS. HIS BODY SHOWS THE LEGS WEAKENED BY RHEUMATISM AND AN EMACIATED CHEST. IT WAS SAID THAT CHE ENDED HIS LIFE IN A SITTING POSITION, FIRING UNTIL HIS WEAPON WAS USELESS.

"COL. JOAQUIN ZENTENO ANAYA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH LASTED NEARLY AN HOUR. CHE GUEVARA WAS TAKEN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED TO HIGUERAS ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE DAY HE DIED. HE SHOWED WOUNDS ON HIS CHEST AND LEGS."

"CHE GUEVARA'S CAPTURED DIARY CONFIRMS THE SUBVERSIVE AND ARMED ACTION OF REGIS DEBRAY." THE DIARY SHOWS THAT DEBRAY WAS IN THE NANCAHUAZU AREA ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITY. BUSTOS WAS ALSO ACTING AS A GUERRILLA, ACCORDING TO THE DIARY. OTHER CAPTURED DOCUMENTS ALSO REVEAL OTHER CONNECTIONS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

"THERE IS COMPLETELY IRREFUTABLE PROOF OF GUEVARA'S IDENTITY, SUCH AS FINGERPRINT COMPARISON, PERSONAL DOCUMENTS, AND COMPARISON OF HIS FEATURES."

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LIMA (AFP) IN SPANISH 0115 GMT 11 OCT 67 P

(TEXT) VALLEGRANDE--THE FIELD DIARY FOUND ON THE BODY OF THE GUERRILLA RAMON, BELIEVED TO BE CHE GUEVARA, WILL BE USED AS PROOF IN THE TRIAL OF REGIS DEBRAY. THE DIARY BEGINS ON 7 NOVEMBER 1966 AND ENDS ON 7 OCTOBER 1967, THE EVE OF THE DAY IN WHICH RAMON WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED. THE HANDWRITING COULD BE ANOTHER PROOF OF GUEVARA'S IDENTITY.

THE DIARY WAS MADE IN GERMANY AND BOUND IN DARK RED. IN IT GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES WERE NOTED DAILY.

A BOLIVIAN OFFICER SHOWED THE DIARY TO NEWSMEN IN VALLEGRANDE, STATING THAT IT CONTAINED SOME NOTES BY CHE GUEVARA ON DEBRAY WHEN HE LEFT NANCAHUAZU. IT SAID THAT DEBRAY HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH A GUERRILLA MISSION. CHE'S DIARY, THE OFFICER TOLD NEWSMEN, INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING REMARK ON THE BOLIVIAN ARMY: "I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THE BOLIVIAN SOLDIER COULD BE SO TOUGH." THE DIARY ALSO REVEALED THAT THE GUERRILLAS WERE NOT SCHEDULED TO START UP IN BOLIVIA UNTIL THIS PAST JULY, BUT AN INDISCRETION WARNED THE ARMY AND ON 23 MARCH THE CONFLICT WAS PREMATURELY STARTED.

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COMMUNIQUE ON GUEVARA

BUENOS AIRES ANSA IN SPANISH 1825 GMT 10 OCT 67 P

(TEXT) LA PAZ--THE BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES HAVE ISSUED A NEW COMMUNIQUE CONFIRMING THE DEATH OF ERNESTO GUEVARA.

THE COMMUNIQUE READS AS FOLLOWS: "ELABORATING ON OUR COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 45/67, WE ARE ABLE TO REPORT THAT THE REDS KILLED ARE ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA (ARGENTINE), ARTURO (CUBAN), ANTONIO (CUBAN), ANICETO (CUBAN), WILLI (BOLIVIAN), AND TWO OTHER UNIDENTIFIED MEN."

5#3 1845 0-4-&4-0# 91 5#3 :9..7,8173 5-53: "IN THE CLEANUP OPERATION IN THE AREA OF YURO CREEK, WHICH EMPTIES INTO SAN ANTONIO CREEK, TWO MORE DEAD GUERRILLAS, STILL UNIDENTIFIED, WERE FOUND."

THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENT THEN STATES THAT "THE ARMED FORCES, WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE AREA INHABITANTS, OCCUPIED TOWNS NEAR THE CRITICAL POINTS WHERE THE LATEST OPERATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED." THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT "THE CAPTURED ARMS, EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS INCLUDE CHE GUEVARA'S CAMPAIGN DIARY."

PRESIDENT BARRIENTOS AGAIN REFERRED TO THE MOST RECENT INCIDENTS, INDICATING THAT THE DOCUMENTS FOUND IN CHE GUEVARA'S KNAPSACK WILL CLEAR UP MANY STILL CONFUSING MATTERS REGARDING THE RED MOVEMENT IN BOLIVIA. FURTHERMORE, THEY WILL DETERMINE THE PARTICIPATION OF PERSONS, :70, ANDD ENTITIES ENGAGED IN CREATING A CLIMATE OF SUBVERSION AND INCITING TO STRUGGLE IN THE CITIES."

PRESIDENT BARRIENTOS SAID HE WAS AWAITING THE LATEST EVIDENCE ON THE DEATH OF CHE GUEVARA AND THE GROUP OF MAIN GUERRILLA LEADERS WHO, HE SAID "CAME BY ORDERS OF CASTRO TO INFLICT ANARCHY, PAIN, AND DESTRUCTION."

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DESCRIPTION OF GUEVARA REMAINS

BUENOS AIRES ANSA IN SPANISH 0244 GMT 11 OCT 67 P

(EXCERPTS) VALLEGRANDE, BOLIVIA--THE BODY OF ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA--ALIAS RAMON--LIES UNDER A ROOFED-OVER AREA WHICH LOOKS MORE LIKE A LAUNDRY THAN A MORGUE. THE AREA, PART OF THE SENOR DE MALTA HOSPITAL, WAS USED TO DISPLAY GUEVARA'S BODY TO NEWSMEN AND RADIO CORRESPONDENTS WHO CAME AT THE INVITATION OF THE ARMED FORCES ABOARD A SPECIAL PLANE WHICH MADE THE ROUND TRIP ON THE SAME DAY.

THE BODY IS APPROXIMATELY 1.75 METERS LONG AND OF AVERAGE BUILD, ALTHOUGH IT IS APPARENT THAT THE RIGORS OF AN EXTENDED ARMED STRUGGLE SLIMMED AND EMACIATED IT. THE BODY HAS LONG BROWN CURLY HAIR AND A NOT-VERY-DENSE BEARD COVERS THE CHEEKS AND CHIN. THE FOREHEAD HAS THE PROTUBERANCES CHARACTERISTIC IN GUEVARA'S PHOTOGRAPHS. THE NOSE IS CHISELED AND IS ALSO SIMILAR TO PHOTOGRAPHS, INCLUDING THE WELL-FORMED NOSTRILS SLIGHTLY CURVED. THE CHIN IS SLIGHTLY DEPRESSED BELOW THE LOWER LIP.

ONE OF THE SEVERAL IDENTIFYING MARKS IS ON THE BACK OF HIS LEFT HAND. IT IS A SLIGHT SCAR WHICH, ACCORDING TO EXISTING STORIES, WAS INFLICTED BY A GRAZING BULLET DURING HIS SIERRA MAESTRA CAMPAIGN.

ON THE FLOOR OF THE PLACE, THE LAUNDRY, WERE THE BODIES OF THE OTHER GUERRILLAS IDENTIFIED BY THEIR CAMPAIGN NAMES SUCH AS ARTURO AND ANTONIO.

BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES IDENTIFICATION PERSONNEL ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO PROVE THAT IT IS IN FACT CHE GUEVARA'S BODY: THE FRONTAL PROTUBERANCES ARE VERY PROMINENT; THE STRAIGHT NOSE COINCIDES PERFECTLY WITH AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS; THE CHIN HAS A DEPRESSION ON THE RIGHT SIDE; A SMALL MOLE IS VISIBLE ON PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE RIGHT SUPERCILIARYIC REGION, WHICH IS REALLY A SMALL AREA WITH FINE HAIR.

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GUEVARA.

VALLEGRANDE, BOLIVIA (AP)-BOLIVIA'S GUERRILLA REVOLT HAS BEEN "VIRTUALLY FINISHED," BY THE KILLING OF ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA, ONCE FIDEL CASTRO'S TOP EXPERT ON REVOLUTION, THE CHIEF OF BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES SAYS.

GEN. ALFREDO OVANDO CANDIA SAID GUEVARA DIED FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED IN A NEAR HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE WITH TROOPS IN BOLIVIA'S SOUTHEASTERN JUNGLE, AND BEFORE HIS DEATH TOLD HIS CAPTORS: "I'M THE CHE AND I'VE FAILED."

OVANDO TOLD NEWMEN BROUGHT TO VALLEGRANDE TUESDAY TO VIEW THE BODY THAT THE REBELS FAILED BECAUSE THEY LACKED THE SUPPORT OF THE PEASANTS, THEY UNDERESTIMATED THE BOLIVIAN ARMY AND THEY CHOSE TO FIGHT IN AN AREA STRATEGICALLY UNSUITED TO THEM.

COL. JOAQUIN ZENTENO ANAYA SAID THE GUERRILLAS LOST SEVEN MEN IN FIGHTING SUNDAY AND MONDAY NEAR HIGUERAS, 300 MILES SOUTHEAST OF LA PAZ, AND HAD ONLY 10 MEN LEFT IN THE AREA. MILITARY SOURCES SAID 29 GUERRILLAS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS, INCLUDING 15 BOLIVIANS, 11 CUBANS, AN ARGENTINE WOMAN AND A PERUVIAN DOCTOR.

THE STORY OF GUEVARA'S DEATH MET WITH SKEPTICISM IN SOME QUARTERS OUTSIDE BOLIVIA. THE ARGENTINE-BORN REVOLUTIONARY WHO FOUGHT WITH CASTRO TO OVERTHROW CUBAN PRESIDENT FULGENCIO BATISTA IN 1959, HAD BEEN REPORTED KILLED OR CAPTURED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF LATIN AMERICA DURING THE 2 1/2 YEARS SINCE HE MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHED FROM CUBA.

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GUEVARA-NEWSMAN

LONDON (AP)-A BRITISH CORRESPONDENT WHO ONCE MET ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA IN CUBA REPORTED FROM BOLIVIA TODAY THAT HE IS CERTAIN THE BODY DISPLAYED BY BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES IS THAT OF THE LATIN-AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY LEADER.

IN A DISPATCH IN THE GUARDIAN FROM THE BOLIVIAN TOWN OF VALLEGRANDE, RICHARD GOTT ALSO REPORTED THAT A U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENT WAS IN THE VAN THAT CARRIED THE BODY FROM A HELICOPTER TO A HUT.

GOTT REPORTED AFTER SEEING THE BODY: "IT WAS UNDOUBTLY THAT OF CHE GUEVARA. I AM PROBABLY ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE HERE WHO HAVE SEEN HIM ALIVE. I SAW HIM IN CUBA AT AN EMBASSY RECEPTION IN 1963 AND THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT IT IS THE BODY OF CHE."

GOTT SAID HE HAD SOME DOUBTS AT FIRST BECAUSE THE BODY WAS MUCH SMALLER AND THINNER THAN HE RECALLED--"BUT IT IS HARDLY SURPRISING THAT AFTER MONTHS IN THE JUNGLE HE HAD LOST HIS FORMER HEAVY APPEARANCE."

GOTT, WHO HAS RUN FOR PARLIAMENT AS AN INDEPENDENT LEFTIST CANDIDATE ON AN ANTI-VIETNAM WAR PLANK, IS ON LEAVE AS AN EDITORIAL WRITER FOR THE GUARDIAN. DURING THE PAST YEAR, HE HAS BEEN IN CHILE HELPING ORGANIZE A FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTIAGO AND HAS BEEN REPORTING FROM BOLIVIA.

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