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SUBJ: TESTIMONY DURING COURT MARTIAL OF FOUR HORB COUP
SUSPECTS REFERS TO U.S.

1. (U) COURT MARTIAL OF FOUR SUPPORTERS OF LATE MAJOR ROY HORB BEGAN AUGUST 24. ACCOUNT OF TESTIMONY WHICH APPEARED IN DAILY PAPER AUGUST 25 MAKES REFERENCES TO THE UNITED STATES. EXCERPTS FROM TESTIMONY AS REPORTED FOLLOW.

2. (U) BEGIN TEXT.
ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY OF LATE MAJOR ROY HORB'S BODYGUARDS WHO ARE SUSPECTS IN THE CASE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF SURINAME HENK CHIN A SEN AND MAJOR HORB WERE PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW CINC BOUTERSE AND DISCUSSED THE PLAN AT A SERIES OF MEETINGS IN THE UNITED STATES.
ONE SUSPECT, RUDY CHOTKAN, CONCLUDED FROM THESE MEETINGS THAT CHIN A SEN WANTED TO BE PRESIDENT OF SURINAME AGAIN, AND WAS WILLING TO HELP HORB BY SUPPLYING WEAPONS.
ONE WITNESS, FORMER SERGEANT DOELAMARSIDI, WHO TRAVELED WITH HORB TO THE U.S., SAW HORB AND CHIN A SEN IN MEETINGS BUT DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETINGS HIMSELF. DOELAMARSIDI ALSO TRAVELED WITH HORB'S BODY GUARDS TO RALEIGH FALLS, IN THE SURINAMESE
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INTERIOR, FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN TO SURINAME.

3. (U) AT RALEIGN FALLS, MAJOR HORB TOLD HIS GUARDS THAT, ALTHOUGH CHIN A SEN OFFERED WEAPONS AND MANPOWER, HORB DID NOT WANT TO ACCEPT THEM, BECAUSE "WHEN AMERICANS TAKE OVER, YOU CAN'T GET RID OF THEM."

4. (U) HORB MET WITH CHIN A SEN AT THE LATTER'S HOUSE IN PITTSBURGH. HORB ALSO WENT TO WASHINGTON FOR SECRET DISCUSSIONS, ACCORDING

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TO SUSPECT BODYGUARD NOJODIKROMO'S TESTIMONY.
SUSPECT RUDY CHOTKAN, WHO ACCOMPANIED HORB ON THE TRIP,
SAID THAT HORB AND CHIN A SEN HAD BEEN TO WASHINGTON
TO MEET WITH A GUEST WHO WAS "A MAN FROM THE CIA WHO
TRAVELLED MONTHLY TO THE CARIBBEAN REGION AND WAS GOING
TO VISIT SURINAME TO SPY."

5. (U) FORMER GOS MINISTER OF CULTURE JOHN HARDJOPRAJITNO
CLAIMS TO HAVE KNOWN NOTHING ABOUT THE HORB-CHIN A SEN
MEETINGS, AND DENIES THAT HE VOLUNTEERED TWO OF HIS
MEN TO HORB FOR USE IN LIQUIDATING BOUTERSE. END TEXT.

6. (C) COMMENTS: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT HORB'S BODYGUARDS
WERE APPREHENDED AT SAME TIME AS HORB HIMSELF IN LATE JANUARY
1983. THEY HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED EVER SINCE, AND ARE JUST
NOW COMING TO TRIAL BEFORE COURT MARTIAL. PRESIDENT RAMDAT-
MISIER (FORMERLY HIGH COURT JUDGE) TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT GOS
ALSO WISHED TO COURT MARTIAL HARDJOPRAJITNO, BUT RAMDAT-MISIER
TOLD THEM THAT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO LAW AS HARDJO WAS MEMBER
OF CABINET WITH MINISTERIAL RANK, AND LAW REQUIRES PERSONS OF
SUCH RANK TO BE TRIED IN CIVIL COURT, FOR WHATEVER CRIME MAY
BE ALLEGED.

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7. (C) RUMORS AND ALLEGATIONS ABOUT HORB'S ACTIVITIES IN US,
PARTICULARLY WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER 1982, HAD SURFACED PRE-
VIOUSLY, BUT THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC RECURRENCE SINCE HORB'S DEATH
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