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SUBJECT: FURTHER DETAILS ON MAJ. HORB'S ALLEGED SUICIDE AND
ASSASSINATION/COUP PLOT

REFS: U) PARAMARIBO 0362, B) PARAMARIBO 0398

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: MILITARY AUDITOR R. M. DEFRIETAS
CONCLUDED AFTER REVIEW OF POLICE AND PATHOLOGIST
REPORTS ON DEATH OF MAJOR HORB THAT HORB DID, INDEED,

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Adolph Eisner, Senior Reviewer

COMMIT SUICIDE BY HANGING. THEE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER REPORTS ON OTHERS WHO WERE ARRESTED ALONG WITH HORB ON JANUARY 30 IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED ASSASSINATION/ COUP PLOT. END SUMMARY.

3. ACCORDING TO ARC LES IN GOS-CONTROLLED DAILY "DE WARE TIJD" (DWT) OF FEBRUARY 16 AND 17, MILITARY AUDITOR DE FRIETAS SUBMITTED REPORT TO MILITARY COURT ON FEBRUARY 11 IN WHICH HE CONCLUDED THAT MAJOR ROY HORB DIED BY HIS OWN HAND. DE FRIETAS REVIEWED PATHOLOGIST'S AND POLICE REPORTS, AND IN WORDS USED BY POLICE INVESTIGATOR DURING FEBRUARY 4 TELEVISED RECONSTRUCTION OF HORB'S ALLGED SUICIDE IN HIS CELL, SAID: "WITH PROBABILITY BORDERING ON CERTAINTY" HORB HANGED HIMSELF (REF A).

3. ACCORDING TO 17 FEBRUARY EDITION OF DWT, DE FRIETAS REPORT ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT PATHOLOGIST CHARACTERIZED HORB'S HANGING AS "ATYPICAL" BECAUSE BODY RESTED ON FLOOR AND KNOT IN ROPE USED IN HANGING RESTED AT SIDE OR FRONT OF NECK, NOT BACK. ADDITIONALLY, ONLY FRACTION OF BODY WEIGHT OF VICTIM WAS NECESSARY TO CLOSE OFF CAROTID ARTERY OR JUGULAR VEIN. ALLEGEDLY, PATHOLOGIST SAID THAT THIS "ATYPICAL" FORM
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OF HANGING WAS SEEN MORE OFTEN THAN NOT. IN ADDITION REPORT CLAIMED NO EVIDENCE OF INJECTION OR VIOLENCE WERE FOUND ON BODY.

4. ACCORDING TO BOTH 16 AND 17 FEBRUARY NEWSPAPER REPORTS, SAMPLES OF HORB'S BLODD AND STOMACH CONTENTS WERE SENT TO A REPUTABLE LABORATORY IN NETHERLANDS FOR EXAMINATION.

5. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER NEWS SINCE MILITARY POLICE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 9 (REF . B) CONCERNING MINISTERS SARIMAN AND JARDJOPRAJITNO WHO WERE ARRESTED ALONG WIT HORB ON JANUARY 30 IN CONNECTION WITH ALLGED ASSASSINATION PLOT.
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