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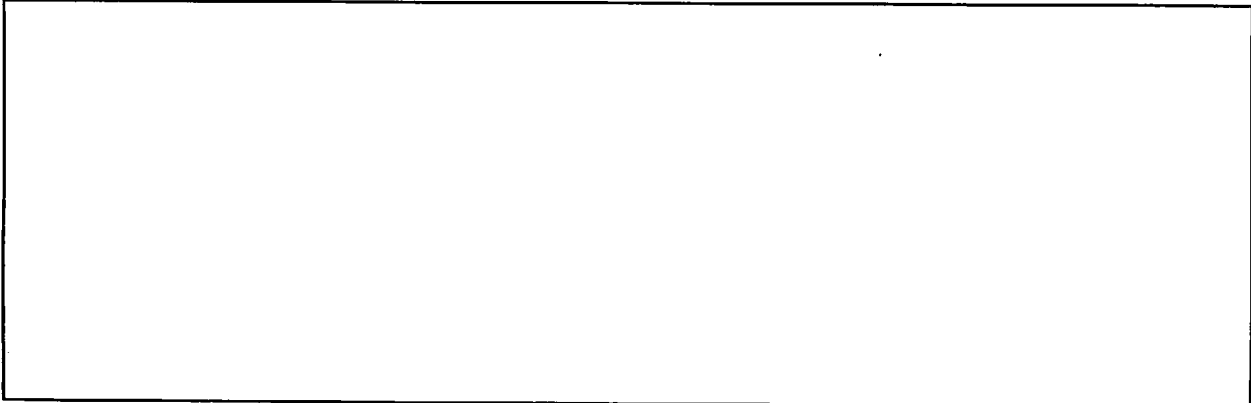
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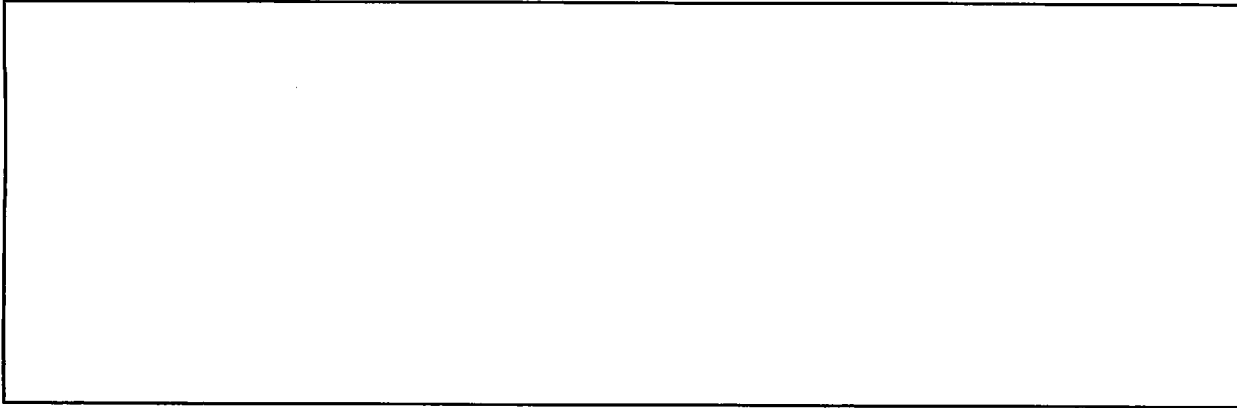


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STATEMENTS FROM ALO PRESIDENTE  
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3. (SBU) ON THE SUNDAY, JUNE 16, SHOW OF ALO PRESIDENTE, PRESIDENT CHAVEZ CELEBRATED THE DEPARTURE OF SANTIAGO CANTON, AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS  
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COMMISSION (IACHR). CHAVEZ COMMENTED THAT CANTON'S DEPARTURE WAS EXCELLENT NEWS CONSIDERING THAT ALL CANTON DID WAS CONDEMN THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION WITHOUT KNOWING THE REALITY OF VENEZUELA'S HARDSHIPS. CHAVEZ ALSO HOPES THAT EDUARDO BERTONI (CANTON'S PERMANENT REPLACEMENT?) WILL BE OBJECTIVE IN OBSERVING VENEZUELA'S HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION.

4. (SBU) CHAVEZ ALSO TOOK SWIPES AT VENEZUELA'S MEDIA. HE CRITICIZED DAILY NEWSPAPER DAILY EL NACIONAL FOR ITS EDITORIAL QUESTIONING THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE MILITARY. HE ALSO ADDRESSED GUSTAVO CISNEROS (VENEVISION OWNER) AND FEDERICO RAVELL (GLOBOVISION OWNER), SAYING HE WOULD SEND HALLACAS (A VENEZUELAN TAMALES) MADE BY HIS MOTHER (WHO REPUTEDLY MAKES SOME OF THE BEST HALLACAS IN VENEZUELA) TO BOTH CISNEROS AND RAVELL. CHAVEZ MADE THE COMMENT BECAUSE HE FELT PERSONALLY OFFENDED BY CISNEROS AND RAVELL NOT SHOWING UP TO EAT HIS MOTHER'S "FAMOUS" HALLACAS.  
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