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SUMMARY. TYE PHONE MIN ATT FROM SUCRE HOTEL AND ASKED IF EMBOFFS HAD SEEN BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS REGARDING EMBOSA'S CASE AND WHAT WERE RESULT. MIN ATT TOLD HIM AMBASSADOR, CHARGE AND A/DCM HAD SEEN BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS AND LAST MEETING WITH MIN MINING HAD PROVED COMPLETELY NEGATIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON BOLIVIAN PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION, TYE COMMENTED IF RECENT REVOLT TRY BY DISSIDENT OFFICERS HAD SUCEEDED, ITS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BE WORSE THAN THE PRESENT ONE. MIN ATT ASKED IF HE ATTEMPTING TO SEE MIN MINING OR IF HE WOULD CALL AT EMBASSY. TYE REPLIED THERE WAS NO USE TO SEE EITHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS OR MIN MINING.

2. TYE ASKED MIN ATT FOR VIEWPOINT IN EMBOSA CASE AND MIN ATT STATED HIS OWN PERSONAL OPINION THAT TYE HAD MADE MISTAKE SIGNING QUIT CLAIM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE US 1.45 MILLION COMPENSATION. TYE REPLIED HE DID NOT THINK THAT VALID REASON BECAUSE CONTRACTS BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE BASED IN GOOD FAITH. ADDED WORLD BANK WILLING AT TIME TO HAVE ENLARGED PLANT BY HEAVY INVESTMENT BUT MIN MINING HAD REFUSED TO SIGN LOAN. SAID MIN MINING ACTED FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL BASIS TO SUIT "GENTE" (PEOPLE) AS MIRANDA HAD ACTED

WHEN MAKING AND SIGNING EMBOSA CONTRACT.

3. TYE SAID HE OWED TOO MUCH MONEY AND FELT HE HAD BEEN TAKEN IN BOLIVIA. MIN ATT CAUTIONED HIM NOT TO BE TOO AGGRESSIVE AND OUT-SPOKEN WHILE IN BOLIVIA.

4. ON MORNING OF JUNE 11 EMBOFFS BY CHANCE MET TYE AND GENERAL JUAN LECHIN (WHO HAD ACCIDENTALLY MET), EX-AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, TALKING TO EACH OTHER IN STREET. LECHIN PROMISED TYE TO SEEK MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BANZER.

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