

Mercenary confesses failed plot to kidnap Nicolas Maduro and take him to U.S.



Caracas, May 7 (RHC)-- Former U.S. ex-Green Beret Luke Alexander Denman, who was captured Monday by Venezuela's Armed Forces, confessed Wednesday that his group aimed to kidnap President Nicolas Maduro as part of 'Operation Gedeon.'

"I was expecting anywhere between \$50,000 to \$100,000," Denman admitted, confessing he arrived in Colombia on January 16th in Rioacha in order to train Venezuelan deserters.

During a news conference, Nicolas Maduro presented a 10-minute video of Luke Alexander Denman's confession.

Maduro said there is no doubt that Colombia's President Ivan Duque was involved in the military incursion that U.S. mercenaries attempted to accomplish on Sunday. He also confirmed that Colombian President Ivan Duque ordered the expulsion from his country of people involved in acts of destabilization in Venezuela.

"Juvenal Sequea, Hernan Aleman, and Alexander Russo -- the one who armed the drone to kill me -- are now in Bogota. Ivan Duque will expel them because he wants nothing to do with those who failed," the Venezuelan leader said at the virtual on-line press conference from Caracas.

The head of state recalled that U.S. President Donald Trump, who receives a report every day on Venezuela, affirmed he knew nothing of the foiled armed infiltration in his country. "It is impossible that Trump did not know what happened in Venezuela this weekend. Mike Pompeo said they have not had direct participation, but have they had indirect participation?"

The Venezuelan president also reiterated that the former U.S. Green Beret Jordan Goudreau, who is the head of the Silvercorp company, has worked with Trump for several years. "He has served as Donald Trump's bodyguard for many years. Jordan Goudreau was named by the State Department as the security chief for the show they put on in Cucuta," recalled Maduro, referring to the concert that the opposition Juan Guaido organized in such Colombian city to disguise the first attempt to invade Venezuela in 2019.

The Bolivarian leader explained that the U.S. mercenary established negotiations with the State Department and with the Venezuelan opposition led by Guaido, who delegated to J.J. Rendon and Sergio Vergara the hiring of a company to carry out a military invasion.

The negotiation process, which ended in September 2019, led to the preparation of a contract worth \$212 million, which was signed by Jordan Goudreau, J.J. Rendón and "president" Juan Guaidó.

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