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FOR MIKE RANNEBERGER, AMBASSADOR WATSON ONLY

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WHAT FOLLOWS IS THE ASDAR FOR TUESDAY, MAY 31.
2. SOUTHERN CONE

(LOU) ARGENTINA: CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS. CITING A TIGHT NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE, THE GOA HAS COUNTERED OUR PROPOSAL FOR JUNE CONSULTATIONS WITH A PREFERENCE FOR AUGUST, OR JULY AT THE EARLIEST (AEROLINEAS HAS SUGGESTED OCTOBER). THE EMBASSY INDICATES THAT WE MAY WISH TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH THE EMBASSY WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING  
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"HIGH SEASON" FREQUENCIES (I.E., 22 PER WEEK) UNTIL CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE.

(C) ARGENTINA:  A SENSITIVE COUNTRY? AN ARGENTINE JOURNALIST ON A USIS SPONSORED TRIP WAS BARRED FROM ENTERING LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LABORATORY BECAUSE ARGENTINA IS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S LIST OF SENSITIVE COUNTRIES. THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED US A COPY OF THE LIST, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES CHILE AND BRAZIL. WE ARE WORKING WITH PM/NE TO HAVE THE LIST UPDATED TO REFLECT THE

EW COMMITMENT TO NONPROLIFERATION IN THE SOUTHERN CONE.

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(C) CHILE: FREI'S ECONOMIC POLICIES. THREE MONTHS INTO ITS SIX YEAR TERM. THE FREI GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING THE AYLWIN POLICIES OF MACROECONOMIC STABILITY AND GLOBAL INTEGRATION (EXPORT LED GROWTH AND OPENNESS TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT). THE FREI GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO CONTINUE POLICIES OF FISCAL AND MONETARY RESTRAINT TO FIGHT INFLATION, WITH FLEXIBILITY ON MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES CONSISTENT WITH FREI'S GOAL OF ERADICATING EXTREME POVERTY. THE EMBASSY SENSES A MORE AGGRESSIVE POSTURE ON PRIVATIZATION, ALTHOUGH COPPER PRODUCER CODELCO WILL REMAIN IN STATE HANDS. THE FREI GOVERNMENT WILL BREAK NEW GROUND IN REINVENTING GOVERNMENT -- FREI BELIEVES THAT A REFORMED PUBLIC SECTOR THAT DELIVERS SOCIAL SERVICES MORE EFFICIENTLY IS ESSENTIAL TO FURTHER ECONOMIC GROWTH AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION.

(U) PARAGUAY: 1995 NARCOTICS CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES. THE CABLE CONTAINING GUIDELINES FOR PARAGUAY HAS BEEN  
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SENT. WE WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE GOP DURING THE COMING YEAR ON EFFORTS TO SATISFY OUR CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION IN 1995.

(C) PARAGUAY:

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3. ARA/MEX

(U) CODEL TORRICELLI IN CHIAPAS. TORRICELLI, REP. BALLENGER (R-NC), AND THE REST OF THE GROUP, IN MEXICO SINCE LAST FRIDAY, SPENT MOST OF THE WEEKEND IN CHIAPAS. THE SOUGHT-AFTER ENCOUNTER WITH SUBCOMMANDER MARCOS NEVER TRANSPIRED AND PEACE COMMISSIONER CAMACHO BACKED OUT OF A MEETING, THOUGH THE GROUP DID TALK WITH BISHOP RUIZ. THE MEXICAN PRESS ROUNDLY CRITICIZED TORRICELLI FOR PRO-EZLN

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REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM. TORRICELLI, ON RETURN TO MEXICO CITY, CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE LATE YESTERDAY TO

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CORRECT FOR THE RECORD HIS STATEMENTS ON CHIAPAS. THE GROUP DEPARTS MEXICO THIS AFTERNOON EN ROUTE TO SAN SALVADOR.

(U) EZLN IN PERMANENT ASSEMBLY. IN A COMMUNIQUE DATED MAY 30, THE EZLN DECLARED ITSELF IN A "STATE OF PERMANENT ASSEMBLY" TO COUNT THE VOTES TAKEN DURING THE CONSULTATIONS HELD WITH CHIAPAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES ON THE DRAFT PEACE ACCORD. THE RESULTS OF THE VOTING WILL BE RELEASED THROUGH A SUBSEQUENT COMMUNIQUE (NO DATE/PLACE INDICATED).. THE EZLN NOTED IT WAS ALSO TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE "WISDOM" OF NON-INDIGENOUS ELEMENTS, INCLUDING NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, INTELLECTUALS, MEXICANS LIVING ABROAD AND "HONEST ARTISTS."

4. ARA/CAR

(S) DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: PRD ACTIVISTS DETAINED. A PROMINENT DOMINICAN ATTORNEY CONFIRMED THAT PRD ACTIVISTS AVE BEEN DETAINED ON A SMALL SCALE BY THE NATIONAL POLICE IN A BID TO INTIMIDATE THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION. THE ATTORNEY BELIEVES THAT THE ARRESTS COULD INCREASE IN SCOPE IF BALAGUER DECLARES ELECTORAL VICTORY.

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(U) BAHAMAS: GCOB ACCEPTS INDIANS. AFTER DOCKSIDE INTERVENTION IN NASSAU BY AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS LAST FRIDAY SALVAGED AN EARLIER ORAL AGREEMENT BY THE GCOB, BAHAMIAN IMMIGRATION AND POLICE OFFICIALS AGREED TO ACCEPT THE RETURN OF FIVE INDIAN NATIONALS PICKED UP BY THE COAST GUARD IN THE STRAITS OF FLORIDA AFTER THEY DEPARTED BIMINI ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER PERSONS ON A GO-FAST BOAT HEADED FOR

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FLORIDA. THE BAHAMIAN CAPTAIN AND ONE OTHER MALE IDENTIFIED AS A BAHAMIAN WERE ALSO ANDED OVER TO GCOB OFFICIALS. THE BAHAMIANS REFUSED TO ACCEPT TWO FEMALE AITIAN PASSENGERS, WHO WERE LATER ROUGHT TO MIAMI BY THE COAST GUARD.

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(C) NETHERLANDS ANTILLES: WILL SAY NO TO REFUGEE REQUEST. ALTHOUGH PRIME MINISTER POURIER SAID HE WILL REVIEW PRESIDENT CLINTON'S REQUEST TO RESETTLE HAITIAN REFUGEES IN THE ANTILLES "VERY CAREFULLY", LOCAL NEWSPAPERS IN CURACAO ARE REPORTING POURIER WILL SAY NO AS THE ISLANDS ARE TOO SMALL TO ABSORB ANY ADDITIONAL NUMBERS. IT IS ESTIMATED THERE ARE ALREADY 8,000-10,000 HAITIANS LIVING ILLEGALLY IN ST. MAARTEN AND MORE THAN 1,000 IN CURACAO. THE ANTILLEAN GOVERNMENT RECENTLY STIFFENED ITS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR HAITIANS BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF OVERSTAYS.

(C) DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

OUR CONSULATE WARNED THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN OF POSSIBLE CHARGES FOR ALIEN SMUGGLING SHOULD THE SHIP TRY TO LAND THE CUBANS IN PUERTO RICO.

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5. HAITI WORKING GROUP

(C) DIXON VISIT. EMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE REPORTS THAT CODEL DIXON'S VISIT TO HAITI WENT SMOOTHLY, WITH ONLY ONE HITCH: THE HIGH COMMAND REFUSED TO SEE THE CODEL, SAYING THAT THE JONASSAINT GOVERNMENT HAD NOT AUTHORIZED THE

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MEETING

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(C) PROMINENT HAITIAN BUSINESS FAMILIES TARGETED FOR VISA REVOCATION: EMBASSY PORT-AU-PRINCE SUBMITTED AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF THE NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH OF

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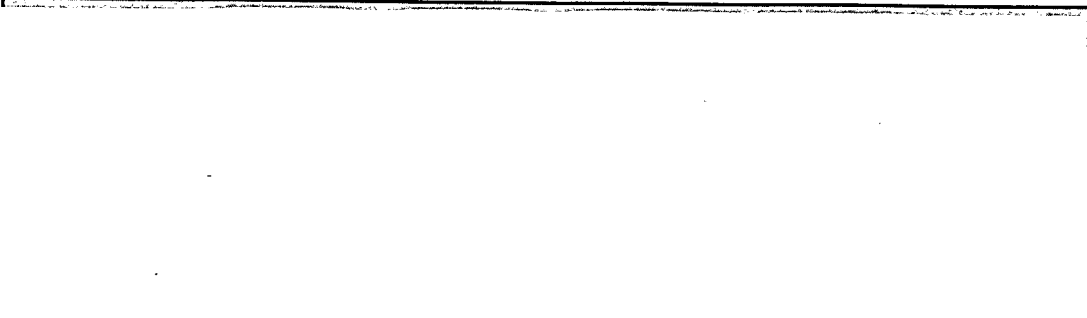
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(U) PORT-AU-PRINCE PAO HERE THIS WEEK FOR CONSULTATIONS:  
STAN SCHRAGER, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER AT EMBASSY  
PORT-AU-PRINCE, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS  
JUNE 2 AND 3.

6. WHITE ASDAR FROM HAITI WORKING GROUP (A/S WATSON ONLY)

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(LOU) HALPERIN TO HEAD-UP HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WORKING  
GROUP. AID HAS INFORMED US THAT NSC'S MORTON HALPERIN HAS  
BEEN TASKED WITH MANAGING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
IN HAITI. HALPERIN IS ALLEGEDLY HOLDING HIS FIRST MEETING  
ON THE SUBJECT ON FRIDAY. (COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST

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WE'VE HEARD OF THIS.)

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8. ARA/BR

(U) BRAZIL-HAITI SUMMIT MEETING: PRESIDENT ITAMAR FRANCO HAS INVITED PRESIDENT-IN-EXILE ARISTIDE TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRAZIL, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TRAVEL TO THE OASGA IN BELEM DO PARA. WE JUST SAW THIS IN FBIS, AND OUR EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED BY PHONE THAT A MEETING BETWEEN FRANCO AND ARISTIDE IS SCHEDULED. THE ONLY OTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE AT THIS WRITING ON THE FRANCO/ARISTIDE MEETING ARE THAT ARISTIDE REQUESTED THE MEETING AND THAT IT WILL BE IN BELEM DO PARA SOMETIME ON NEXT MONDAY, MAY 6, WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AMORIM JOINING IN.

(LOU) ENVIRONMENT MINISTER CAVALCANTI'S WASHINGTON SCHEDULE: VISITING ENVIRONMENT MINISTER HENRIQUE BRANDAO  
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CAVALCANTI WILL MEET THIS WEEK WITH OES A/S ELINOR CONSTABLE, USAID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR LATIN AMERICA MARK SCHNEIDER, AND INTERIOR SECRETARY BRUCE BABBITT. STILL PENDING IS AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE WHITE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE'S KATIE MCGINTY. THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY REPORTS CAVALCANTI VIEWS THE MEETING WITH CONSTABLE AS THE KEY ONE. CAVALCANTI WANTS TO FIRM UP COOPERATION PROJECTS THAT CAN MOVE FORWARD DURING HIS REMAINING SEVEN MONTHS IN OFFICE.

(C) IPR BILL DELAY: THE NEXT MAJOR HURDLE FOR ENACTING THE AGREED IPR BILL IS APPROVAL BY THE COMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION IN THE SENATE (ECONOMIC AFFAIRS). REPORTEDLY, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOAO ROCHA TOLD MEDIA THAT HE WILL NOT HURRY, AND A BILL MAY BE PASSED IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR. ROCHA SAID THE ILATERALLY AGREED DEADLINE -- JUNE 15 -- IS NOT FEASIBLE. COMMENT: THIS IS SOMETHING OF A CONTRAST WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AMORIM'S MORE ENERGETIC STATEMENTS ON THE IPR BILL.

9. ARA/AND

(U) BOLIVIA BIT NEGOTIATIONS: ALTHOUGH THE GOB IS COMMITTED TO REMOVING THE ONE MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO A

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BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATY, PROHIBITION OF INTERNATIONAL  
ARBITRATION IN THE HYDROCARBONS SECTOR, IT HAS NOT DECIDED  
WHETHER TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS NOW OR AWAIT THE PASSAGE  
OF LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE THE RESTRICTION. THE  
GOB, HOWEVER, SIGNED A BIT WITH ARGENTINA IN MARCH WHICH  
GUARANTEES INVESTORS THE RIGHT TO INTERNATIONAL

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ARBITRATION.

(C) COLOMBIA CLOSE ELECTION MEANS ROUND TWO ON JUNE 19.  
THE MAY 29 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS GAVE LIBERAL  
PARTY CANDIDATE ERNESTO SAMPER 45.2 PERCENT OF THE VOTES,  
AND CONSERVATIVE PARTY CANDIDATE ANDRES PASTRANA 44.9  
PERCENT. SAMPER TOOK BOGOTA, CALI AND BARRANQUILLA;  
PASTRANA WON IN MEDELLIN. CANDIDATE ANTONIO NAVARRO, A  
FORMER GUERRILLA, WAS THIRD WITH 3.8 PERCENT, BUT IN SUCH  
A CLOSE RACE HE REMAINS A PLAYER. WHILE THE ELECTION WAS  
RELATIVELY PEACEFUL (GUERRILLAS DISRUPTED 47 POLLING  
STATIONS OUT OF 45,000 NATIONWIDE) FEWER THAN 6 MILLION OF A  
TOTAL OF 17.1 MILLION POTENTIAL VOTERS WENT TO THE POLLS,  
THE HIGHEST ABSTENTION RATE IN 20 YEARS. MOST PUNDITS SEE  
THE CLOSE RACE AS A PASTRANA VICTORY. NAVARRO SAID HE  
WILL ANNOUNCE ON JUNE 2 WHETHER HE WILL ALIGN HIMSELF WITH  
ONE OF THE TWO FRONT-RUNNERS OR REMAIN INDEPENDENT.  
COMMENT: THE MOMENTUM IS PASTRANA'S GIVEN SAMPER'S  
MINIMAL MARGIN OF VICTORY, EVEN WITH OVER 70 FORMER  
LIBERAL MINISTERS' AND FIVE FORMER LIBERAL PRESIDENTS'  
SUPPORT. SAMPER HAS INDICATED HE WILL ASK LIBERAL MEMBERS  
OF CONGRESS TO REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO SUPPORT HIM IN THE NEXT  
ROUND. BOTH CANDIDATES KNOW NAVARRO CANNOT "DELIVER" ALL  
HIS 217,000 VOTES, AND HIS ENDORSEMENT COULD ALIENATE AS  
MANY VOTERS AS IT ATTRACTS.

(U) COLOMBIA FORMALLY JOINS PACIFIC BASIN ECONOMIC COUNCIL  
(PBEC). MAY 24 PRESS REPORTS NOTE COLOMBIA'S ACCEPTANCE  
BY THE BUSINESS ORGANIZATION PBEC, WHOSE 19 MEMBERS  
INCLUDE THE U.S., ASIAN COUNTRIES, MEXICO, CANADA AND  
CHILE, AND REPRESENTED 50 PERCENT OF WORLD GNP IN 1993.

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TRADE MINISTER JUAN MANUEL SANTOS ATTENDED THE MEETING AS  
PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATE. IN A SPEECH, HE NOTED THE GOC'S  
INTEGRATION POLICIES MAKE COLOMBIA AN ATTRACTIVE  
OPPORTUNITY FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS, AND REQUESTED GREATER

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE BATTLE AGAINST DRUGS.

(S) ECUADOR ARMY SCORES ANOTHER SUCCESS: ELEMENTS OF THE 19TH JUNGLE BRIGADE DESTROYED TWO DRUG PROCESSING LABORATORIES AND BURNED TWO COCA FIELDS DURING A SWEEP ALONG THE ECUADOR-COLOMBIA BORDER. THE UNITS INVOLVED HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED US COUNTERNARCOTICS TRAINING AND USED US-SUPPLIED RADIOS AND NIGHT-VISION GOGGLES. COMMENT: THIS SUCCESSFUL OPERATION REFLECTS THE ARMY'S CONTINUED DEDICATION TO COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS.

(C) PERU ICRC ACCESS TO UHV RENEWED: AFTER ANNOUNCING ON MAY 25 THAT THE ANTI-SL SWEEP IN NORTHERN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT HAD ENDED, THE GOP QUIETLY LIFTED THE BAN ON TRAVEL BY THE ICRC TO THE AREA NORTH OF TINGO MARIA AND WEST OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER.

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THE PERUVIAN ARMY CLAIMED DISCOVERY OF SL DOCUMENTS INSTRUCTING ITS PEOPLE TO COOPERATE WITH ICRC. THE HUALLAGA FRONT COMMANDER IMPLIED THAT THIS DEMONSTRATED ICRC/SL COLLISION. COMMENT: RENEWED ACCESS IS WELCOME NEWS, ALTHOUGH PROBABLY TOO LATE FOR THE ICRC OR GOP TO BENEFIT. THE DENIAL OF ACCESS FOR SEVEN WEEKS SEVERELY DAMAGED GOP CREDIBILITY.

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(C) TEACHERS STRIKE: PERU'S NATIONAL TEACHERS UNION SUCCESSFULLY CLOSED SCHOOLS IN MUCH OF THE COUNTRY ON MAY 24. DEMANDS INCLUDED SALARY INCREASES, RESTORATION OF "ABOR STABILITY" CLAUSES TO THE 1993 CONSTITUTION, AND RELEASE OF MEMBERS UNJUSTLY ACCUSED OF TERRORIST LINKS. EDUCATION MINISTER JORGE TRELLES INSISTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD NO PLANS TO PRIVATIZE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION. THE GOP PROPOSES REVERSING 1992 DECREE-LAWS WHICH TURNED ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OVER TO MUNICIPAL EDUCATION COUNCILS. MUNICIPALITIES MAY BE RELIEVED AT THIS, FEARING HAVING TO DEAL WITH A MILITANT TEACHERS UNION AND OPERATING SCHOOLS WITHOUT ANY BUDGET TO REBUILD AND REPAIR BUILDINGS, PURCHASE EDUCATIONAL

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MATERIALS OR PAY SALARIES. NOTE: GOP SUPPORTERS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE TEACHERS UNION WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL REASONS BEHIND THE MASSIVE "NO" VOTE IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM, PERSUADING PARENTS THAT FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION WOULD BE ABOLISHED.

(U) VENEZUELA CALDERA SHUFFLES CABINET. NEW MINISTERS INCLUDE LUIS CARLOS PALACIOS AT PLANNING (CORDIPLAN), CIRO ZAA AT TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION, FRANCISCO GONZALEZ AT URBAN DEVELOPMENT, ALBERTO POLETTI AT DEVELOPMENT, AND CARLOS BERNANDEZ AT THE VENEZUELAN INVESTMENT FUND. ENZO DEL BUFALO REPORTEDLY LEFT CORDIPLAN DUE TO "CONCEPTUAL DIFFERENCES" WITH GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC PROPOSALS, WHILE CESAR QUINTINI AT TRANSPORTATION

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AND COMMUNICATION WAS ACCUSED OF NOT ROOTING OUT CORRUPTION IN THE MINISTRY DATING BACK TO THE PEREZ PRESIDENCY. COMMENT: THE MINISTERS WHO ARE MAJOR PLAYERS IN CALDERA'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM APPEAR TO BE INTACT.

10. ARA/CCA

(C) BODIES FOUND: TWO BODIES WERE DISCOVERED FLOATING IN THE BAY AT THE GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE ON SUNDAY. THESE WERE APPARENTLY TWO OF THE CUBANS WHO WERE NOT APPREHENDED IN THE INCIDENT ON FRIDAY IN WHICH ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS KILLED AND TWO WERE CAPTURED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO FLEE FROM A BOAT IN THE UPPER BAY (ASDAR 5/27). WE WILL PROTEST.

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(C) IMPASSE CONTINUES AT BELGIAN RESIDENCE: BETWEEN 120 AND 130 CUBANS ARE STILL WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN HAVANA. WERE THEY SOUGHT ASYLUM ON SATURDAY.

COMMENT: WE ARE PREPARING PRESS GUIDANCE TO COUNTER GOC ATTEMPTS TO BLAME OUR ALLEGED "RESTRICTIVE" IMMIGRATION POLICY FOR CAUSING SUCH INCIDENTS.

(LOU) NEW PRICE HIKES IMMINENT: IN ITS REPORT ON THE

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PRICE HIKES FOR CIGARETTES, RUM, BEER, GASOLINE,  
ELECTRICITY AND TRANSPORTATION WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO GO  
INTO EFFECT ON JUNE 1, USINT GOES ON TO DESCRIBE THE  
GRANMA EDITORIAL EXPLAINING THE MOVE IN "ALMOST  
APOLOGETIC" TERMS. USINT NOTES THAT THE PIECE NOT ONLY  
POINTS OUT THE INCREASED SACRIFICES REQUIRED OF THE  
POPULACE, BUT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SOME OF THE MEASURES  
"DID NOT HAVE A VERY HIGH DEGREE OF SUPPORT." USINT  
COMMENTS THAT FURTHER AUSTERITY MEASURES AND CRACK-DOWNS,  
WITH NO OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN ADDITIONAL FUNDS, ARE NOT  
LIKELY TO EARN THE REGIME ANY NEW FRIENDS.

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