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 TAGS: PREL, PHUM, PINR, PE, PM  
 SUBJECT: PRESSURES MOUNTING IN PANAMA AGAINST MONTESINOS  
 ASYLUM

REF: PANAMA 3874 AND PREVIOUS

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY POL CHIEF VALLS NOYES, REASONS 1.5 (B AND D).

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2. (U) SOME INFLUENTIAL PANAMANIAN ORGANIZATIONS HAVE COME OUT PUBLICLY IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS OPPOSING A GRANT OF ASYLUM TO FORMER PERUVIAN INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL, AND A RESPECTED SOCIAL JUSTICE NGO, JUSTICIA Y PAZ, BOTH APPEALED TO THE PRESIDENT TO DENY THE ASYLUM. PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE LOCAL CARITAS (CATHOLIC CHURCH) ORGANIZATION HAS ISSUED A THREE PAGE PASTORAL LETTER HARSHLY CRITICIZING THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE REQUEST FOR ASYLUM. THE LETTER RESERVES ITS MOST COLORFUL LANGUAGE FOR THE USG, REFERRING TO THE "PERMANENT INTERFERENCE OF THE USG IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF HEMISPHERIC NATIONS" AND CONDEMNING THE "BLACKMAIL

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BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT" IN THIS MATTER. FINALLY, CARITAS DISMISSES THE OAS AS A "PUPPET OF THE U.S." WITH REGARD TO MONTESINOS.

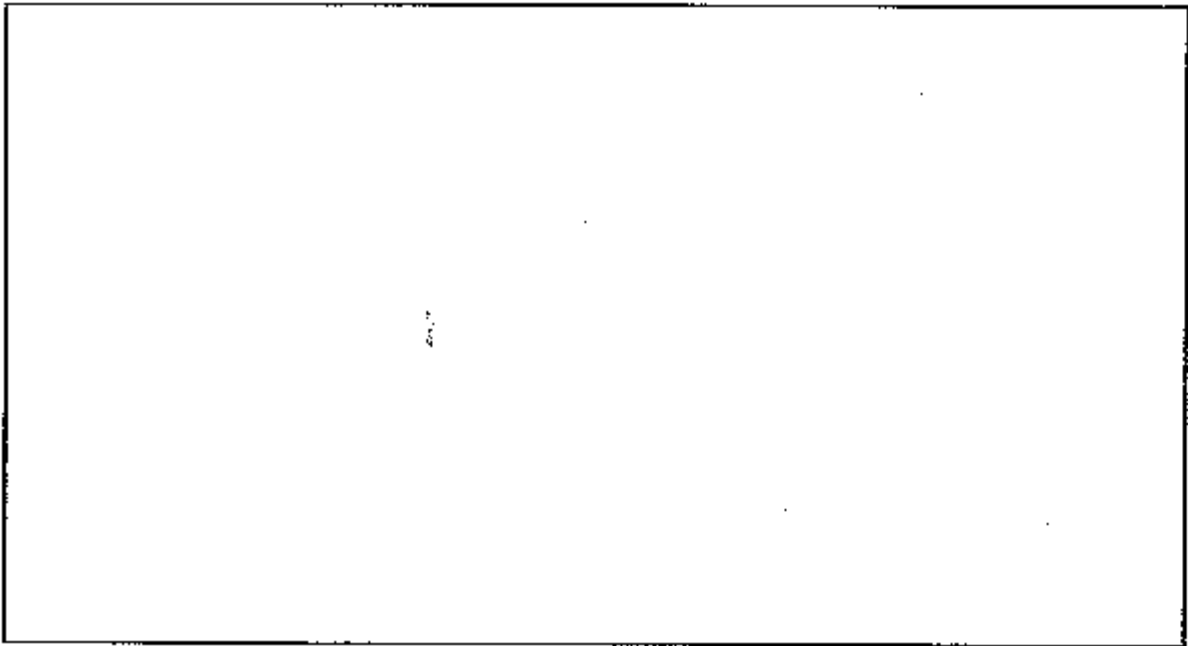
2. (U) THESE STATEMENTS JOIN THE STRONGLY NEGATIVE POSITIONS STAKED OUT ON THE MONTESINOS ASYLUM REQUEST BY SEVERAL LOCAL LEGISLATORS, INCLUDING SOME FROM PRESIDENT MOSCOSO'S OWN PARTY, AND TO PLEAS FROM SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS THAT MOSCOSO DENY THE REQUEST (REFTEL). MEANWHILE, PANAMANIAN COURTS HAVE NOT YET ACTED ON THE REQUEST BY A FORMER MOSCOSO ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL THAT MONTESINOS BE ARRESTED FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

3. (U) "EL PANAMA AMERICA" REPORTED ON OCTOBER 12 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ALEMAN TOLD ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT THAT PRESIDENT MOSCOSO WOULD CONSIDER NOT ONLY THE REQUESTS FROM REGIONAL LEADERS THAT PANAMA ACCEPT MONTESINOS, BUT THE PENDING JUDICIAL ACCUSATIONS AGAINST MONTESINOS, BEFORE RENDERING A DECISION.

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