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1. (C/NF) PREDICATED BY REF (A), EMBASSY EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE (EAC) MET ON JANUARY 25, 1997. THE EAC WAS CHAIRED BY THE DCM AND ATTENDED BY THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, POLITICAL OFFICER, REGIONAL STRATEGIC ANALYSIS OFFICER, CONSUL GENERAL, DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICER, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR.



- 2. (U) RSO REFERRED TO REF (A) AND SOLICITED COMMENTS FROM THE EAC ON RECENT FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE (FBIS) REPORTING CONCERNING THE PRESENCE IN PANAMA OF MEMBERS OF THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE 29 NOVEMBER NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT (MLN-29). ONE REPORT CONTAINED A STATEMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL, WHICH INDICATED HE HAD STATED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PERU BASED MRTA HAVE SECRETLY USED PANAMA TO CONTACT OTHER MRTA MEMBERS.
- 3. (U) OTHER NEWS REPORTS CLAIMED A CLANDESTINE MOVEMENT CALLED MLN-29 HAD TIES TO THE MRTA AND HAS A MEMBERSHIP CONSISTING OF STUDENTS, LABOR AND CHURCH LEADERS. PRESS ACCOUNTS STATED A NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SOURCE HAS REVEALED THAT THE MRTA HAS FIVE UNITS OPERATING IN PANAMA, MAINLY DEDICATED TO THE AREA OF

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LOGISTICS AND RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS. THE UNNAMED
SOURCE INDICATED THE MRTA MEMBERS IN PANAMA SERVE
BASICALLY AS A LIAISON TO SUPPLY WEAPONS AND MANAGE THE
FUNDS THAT SUSTAIN ITS GUERRILLA ACTIVITY. SOURCE
INDICATED TO THE PRESS THERE ARE NO REPORTS THAT MRTA ISTRAINING ITS UNITS IN PANAMA AND THE COUNTRY'S SECURITY
ORGANIZATIONS WOULD EASILY DETECT SUCH AN ACTIVITY IF IT

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SHOULD OCCUR. RECENT SEIZURES OF SHIPMENTS OF AK-47 RIFLES, AMMUNITION AND GRENADES WERE GOING TO MRTA AND OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN GUERRILLA GROUPS.

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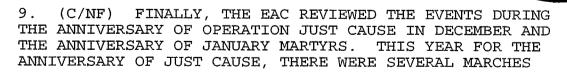
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8. (C/NF) THE EAC DISCUSSED THE WARDEN SYSTEM. CONFIDENTIAL

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