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(C) VENEZUELA: PERAFAN EXTRADITION UPDATE. GOV MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY AGUIAR TOLD AMB. MAISTO THAT U.S. REQUEST FOR PROVISIONAL ARREST AND EXTRADITION OF PERAFAN WAS SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT. HE ALSO NOTED THAT VENEZUELAN CRIMINAL LAW PLACES A 30-DAY LIMIT ON FILING ALL EXTRADITION PAPERS (VERSUS THE 60 DAYS ALLOWED BY THE BILATERAL EXTRADITION TREATY). A/G RENO MAY PHONE GOV MINISTERS OF INTERIOR OR JUSTICE TO UNDERSCORE U.S. INTEREST IN EXTRADITION, PRESS FOR A SPEEDY DECISION IN THE CASE AND (PRESUMABLY) TELL THE GOV THAT DOJ IS WORKING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE THE FORMAL REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION.

(U) VENEZUELA: TOVAR EXTRADITION. REGARDING YOUR QUESTION ON ANOTHER CASE INVOLVING COMPETING EXTRADITION REQUESTS, THE COLOMBIANS EXTRADITED LARRY TOVAR ACUNA IN JUNE 1995 TO VENEZUELA OVER A COMPETING U.S. REQUEST. THE GOC DECIDED TO RETURN THE NARCOTRAFFICKER TO VENEZUELA FOR SEVERAL REASONS: THE GOV MADE THE REQUEST FIRST; TOVAR IS VENEZUELAN; AND HE HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME IN VENEZUELA BUT HAD ONLY BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. EMBASSY REPORTS THAT TOVAR IS STILL IN PRISON IN CARACAS.

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(SBU) VENEZUELA: CASTRO SENTENCING. REUTER REPORTS THAT ORLANDO CASTRO CASTRO WAS SENTENCED ON 4/21 TO 2 1/3 UP TO 7 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR DEFRAUDING DEPOSITORS OF BANCO PROGRESO INTERNATIONAL DE PUERTO RICO. HIS FATHER, ORLANDO CASTRO LLANES, WAS SENTENCED EARLIER THIS MONTH TO 1 TO 3 YEARS IN JAIL, BUT, WITH CREDIT FOR TIME ALREADY SERVED, HE WILL BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. HIS GRANDSON, JORGE CASTRO BARREDO, WILL BE SENTENCED ON 5/5, WITH A FURTHER HEARING TO DETERMINE RESTITUTION AND FINES TO BE PAID BY THE THREE BANKERS SET FOR 5/6. GOV HAS REQUESTED PREVENTIVE DETENTION FOR PURPOSES OF EXTRADITION FOR THE ELDER TWO CASTROS. L HAS CONFIRMED THAT, IF GRANTED PAROLE, BOTH PRISONERS WOULD BE HELD PENDING EXTRADITION.

(U) PERU: NEW IPR CRIMES UNIT CREATED WITHIN NATIONAL POLICE. THE NATIONAL POLICE HAVE CREATED A NEW UNIT DEVOTED SOLELY TO COMBATING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS CRIMES. THE UNIT IS MADE UP OF 30 OFFICERS WHO ARE UNDERGOING TWO MONTHS OF TRAINING IN IPR LEGAL AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES. THE UNIT IS CHARGED WITH SEIZING COUNTERFEIT MERCHANDISE;

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PREVENTING PIRATED PRODUCTS FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY; AND ARRESTING THOSE ENGAGED IN VIDEO, AUDIO, PHARMACEUTICAL, AND OTHER TYPES OF PIRACY. THE UNIT WORKS CLOSELY WITH INTERESTED BUSINESS GROUPS AND WITH INDECOPI, PERU'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OFFICE. EMBASSY LIMA BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AS MANY IPR OWNERS AS POSSIBLE MAKE AN EARLY EFFORT TO WORK WITH THE UNIT TO ENSURE IT REMAINS WELL FOCUSED AND EFFECTIVE.

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(C) PERU: MURDER OF INTELLIGENCE AGENT CAUSES UPROAR IN PERU. THE DISCOVERY IN MARCH OF THE DECAPITATED BODY OF PERUVIAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE AGENT (SIE) MARIELA BARRETO AND

REPORTS ABOUT HER INVOLVEMENT WITH THE COLINA DEATH SQUAD HAVE CAUSED AN UPROAR IN PERU. THIS STORY COMES ON THE HEELS OF PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE TORTURE BY SUPERIORS OF FELLOW STE AGENT LEONOR LA ROSA. DEFENSE MINISTER CASTILLO TOLD CONGRESS APRIL 9 THAT THE ARMED FORCES WERE NOT INVOLVED IN BARRETO'S MURDER, AND THEREFORE IT WAS UP TO THE CIVILIAN COURTS TO FIND AND PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE. COLINA DEATH SQUAD LEADER SANTIAGO MARTIN RIVAS, THE FATHER OF ONE OF BARRETO'S CHILDREN, HAS PUBLICLY DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN THE MURDER. EVEN SO, HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COLINA DEATH SQUAD ARE BEING INVESTIGATED BY POLICE. A FORMER STE AGENT HAS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT BARRETO WAS KILLED BY THE COLINA DEATH SQUAD IN RETALIATION FOR HAVING LEAKED TO THE PRESS INFORMATION REGARDING THE 1992 LA CANTUTA MASSACRE. THIS AGENT WAS DETAINED ON DISLOYALTY AND DESERTION CHARGES THE FOLLOWING DAY. EMBASSY LIMA COMMENTS THAT EVEN IF SOME STE MEMBERS ARE CONVICTED OF EITHER CRIME, THE SYSTEM WILL ONLY HAVE SOUGHT OUT AND PUNISHED THOSE WHO COMMITTED THE CRIME. THIS DOESN'T ADVANCE THE PROCESS OF PUNISHING THOSE GUILTY OF PERMITTING THE EVOLUTION OF A CULTURE WITHIN THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES THAT ALLOWS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TO OCCUR.

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