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1. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, JULY 30, 1999:

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-- STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT --

THE INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CUBA WILL NOT BE DIMMED. ON JULY 27 IN GENEVA, THE CUBAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC) WITHDREW ITS MOTION TO OVERTURN A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CUBAN HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES THAT HAD BEEN ADOPTED THIS SPRING BY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (UNCHR).

CUBA WITHDREW ITS MOTION IN THE FACE OF STRONG OPPOSITION AROUND THE GLOBE. THIS OPPOSITION WAS BASED BOTH ON GROWING CONCERN ABOUT CUBA'S DISMAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND ON THE INITIATIVE'S ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE THE PURPOSE AND WORK OF THE UNCHR. CUBA'S FAILURE TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR ITS UNDERHANDED MANEUVER IS A VICTORY FOR CHAMPIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE INTEGRITY OF THE UN SYSTEM.

I CONGRATULATE THE DELEGATIONS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND POLAND FOR LEADING OPPOSITION TO THE CUBAN PROPOSAL. LIKE CZECH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINSTER MARTIN PALOUS, I HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA HEEDS THE CALL OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND MAKES THE NECESSARY POLITICAL REFORMS TO ENABLE IT TO REJOIN THE WORLD-WIDE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONS.

SINCE THE VISIT OF POPE JOHN PAUL II IN JANUARY 1998, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS RESPONDED TO NUMEROUS OVERTURES AND INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL WITH FURTHER REPRESSION, INCLUDING THE JAILING OF DEMOCRATIC AND HUMAN

RIGHTS ACTIVISTS. THE FOUR LEADERS OF THE DISSIDENT WORKING GROUP - BEATRIZ ROQUE, FELIX BONNE, RENE GOMEZ MANZANO, AND VLADIMIR ROCA - REMAIN IMPRISONED UNDER HARSH CONDITIONS FOR NOTHING MORE THAN CALLING FOR MORE OPENNESS IN THAT COUNTRY'S POLITICAL SYSTEM.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN THE PEOPLE OF CUBA ENJOY A GOVERNMENT FREELY CHOSEN BY THEM THAT RESPECTS AND PROMOTES PERSONAL FREEDOMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

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2. WHA PRESS GUIDANCE, JULY 29-30, 1999:

-- COLOMBIA: TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS --

CONTEXT: A JULY 28 WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE OUTLINED THE RISE IN COLOMBIANS ALLEGEDLY FLEEING COLOMBIA FOR THE U.S. THE ARTICLE NOTES (CORRECTLY) THAT WHILE THE INTERNAL CONFLICT IS A FACTOR, THE MAIN IMPETUS FOR THE RISE IN VISA APPLICATIONS IS THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN IN THE COLOMBIAN ECONOMY. ON JULY 20, COLOMBIAN NATIONAL DAY, THERE WERE SOME DEMONSTRATIONS IN MIAMI, WASHINGTON, HOUSTON AND NEW YORK OF COLOMBIANS ADVOCATING FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR COLOMBIANS IN THE U.S. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE SIZE OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS VARIED FROM A FEW DOZEN TO 3,000. THE DEPARTMENT IS REVIEWING THE SITUATION IN COLOMBIA BUT NO/NO RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN MADE IN FAVOR OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.

Q: IS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE GOING TO MAKE A

RECOMMENDATION IN FAVOR OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR COLOMBIAN NATIONALS IN THE U.S.

A: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS CLOSELY MONITORING THE SITUATION IN COLOMBIA WITH RESPECT TO TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS. THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT TPS RESTS WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CONSULATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. AT

THIS POINT, NO RECOMMENDATION ON TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR COLOMBIAN NATIONALS IN THE U.S. HAS BEEN MADE.

-- PERU: FUNDING FOR NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE --

CONTEXT: A NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE OF JULY 30 REFERRED TO CRITICISM OF THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) IN THE REPORT ACCOMPANYING THE HOUSE FOREIGN AID BILL. THE SIN, WITH ITS DE FACTO HEAD, VLADIMIR MONTESINOS, IS REGULARLY CITED BY U.S. AND PERUVIAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AS A MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSER, AND AS ONE OF THE SOURCES OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S POWER.

WITHIN THE SIN IS AN ALL-SOURCE INTELLIGENCE FUSION CENTER THAT PRODUCES AN OVERT INTELLIGENCE PRODUCT FOR THE PERUVIAN INTERAGENCY COUNTERNARCOTICS COMMUNITY. WE PROVIDED FUNDS IN 1996, 1997, AND 1998 TO SUPPORT THIS COUNTERNARCOTICS CENTER. THIS UNIT CONSISTS ENTIRELY OF PERUVIAN NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND CIVILIAN CONTRACT PERSONNEL DETAILED TO THE SIN. IT SERVES AS A CENTRAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION FOR ALL AGENCIES, AND ACTS AS A COMPLEMENT TO PERUVIAN COUNTERNARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE UNITS. NONE

OF THESE PERSONNEL IN THE USG-SUPPORTED CCIU PARTICIPATE IN INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, OPERATIONS, OR COVERT ACTIONS. NO STATE FUNDS ARE GOING TO SIN IN 1999 AND NONE IS PLANNED FOR FUTURE YEARS.

REFERENCES IN THE HOUSE REPORT TO SIN LINKS TO DEATH SQUADS DATES FROM ALLEGATIONS MADE IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

Q: HOW WILL THE RECENT CUT IN AID AND CRITICISM OF THE PERUVIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AFFECT US-PERUVIAN RELATIONS?

A: THERE WAS NO CUT IN AID TO PERU. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S SUPPORT TO THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN), MENTIONED IN THE REPORT ACCOMPANYING THE HOUSE BILL, REFERS TO U.S. AID ON A COUNTERNARCOTICS PROJECT, INITIATED IN 1996, TO BUILD AN ANALYTICAL CAPABILITY AT THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL DRUG ANALYSIS CENTER. THIS PRIMARILY INVOLVED PROVIDING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING, AND WAS VALUED AT $34,000 IN 1996, $150,000 IN 1997, AND $25,000 IN 1998. NO FUNDING WAS PROVIDED IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND NO FURTHER FUNDING IS PLANNED.

THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL DRUG ANALYSIS CENTER HAS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE DISRUPTION OF A NUMBER OF DRUG TRAFFICKING ELEMENTS IN PERU.

(IF ASKED)
WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT CRITICISM OF THE SIN WILL AFFECT US-PERUVIAN RELATIONS.

Q: IS THE PERUVIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE INVOLVED IN "DEATH

SQUAD" ACTIVITY?

A: DURING THE EARLY 1990'S, MANY UNFORTUNATE EVENTS OCCURRED IN PERU, INCLUDING EGREGIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING THE STATE OF SIEGE CAUSED BY INTENSIVE TERRORIST ACTIVITY. I REFER YOU TO STATE DEPARTMENT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS ON PERU.

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3. INL PRESS GUIDANCE (REVISED), JULY 29, 1999:

-- COLOMBIA: U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT MISSING --

Q: UPDATE ON THE MISSING AIRCRAFT? HAVE THE BODIES BEEN IDENTIFIED?

A: THE STATE DEPARTMENT EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE U.S. AND COLOMBIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING A ROUTINE COUNTERNARCOTICS MISSION IN COLOMBIA. THEIR SERVICE AND DEDICATION DEMONSTRATED THE COMMITMENT OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO REDUCE THE FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS.

THE FIVE U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY WERE APPARENTLY KILLED WHEN THEIR AIRCRAFT CRASHED JULY 23 IN SOUTHERN COLOMBIA. THE REMAINS OF FOUR CREWMEMBERS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND WILL BE FLOWN TO BOGOTA TO BE IDENTIFIED. WE ARE ENGAGED IN RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR THE OTHER THREE CREWMEMBERS.

THE U.S. PERSONNEL WERE ASSIGNED TO FORT BLISS, TEXAS. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE SERVICE MEMBERS SHOULD

BE ADDRESSED TO THE PENTAGON.

THE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION WAS A ROBUST EFFORT THAT INVOLVED TOTAL SUPPORT FROM A RANGE OF COLOMBIAN AND U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

IF ASKED: AIRCRAFT OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND BASED IN COLOMBIA TO SUPPORT COUNTERNARCOTICS ACTIVITIES BY THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTED COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES AND THE PENTAGON IN THE SEARCH FOR THE MISSING AIRCRAFT.

Q: WHAT SPECIFIC KIND OF COUNTERNARCOTICS MISSION DID THIS AIRCRAFT HAVE? DO U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT NORMALLY CARRY OUT SUCH MISSIONS, OR WAS THIS A NEW OR EXPANDED U.S. ACTIVITY?

A: UNITED STATES MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAVE OPERATED IN COLOMBIA ON A CONTINUING BASIS TO CARRY OUT COUNTERNARCOTICS MISSIONS IN COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA.

WE DO NOT DISCUSS THE SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTERNAROTICS MISSIONS OR ACTIVITIES. ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.
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