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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE ASDAR FROM FEBRUARY 2, 1993

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BEGIN TEXT:

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(C) WIVES DISCUSS HUSBANDS' TORTURE. IN A MEETING AT THE
EMBASSY, THE WIVES OF OFFICERS IMPLICATED IN THE FAILED
NOVEMBER COUP ATTEMPT CLAIMED THEIR HUSBANDS HAD BEEN
TORTURED, THAT THEY ARE DETAINED UNDER INHUMANE
CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT THEIR FAMILIES ARE BEING FOLLOWED
BY THE GOP. THE WIVES HOLD OUT LITTLE HOPE FOR AN

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AMNESTY. THE OFFICERS' TRIAL WAS TO COMMENCE FEBRUARY 1; NOT ALL SESSIONS WILL BE PUBLIC, AND THE TORTURE ALLEGATIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD. THE WOMEN ALLEGED THAT THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TORTURE WAS DIRECTED BY VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. ONE WOMAN SAID SHE SAW HER HUSBAND'S FACE BRUISED FROM MONTESINOS' RING. THE ICRC CONTINUES TO BE DENIED PERMISSION TO SEE ANY OF THE ACCUSED COUP PLOTTERS. (HALL)

(C) GOP DROPS CHARGES AGAINST JOURNALIST. A PUBLIC PROSECUTOR HAS DECLARED JOURNALIST MAGNO SOSA INNOCENT OF TERRORISM CHARGES, BUT HE REMAINS IN JAIL UNTIL THE COURTS (A "FACELESS JUDGE") ACQUIT HIM. MEANWHILE, FUJIMORI DECLARED ON TELEVISION THAT HE IS MAKING A "SPECIAL EFFORT" TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF JOURNALISTS UNFAIRLY ACCUSED OF TERRORISM. HE REITERATED THAT THE GOP WOULD RESPECT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, AND CLAIMED THAT THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WOULD EVALUATE THE MEDIA ONLY "TO MAKE CORRECTIONS WHEN NECESSARY" TO AVOID DAMAGING PERU'S IMAGE ABROAD. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE
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 PROLIFERATION OF INTERNATIONAL AND PERUVIAN INTERVENTION ON SOSA'S BEHALF HAS HAD AN EFFECT ON THE GOP. WHILE THE JUDICIAL MACHINERY WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO FREE SOSA, IT APPEARS HE WILL BE FREED. THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM REMAINS: THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM LACKS INDEPENDENCE AND CAN BE MANIPULATED TO HARASS REAL OR IMAGINED OPPONENTS.
 (HALL)

COLOMBIA

(C) THIRTY-ONE ARREST WARRANTS ISSUED FOR BOGOTA OFFICIALS ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES. FISCAL GENERAL DE GREIFF HAS ISSUED ARREST WARRANTS FOR THE FORMER MAYOR OF BOGOTA, HIS TWO EX-FINANCE SECRETARIES, AND 28 CURRENT AND FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS (FOUR OF WHOM ARE NOW MEMBERS OF CONGRESS). THEY ARE ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLING ALMOST USD 2.5 MILLION OF CITY FUNDS IN 1990. EMBASSY COMMENT: IN A COUNTRY WHERE CORRUPTION HAS BEEN READILY ACCEPTED FOR YEARS, PEOPLE ARE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE HIGHLY-PRINCIPLED DE GREIFF WILL BRING THE GUILTY PARTIES TO JUSTICE. (EUSER)

(S) ESCOBAR BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR TWENTY KILLED IN BOGOTA CAR BOMBING JANUARY 30. PRESIDENT GAVIRIA HAS OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS, BLAMED ESCOBAR FOR THE BOMB, AND AGAIN DISCARDED THE

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POSSIBILITY OF YIELDING TO TERRORIST DEMANDS. AMONG THE DEAD ARE FIVE CHILDREN, INCLUDING A SIX-MONTH OLD; SEVERAL BUSINESSES IN THE MIDDLE-CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD WERE DESTROYED. COMMENT: THIS IS THE BOMBING WHICH PROMPTED THE TRAVEL WARNING FOR COLOMBIA. (EUSER)

(U) MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY CITES BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA FOR
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PIRACY: IN ITS RECENTLY PUBLISHED ANNUAL TRADE BARRIER REPORT COVERING 67 COUNTRIES, THE MOTION PICTURE EXPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN (MPEAA) IDENTIFIES THE MAJOR TRADE BARRIERS FACED BY THE MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION AND HOME VIDEO INDUSTRY ABROAD. AMONG ARA COUNTRIES, BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA WERE SINGLED OUT FOR THE PREVALENCE OF PIRACY, ESPECIALLY VIDEO PIRACY AND UNAUTHORIZED BROADCASTS OF PROGRAMMING. THOUGH MPEAA REPRESENTS ONLY A PORTION OF THE COPYRIGHT INDUSTRIES, ITS ASSESSMENTS WILL FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN THE SPECIAL 301 SUBMISSION THAT THE INDUSTRY WILL SUBMIT TO USTR BY FEBRUARY 12. (JORGENSEN)

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