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1. THIS CABLE IS CLASSIFIED BY BOGOTA COUNTRY ATTACHE
LARRY N. LYONS. REASON 1.5 (D).

2. AS ASSIGNED DURING THE APRIL ANDEAN REGIONAL
CONFERENCE IN LIMA, THE FOLLOWING ARE THE BOGOTA COUNTRY
TEAM'S (CT'S) MUSINGS ON THE STATUS OF TRAFFICKING
ORGANIZATIONS IN THE POST-CALI WORLD. WE HAVE FOCUSED
OUR THOUGHTS LARGELY ON COLOMBIAN ORGANIZATIONS, ALTHOUGH
WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST TO INCORPORATE THOUGHTS GLEANED
FROM INPUT OFFERED BY THE QUITO, PERUVIAN AND BOLIVIAN
CT'S. MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM BOGOTA 2893,
WITH ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON THE HEROIN TRADE, INSURGENTS
AND MONEY LAUNDERING. THOUGHTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
OUR ANDEAN COLLEAGUES ARE OF COURSE ENCOURAGED, AND WILL
BE INCORPORATED INTO THE FINAL PRESENTATION. PLEASE
FORWARD THESE CONTRIBUTIONS BY 30 APRIL.

3. AS AN ASIDE, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA, MYLES R.R.
FRECHETTE, IS ALSO PLANNING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THE
NARCOTICS SITUATION IN COLOMBIA. WE ASSUME OTHER
AMBASSADORS WILL WISH TO ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE AS WELL.
IS CNC/LINEAR SETTING ASIDE TIME FOR SUCH PRESENTATIONS,
OR ARE THE AMBASSADORS EXPECTED TO PRESENT FOR THE
COUNTRIES DURING THE 50-MINUTE ANDEAN RIDGE REGIONAL
PRESENTATION? PLEASE ADVISE.

4. "NO ONE IS GOING TO BE DIMWITTED ENOUGH TO FORM
OR HEAD UP BIG CARTELS AGAIN . . . WHEN THE
MEDELLIN CARTEL (RUN BY PABLO ESCOBAR) LET ITS
PRESTIGE AND LEADING ROLE EXPAND, ESCOBAR . . .
DIED; THEN THE CALI CARTEL GOT TOO BIG, AND
THEY ARE ALL IN JAIL." (CNP DIRECTOR ROSSO
JOSE SERRANO, DECEMBER 1996)

5. THE FOREIGN COUNTERDRUG STRATEGIES EMPLOYED BY THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS HAVE BEEN
HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AT WHAT THEY WERE DESIGNED TO DO:
PRINCIPALLY, TO TARGET AND ARREST THE LEADERSHIP OF MAJOR
DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ANDEAN RIDGE
REGION. WE HAVE DISMANTLED THE MEDELLIN AND CALI CARTELS
AS THEY WERE ONCE KNOWN. WHERE ONCE THE DRUG MAFIAS
VIEWED THEMSELVES AS INVINCIBLE, THEIR LEADERSHIP IS
EITHER DEAD OR IN PRISON. THIS WAS NEVER THE ULTIMATE
GOAL; HOWEVER, THE OBJECTIVE ALWAYS HAS BEEN TO ATTACK
ALL ELEMENTS OF THE DRUG TRAFFICKING ENTERPRISE TO HAVE
ANY REAL IMPACT, DESTROYING THE COMPLETE ORGANIZATION AND
REDUCING THE FLOW OF DRUGS TO THE U.S.

6. NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN THE REGION HAS BEEN
UNDERGOING A STEADY CHANGE SINCE MID-1995 IN THE WAKE OF
ARRESTS OF THE RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA BROTHERS AND OTHER TOP
CALI TRAFFICKERS. DURING THE 1980'S AND INTO THE 1990'S,
THE CALI-BASED DRUG MAFIA HAD CONSTRUCTED A RIGID AND
VERTICALLY ORGANIZED BUSINESS HIERARCHY, ITS TOP LEADERS
MAINTAINING A FIRM GRIP ON ITS EVERY ASPECT. MIGUEL
RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA (MRO) AND "PACHO" HERRERA PERSONALLY
BUILT AND CONTROLLED THEIR EXTENSIVE DRUG EMPIRES, WHICH

BECAME THE LARGEST AND MOST SOPHISTICATED COCAINE
PRODUCING, SELLING, TRANSPORTING, AND DISTRIBUTING
ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WORLD.

7. WITH THE DOWNFALL OF THE CALI MAFIA, THE ANDEAN
RIDGE'S NEW GENERATION OF LEADING TRAFFICKERS, AS
PREDICTED, IS OPERATING A MORE DIFFUSE AND DECENTRALIZED
DRUG BUSINESS. THE CALI MAFIAS' VERTICALLY
COMPARTMENTED, TIGHTLY CONTROLLED, IMMENSE ORGANIZATION
HAS BEEN REPLACED BY SMALL, LOOSE CONFEDERATIONS
CHARACTERIZED BY SHIFTING ALLIANCES AMONG SPECIALIZED
GROUPS, AS PRODUCERS, SUPPLIERS, TRANSPORTERS, AND
DISTRIBUTORS, THROUGH LESS FIXED BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS,
ALL SEEK TO MINIMIZE EACH INDIVIDUAL'S RISK WHILE
CONTINUING TO TRAFFIC. AS A RESULT OF THE BREAKUP OF THE
CALI MAFIA MONOLITH, THE NORM IS NOW SMALLER, LOWER-
PROFILE, AND FAIRLY INSULATED ORGANIZATIONS. ONE TELLING
SIGN OF THE CHANGE IN OPERATING STYLE IS THAT COLOMBIAN
TRAFFICKERS NOW TEND TO SHY AWAY FROM THE LEGIONS OF
BODYGUARDS, WHICH WERE A MUST-HAVE ACCESSORY DURING THE

CALI KINGPIN KEYDAYS. THESE TRAFFICKERS WANT TO AVOID
THE RISK OF TOO MANY PEOPLE TOO CLOSE WHO MIGHT LEAK
INFORMATION, SUBMIT TO BRIBERY, OR BE ARRESTED. NOR ARE
OVERT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TIES AS ACTIVELY SOUGHT AS IN
THE PAST, AGAIN TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE AND AVOID THE
SECURITY RISKS THAT COME WITH NOTORIETY.

8. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT THE NEW, LOOSER
ARRANGEMENT DOES NOT REPRESENT DISARRAY IN THE
TRAFFICKING WORLD. INDEED, THE LOSS OF CENTRALIZED

CONTROL EXERTED DURING THE REIGN OF THE CALI MAFIA HAS
NOT DIMINISHED THE FLOW OF COCAINE TO THE U.S. THE
MULTITUDE OF THEN-DEPENDENT TRAFFICKERS DID NOT MISS A
BEAT WHEN THEIR CALI BOSSES WERE JAILED. MOREOVER, THE
LACK OF CONTROL ALLOWS FOR EVER MORE PLAYERS TO JOIN IN
THE GAME, FURTHER DIFFUSING THE BUSINESS AND EVEN
POTENTIALLY INCREASING COCAINE FLOWS.

9. THE DIFFUSION OF TRAFFICKING CAN BE GRAPHICALLY
ILLUSTRATED IN THE CASE OF BOLIVIA. HISTORICALLY, THE
BOLIVIAN DRUG TRAFFICKING SCENE HAS BEEN HEAVILY
INFLUENCED BY THE COLOMBIAN MAFIAS AND THEIR
REPRESENTATIVES, WHO HAVE PERSONALLY DIRECTED BOLIVIAN
ORGANIZATIONS. HOWEVER, THE BOLIVIAN CT NOW BELIEVES

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THAT BOLIVIAN TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS ARE BECOMING MORE AUTONOMOUS AND, IN SOME CASES, HAVE ELIMINATED THEIR COLOMBIAN MIDDLE MEN. BOLIVIAN TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS ARE CURRENTLY DEALING DIRECTLY WITH OTHER TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS IN MEXICO, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY, EUROPE, AND ULTIMATELY, THE UNITED STATES.

10. IN ADDITION, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN HCL PROCESSING OUTSIDE OF THE TRADITIONAL COLOMBIAN LAB REGIONS. BOLIVIA AND QUITO'S COUNTRY TEAMS HAVE NOTED INCREASES IN HCL PRODUCTION IN THEIR COUNTRIES; THE PERU CT REPORTS THAT 90 PERCENT OF PERUVIAN DRUG EXPORTS REMAIN BASE AND/OR PASTE, HOWEVER.

IDENTIFYING TARGETS ON THE NEW FIELD

11. AS A RESULT OF THESE CHANGES IN TRAFFICKER OPERATING STYLE, IDENTIFYING THE MOST IMPORTANT NEW TARGETS HAS NOT BEEN AS SIMPLE A MATTER AS IN THE PAST; INDEED, THE JOINT COLOMBIAN-U.S. EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THE TOP PRIORITY OF NARCOTRAFFICKER GROUPS, AND TO TARGET THEM FOR INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION, AND DISMANTLEMENT, WAS AN EXERCISE THAT PREOCCUPIED WASHINGTON AND COLOMBIAN COUNTERDRUG AGENCIES IN 1996.

12. AS THE FOCUS SHIFTED TO IDENTIFYING THE MOST IMPORTANT TRAFFICKERS, OPERATIONAL EMPHASIS SHIFTED AWAY FROM PURELY RAID AND CAPTURE-FOCUSED OPERATIONS SO CHARACTERISTIC OF THE DAYS IN 1994 AND 1995 WHEN THE ARMY AND POLICE SEARCH UNITS IN CALI MOUNTED HUNDREDS OF RAIDS AGAINST KINGPIN TARGETS. THOSE FAST-PACED, HIGH-PROFILE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY THE SLOWER, OFTEN PAINSTAKING, DETAIL WORK OF GATHERING INDIVIDUAL PIECES OF INTELLIGENCE AND PUTTING TOGETHER A PICTURE OF TRAFFICKERS, THEIR ASSOCIATES, AND MODUS OPERANDI. IN A DECEMBER MEETING COLOMBIAN PROSECUTOR GENERAL VALDIVIESO PREDICTED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PROSECUTE THE SECOND GENERATION FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING SINCE NO DRUG CHARGES ARE CURRENTLY PENDING AGAINST THEM IN THE U.S. OR COLOMBIA; HE SAID THAT THE FISCALIA WOULD AT LEAST TRY TO PROSECUTE THEM ON ILLICIT ENRICHMENT AND MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES.

REVISITING THE PRIORITIES

13. OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS NO DEARTH OF TRAFFICKING TARGETS

IN COLOMBIA; IN SEPTEMBER 1996, AMONG THE LINEAR TARGETS IN THE REGION, 12 WERE CONNECTED TO COLOMBIA. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE MYRIAD OF TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY, NOR ALL THE TARGETS THAT THE COLOMBIANS THEMSELVES WANT TO PURSUE, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE MOST IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF U.S. COUNTERDRUG INTERESTS. A CONTINUAL EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO STAY FOCUSED ON A DEFINED AND RELATIVELY

SMALL GROUP OF TRAFFICKERS IN ORDER TO HAVE ANY SUCCESS IN DISRUPTING AND DISMANTLING KEY GROUPS AND SUPPORTING IMPORTANT U.S. DOMESTIC LAW ENFORCEMENT CASES. IT IS ALSO VITAL AS WELL TO TRY TO KEEP THE COLOMBIANS, WITH WHOM THE EMBASSY--DEA AND ROAL--WORKS, FOCUSED.

14. TO HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT ON THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS FROM THE REGION, THE ANDEAN RIDGE COUNTRY TEAMS ARE REDOUBLING EFFORTS AGAINST TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE QUITO CT IS FOCUSED ALMOST ENTIRELY AGAINST TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS AFFILIATED WITH MAJOR COLOMBIAN AND PERUVIAN TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS; THESE

ECUADORAN TRANSPORTATION GROUPS FACILITATE BOTH THE TRANSPORT OF COCAINE BASE FROM PERU TO COLOMBIA, AND THE TRANSPORT OF THE FINISHED PRODUCT FROM COLOMBIA FOR ONWARD MARITIME SHIPMENT DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED STATES OR, MORE OFTEN, VIA MEXICO. IN ADDITION, MEMBERS OF THE BOGOTA CT HAVE DESIGNATED THE BERNAL MADRIGAL, ALIAS "JUVENAL," TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION AS A LINEAR TARGET. THE COLOMBIA CT IS FOCUSING ADDITIONAL TARGETING AND INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION EFFORTS AGAINST ORGANIZATIONS USING AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT HCL AND COCAINE BASE SOUTH OF THE ANDES MOUNTAINS. GIVEN THERE ARE NO RAILROADS, THE

RIVERS RUN EAST AND WEST, AND THE LACK OF AVAILABLE ROADS, WE VIEW THE AIRPLANE AS THE ONE INDISPENSABLE (AND THEREFORE VULNERABLE) LINK IN THE NARCOTICS TRANSPORTATION CHAIN.

15. BY FOCUSING ON AERIAL TRANSPORTATION TRENDS IN SOUTHERN COLOMBIA, WE WILL IDENTIFY MAJOR COCAINE HCL PRODUCTION FACILITIES AND THE ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE; OUR EXPERIENCE THUS FAR INDICATES THAT COCAINE PRODUCTION ORGANIZATIONS IN COLOMBIA HAVE LOCATED MOST LARGE HCL LABS IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOST WIDELY-USED CLANDESTINE AIRSTRIPS. OUR FOCUS IS ON THE ORGANIZATIONS, TRANSPORTATION AND HCL PRODUCTION, WHICH WILL IDENTIFY THE MOST IMPORTANT TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS TRYING TO SHIP COCAINE NORTH.

16. ALSO IN EARLY 1997, CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO UPDATING THE ENTIRE BOGOTA COUNTRY TEAM TARGETED ORGANIZATIONS LIST, AS SUCCESSFUL COUNTERNARCOTICS OPERATIONS HAD WHITTLED DOWN THE ORIGINAL LIST CONSIDERABLY. AS A RESULT, THE BOGOTA CT'S NEW TARGET LIST CONSISTS OF ONLY SEVEN ORGANIZATIONS, FOUR OF WHICH INCLUDE DESIGNATED LINEAR TARGETS. THE ABOVE MENTIONED "JUVENAL" TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION, AND THE NORTHERN VALLEY TRAFFICKING GROUP DIRECTED BY THE HENAO MONTOYA BROTHERS CURRENTLY ARE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST PRIORITY BY THE COUNTRY TEAM. IN ADDITION, REMNANTS OF THE RODRIGUEZ ORJUELA ORGANIZATION (A LINEAR TARGET) REMAINS A BOGOTA COUNTRY TEAM TARGET. NON-LINEAR TARGETS INCLUDE NORTHERN VALLEY TRAFFICKER JOSE NELSON URREGO, VICENTE RIVERA GONZALEZ, AND THE "DON CELSO" ORGANIZATION. THE SEVENTH

MEMBER OF LIST, NOTED TRAFFICKER JUSTO PASTOR PERAFAN, WAS CAPTURED BY VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES ON APRIL 18, 1997.

A WORD ABOUT MONEY LAUNDERING

17. MONEY LAUNDERING REMAINS A TRANSNATIONAL PROBLEM, WHOSE SCOPE, COMPLEXITY AND MAGNITUDE MAKES UNILATERAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. WHILE THE VARIOUS ANDEAN RIDGE COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO TARGET MONEY LAUNDERING ORGANIZATIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS ON THIS FRONT WILL HAVE ONLY MINIMAL EFFECT ON THE FLOW OF DRUGS FROM SOUTH AMERICA, AND WILL NOT DESTROY OR DISMANTLE A TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION. NEVERTHELESS, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL POSITIVE STEPS TAKEN BY NATIONS OF THE REGION ON THE MONEY LAUNDERING FRONT. IN EARLY MARCH 1997, FOR EXAMPLE, THE BOLIVIAN CONGRESS APPROVED A PENAL CODE REFORM BILL WHICH CRIMINALIZED MONEY LAUNDERING; WHILE THE CURRENT BOLIVIAN LAW IS TOO BROAD FOR EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT AT PRESENT, BOLIVIAN FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AUTHORITIES ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH U.S. TECHNICIANS TO FORMULATE REGULATIONS UNDER THE LAW THAT WILL GIVE CRIMES INVESTIGATORS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL TO COMBAT LAUNDERING IN THE BANKING SYSTEM.

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18. A USEFUL BYPRODUCT OF MONEY LAUNDERING INVESTIGATIONS, IN OUR ESTIMATION, CONTINUES TO BE INFORMATION ON THE ASSETS OF TRAFFICKERS FOR POSSIBLE FORFEITURE; THE NEW COLOMBIAN ASSET FORFEITURE LAW IS

ENABLING NEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AGAINST OLD TRAFFICKERS.

HEROIN TRAFFICKING GROUPS IN THE ANDEAN REGION

19. THE THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES POSED BY SOUTH AMERICAN HEROIN HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN RECENT YEARS, WITH THE LION'S SHARE OF THE OPIATE FROM SOUTH AMERICA BEING SENT FROM COLOMBIA; ALTHOUGH SOME VERY LIMITED OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION--SEVERAL HUNDRED HECTARES IN VENEZUELA AND A FEW HECTARES IN PERU--MAY BE FOUND ELSEWHERE, HEROIN PRODUCTION OUTSIDE OF COLOMBIA IN SOUTH AMERICA APPEARS TO BE NEGLIGIBLE. IN ADDITION, ANDEAN RIDGE NATIONS HAVE SEEN A MARKED INCREASE IN HEROIN SMUGGLING, PARTICULARLY BY NIGERIAN TRAFFICKERS.

20. THE STATUS OF HEROIN TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS TODAY MIRRORS THE COCAINE TRAFFICKING GROUPS OF THE 1970'S; MOST HEROIN SMUGGLED FROM LATIN AMERICA INTO THE UNITED STATES CURRENTLY IS TRANSPORTED VIA COURIERS ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS, OR HIDDEN IN KILO-SIZED QUANTITIES IN LUGGAGE OR AIR CARGO. TO DATE, NO SINGLE TRAFFICKING GROUP IN THE REGION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF HEROIN TO THE U.S. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY THE REGION'S DRUG MAFIAS HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO DOMINATE SOUTH AMERICA'S HEROIN TRADE. IN TIME, HOWEVER, SOME CALI AND NORTH VALLEY COCAINE TRAFFICKING GROUPS PROBABLY WILL ATTEMPT TO EXERT MORE CONTROL OVER OPIATE PRODUCTION IN THE REGION AND THE WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION OF SOUTH AMERICAN HEROIN IN THE U.S.

21. IN DEA/BOGOTA'S ESTIMATION, U.S. SUPPORT FOR AERIAL ERADICATION IS THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON COLOMBIA'S ESTIMATED 6,500 HECTARES OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATIONS AND, THEREFORE, THE FLOW COLOMBIAN HEROIN INTO THE U.S. LATE LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE SUSPENDED THE USE OF U.S. AIR ASSETS AGAINST THE OPIUM CROPS BECAUSE IT DETRACTED FROM THEIR EFFORTS ON COCA ERADICATION.

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THE ROLE COLOMBIA'S INSURGENTS IN THE DRUG TRADE

22. FURTHER COMPLICATING EFFORTS AGAINST TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS IN COLOMBIA IS THE PRESENCE OF LARGE RURAL-BASED GUERRILLA GROUPS, THE FARC IN PARTICULAR, MANY OF WHOSE FRONTS ARE EXPLOITING DRUG-RELATED ACTIVITIES TO FILL THEIR COFFERS AND ARE DIVERSIFYING THEIR ROLES IN THE NARCOTICS TRADE. AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES INVOLVEMENT BY FARC UNITS IN ALMOST ALL ASPECTS OF THE DRUG TRADE IN THE SOURCE ZONE OF COLOMBIA, WITH THEIR PRIMARY ACTIVITY CENTERED ON SUPPORTING TRAFFICKER OPERATIONS AND PROVIDING SECURITY. WHILE ASSERTIONS BY THE COLOMBIAN ARMED FORCES THAT THE GUERRILLAS HAVE BECOME A "THIRD CARTEL" ARE EXAGGERATED, THE FARC IN RECENT YEARS HAS MORE AGGRESSIVELY PROTECTED ITS DRUG-RELATED INTERESTS BY ATTACKING COUNTERNARCOTICS OPERATIONS AND BY ORGANIZING PROTESTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT CROP ERADICATION EFFORTS.

A FINAL WORD ABOUT TARGETING AND THE LINEAR STRATEGY

23. ANDEAN RIDGE COUNTRY TEAMS CURRENTLY TARGET AND WILL CONTINUE TO TARGET TRAFFICKERS IT JUDGES TO HAVE THE MOST IMPACT ON THE FLOW OF COCAINE TO THE U.S. THEY ARE AND WILL BE LIMITED IN NUMBER IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE NECESSARY OPERATIONAL AND ANALYTIC FOCUS. THE WASHINGTON COMMUNITY CAN ALSO HELP THE REGION'S COUNTRY TEAMS MAINTAIN FOCUS ON PRIORITY TARGETS BY MORE CLOSELY COORDINATING TASKING AND INFORMATION UPDATES FOR THE COUNTRY TEAMS MEMBER AGENCIES, PREFERABLY THROUGH THE LINEAR CHANNEL. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE INSTANCES IN WHICH LINEAR INVESTIGATIONS HERE IN COLOMBIA MAY SUPPORT

U.S.-BASED LAW ENFORCEMENT CASES, THE COUNTRY TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIFIC INPUT AND FEEDBACK FROM THE U.S. SIDE.

24. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO BCO I/A JEFF MOFFATT OR GS MARK S. JOHNSON AT #011-571-315-0811 X2532 OR FTS: 301-985-9343.

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