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SUBJ: USSOUTHCOM CURRENT INTELLIGENCE BRIEF (SCIB) 83-025 (U)
(U) THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WERE AMONG THE ITEMS BRIEFED TO
USCINCSO ON 15 FEB 83. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE ITEMS
SPECIFICALLY CONTROLLED BY OTHER AGENCIES. INFORMATION WAS
DERIVED FROM ALL SOURCE INTELLIGENCE INCLUDING DAO REPORTING.
THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION CONCERNING ITEMS OF
INTEREST WHICH ARE BRIEFED TO USCINCSO ON A PERIODIC BASIS. THIS
SCIB CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
ITEM 1: CS: MORE CAMPS FOUND; BORDER UNIT FORMED (U)
ITEM 2: BL: UNPREDICTABLE POLICY (U)
ITEM 3: BL: HIGH HOPES IN GOLD MINING (U)
ITEM 4: CI: RISE IN ANTI-GOVERNMENT INCIDENTS (U)
ITEM 5: CI: CABINET ADJUSTMENTS (U)
ITEM 6: AR: MIRAGE DELIVERIES (U)
ITEM 7: GJ: AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (U)
1. (U) COSTA RICA. ACCORDING TO SAN JOSE PRESS REPORTS, SIX MORE
ABANDONED CAMPS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED IN NORTHERN COSTA RICA, THREE ON
THE SLOPES OF THE OROSI VOLCANO (10-15 KM FROM THE NICARAGUAN BORDER)
AND THREE NEAR UPALA, 5 KM FROM NICARAGUA). FOUR MEN IN UNIFORM WERE
FOUND AT THESE CAMPS AND WERE DETAINED. THE IDENTITY OF THE CAMP
USERS HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED, BUT THEY ARE LIKELY

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ANTI-SANDINISTAS WHO USE COSTA RICA AS A REFUGE.

A. (U) THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA HAS ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF THE "CONDOR" UNIT, EIGHTY MEN WHO WILL PATROL THE BORDER AND ENSURE COSTA RICAN NEUTRALITY IS NOT COMPROMISED. THEY WILL BE STATIONED IN PUERTO VIEJO.

2. (C) BOLIVIA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER, ON 9 FEB, MADE A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE DEC '79 SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN. THIS IS SIGNIFICANT, IN THAT IT REPRESENTS A LIMITED SYMBOLIC REVERSAL OF SILES' PERFORMANCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

A. (C) SINCE OCTOBER, THE GOB'S DRIFT TO THE LEFT HAS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING ACTS:

- RENEWAL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NICARAGUA
- RECOGNITION OF THE PLO
- RECOGNITION OF THE POLISARIO
- ABSENTEEISM IN THE U.N. ON KEY VOTING ISSUES
- SILES' UNGA STATEMENT WHICH WAS UNBALANCED IN ITS REVIEW OF WORLD ISSUES
- RENEWAL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA

B. (C) WITHIN HIS ADMINISTRATION SILES, HAS GIVEN STRENGTH TO LEFTIST FORCES BY:

- KEEPING TWO COMMUNISTS IN THE CABINET
- REPLACING MORE MODERATE (MIR) MINISTERS WITH SOME WHOM ARE MORE RADICALLY ORIENTED
- FOSTERING THE PROMINENCE OF RADICAL PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORS

C. (C) WHEN REPEATEDLY CONFRONTED BY THE U.S. AMBASSADOR REGARDING THE APPARENT LEFTWARD SWING IN FOREIGN POLICY, BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER VELARDE AND PRESIDENT SILES HAVE OFFERED VARIOUS EXCUSES, AND HAVE TIME AND AGAIN STATED CORRECTIONS WOULD BE MADE. THE U.S. EMBASSY CHARACTERIZES THE GOB'S BEHAVIOR AS TAKING STEPS IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, AND IN THE FACE OF U.S. PRESSURE, RETREATING ONE. THIS IS ILLUSTRATED BY RECOGNIZING CUBA; HOWEVER, THEN DECIDING NOT TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY IN MANNING ITS MISSION TO CUBA. ANOTHER SEESAW ISSUE IS THE POSSIBLE RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA.

D. (C) COUNTERBALANCING THE LEFTWARD DRIFT ARE SOME POSITIVE STEPS OF MUCH LESSER MAGNITUDE:

- WARMLY RECEIVING THE U.S. DELEGATION AT THE INAUGURATION
- MOVING AHEAD ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL ON THE SANTA CRUZ-SAO PAULO PIPELINE
- CAPTURING AND EXPELLING A LEADING ITALIAN NARCO-TERRORIST
- EXPELLING **KLAUS BARBIE**
- REQUESTING A RETURN OF THE U.S. MIL GROUP
- PUBLICLY OPPOSING THE PROPOSED EXPULSION OF THE U.S. FROM THE OAS
- PLEDGING NOT TO GIVE SUPPORT TO SURINAME

E. (C) THE REMARKS ON AFGHANISTAN, PROMPTED BY THE ENERGETIC URGING OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR, SHOW THE U.S. CAN SUCCESSFULLY INFLUENCE THE GOB ON ITS UNPREDICTABLE FOREIGN POLICY. THE DECISION ON NORTH KOREA WILL FURTHER INDICATE IF BOLIVIA IS RESPONSIVE TO U.S. PRESSURE. THE APPARENT UNCERTAINTY IN FOREIGN POLICY FORMULATION IS PROBABLY AN INDICATOR OF THE DIVERSE VIEWPOINTS WITHIN THE PRESIDENT'S COALITION.

3. (U) BOLIVIA. AMEMB LA PAZ REPORTS OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA MINISTRY OF MINES HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR THE ECONOMIC REVOCERY OF BOLIVIA THROUGH GOLD MINING.

A. (U) WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, A NEW STATE-OWNED MINING CONSORTIUM WILL BE FORMED TO EXPLOIT GOLD PLACER DEPOSITS ALONG THE BRAZILIAN-BOLIVIAN BORDER.

B. (U) BOLIVIA'S MINERAL EXPORTS DECLINED FROM \$641 MILLION IN 1980

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TO \$556 MILLION IN 1981, AND WILL BARELY SURPASS \$400 MILLION IN 1982. THIS HAS PLACED THE BOLIVIAN MINING INDUSTRY ON THE VERGE OF CLOSING A LARGE NUMBER OF ITS MINING OPERATIONS, BUT IT IS HOPED THAT THE GOLD MINING PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE NEEDED STIMULATION.

4. (C/NF) CHILE. GIVEN THE CURRENT STATE OF THE ECONOMY, THE SITUATION IS OPPORTUNE FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT INCIDENTS. TWO RECENT SIGNIFICANT TERRORIST ACTS MAY ONLY BE FORESHADOWING MORE TO COME.

- ON 29 JAN, RENACA, A BEACH-RESORT NORTH OF VINA DEL MAR, WAS BLACKED-OUT WHEN POWER TRANSMISSION LINES WERE METHODICALLY BOMBED.

- ON 4 FEB, A LOCAL PASSENGER TRAIN WAS COMMANDEERED AND BURNED, EAST OF VINA DEL MAR.

A. (S/NF/NC/WN) AN ESTIMATE OF CHILE'S SECURITY FORCES INDICATES THAT ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE AND CONTINUE TO RISE UNTIL THE CHILEAN ECONOMY IMPROVES SIGNIFICANTLY.

B. (C/NF) CHILE'S ECONOMY, DESCRIBED AS TEETERING ON THE BRINK OF FINANCIAL COLLAPSE, SUFFERED A SEVERE RECESSION IN 1982. BANKRUPTCIES ARE INCREASING. AND THE BANKING SYSTEM'S BAD LOANS HAD TO BE TAKEN OVER BY THE COUNTRY'S CENTRAL BANK. IN THE FOREIGN SECTOR, DEPRESSED COPPER PRICES AND SLACK DEMAND FOR OTHER CHILEAN EXPORTS HAVE LOWERED EXPORT REVENUE, WHILE LOW TARIFFS HAVE ENCOURAGED IMPORTS, INCREASED THE FOREIGN DEBT, AND FURTHER HURT LOCAL INDUSTRY.

C. (C/NF) CHILE'S MOUNTING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS HAVE ALREADY CREATED A LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT PINOCHET, AND ANY ADDITIONAL TERRORIST INCIDENTS MAY FURTHER DAMAGE THE GOVERNMENT'S IMAGE AND ERODE PUBLIC SUPPORT. ALTHOUGH POLICE ACTIONS AGAINST TERRORIST GROUPS (READ MIR) HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL OF LATE, THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WILL PROVIDE EXTREMIST GROUPS WITH FAVORABLE RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES TO FILL ITS RANKS. WE BELIEVE THE SECURITY FORCE'S ESTIMATE OF INCREASED TERRORIST ACTIVITY IS A CORRECT PROJECTION.

5. (C) CHILE. PRESIDENT PINOCHET, TAKING THE ADVANTAGE OF THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CHANGE OF HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, DECIDED TO MAKE OTHER CABINET ADJUSTMENTS. CHANGES, AS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CABINET POSITION NEW OLD

FINANCE CARLOS CACERES RULF LUDERS

ECONOMY MANUEL MARTIN " "

JUSTICE JAIME DELVALLE MONICA MADARIAGA

EDUCATION MONICA MADARIAGA ALFREDO PRIETO

* FOREIGN MIGUEL SCHWEITZER RENE ROJAS

SEC GEN OF GOV'T RAMON SUAREZ HERMAN FELIPE

ERRAZURIZ

CENTRAL BANK PRES. HERMAN FELIPE ERRAZURIZ CARLOS CACERES

* ANNOUNCED 8 FEB 83

A. (C) A QUICK LOOK AT THE OLD AND THE NEW FACES REVEAL THAT THIS SHIFT IS MORE OF AN ADJUSTMENT THAN A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. THE CHANGES IN THE ECONOMIC TEAM WILL RECEIVE THE MOST ATTENTION, COMING IN THE MIDDLE OR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REFINANCING THE FOREIGN DEBT. BMINSTER LUDERS' CHANGE (ONLY IN OFFICE SINCE 30 AUG 82), WOULD SEEM INOPPORTUNE, GIVEN THE PRESENT STATE OF ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THE GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE FOR A STABLE IMAGE. POSSIBLY LUDERS' CONNECTION TO THE BHC BUSINESS CONGLOMERATE, (ASSETS OF WHICH WERE LIQUIDATED AND TAKEN OVER BY THE GOVERNMENT), PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN HIS REMOVAL.

6. (U) ARGENTINA. ACCORDING TO A RECENTLY RECEIVED PRESS REPORT, ON

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13 FEB, ARGENTINIAN SOURCES REPORTED THAT THE MIRAGE FIGHTER BOMBERS THAT ISRAEL IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING TO ARGENTINA WERE PURCHASED DURING THE FALKLANDS WAR LAST YEAR. BETWEEN 22 AND 24 AIRCRAFT ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO THEIR DESTINATION IN THREE STAGES.

7. (S/NF/WN) GRENADA. CONSTRUCTION AT POINT SALINES AIRFIELD APPEARS TO HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY EXPANDED. EARLY FEBRUARY IMAGERY SHOWED FOUR OUT OF SIX AIRCRAFT SHEDS NEAR COMPLETION. IN ADDITION, FOUR LARGE SOVIET PREFABRICATED POL TANKS, FIRST REPORTED IN NOV 82, HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED ON IMAGERY. THE TANKS COULD HOLD 500,000 GALLONS OF FUEL EACH. CONSTRUCTION APPEARS COMPLETE ON A BARRACKS AREA NORTHEAST OF THE AIRSTRIP.

A. (S/NF/WN) IN POINT SALINES AIRFIELD, GRENADA WILL HAVE A COMPLEX THAT CAN HANDLE A WIDE RANGE OF AIRCRAFT. THE NEW FACILITIES COULD GREATLY ASSIST THE DEPLOYMENT OF CUBAN OR OTHER FORCES TO THE LATAM REGION OR TO AFRICA.

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