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COUNTRY: (U) REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (RP).

SUBJECT: (b)(3):10 USC 424 FOLLOW-UP ON THREAT TO AMERICANS AT EMB PHILIPPINES (U).

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REVS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424
SUMMARY: This report is a follow-up on a possible threat to Americans at DOLE, Philippines. Threat still valid.

TEXT: 1. Follow-up on the assassination of a Filipino worker at DOLE on 06 Feb 91 and the possible threat to Americans there. The last contact with the Bilaan group was on 10 Feb 91, at which time a meeting was arranged between members of the Bilaan and representatives of DOLE security forces at 1100 hours on 11 Feb 91. The Bilaan did not show for the meeting.

2. For more details which would make the motive for the killing clearer, it is important to understand exactly what the threat to Americans is as a result of this incident at DOLE. The first reason advanced for the killing was a personal dispute involving a simple disagreement with another worker. However, based on several conversations with the individual using the call sign "Jaguar," the Bilaan group has made, in coordination with other Moro groups, explicit demands for financial support and extortion is now a factor in this case. Specific demands and terms were to have been discussed at the 11 Feb 91 meeting which did not occur. Dolefil security is coordinating their activities with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP) in the region. Actual site of the assassination was on the highway between Polomolok and Dolefil and not on Dolefil property as originally reported.

3. A Philippine Constabulary report indicating that Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Chairman Nur Misuan instructed Moros to undertake terrorist actions against Americans because of the war in the Gulf. However, the Provincial Commander of the MNLF, was "not very bent on following the instruction." Salam has good control over his people, but some groups still engage in common practices of criminality which do not conform to MNLF guidelines. The misguidance, the assassination of a Dolefil employee, and the subsequent dialogue with alleged Bilaan Moros, including one using the call sign "Libyan Base" and the Marinduca dialect, lead him to believe there is a real threat to Dolefil and its American employees.

COMMENTS: This follow-up adds little new information to the original report. At this point, there is still some conflicting information on the precise motive for the killing of a Filipino worker at DOLE. There is also some conflicting information regarding the MNLF instruction to attack American interests. The Philippine Constabulary report indicating Misuan's instruction to strike Americans, however, makes the threat less certain.
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WHILST SECURITY STILL CONSIDERS THE THREAT TO AMERICANS A VALID THREAT. (b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c) CONCURS WITH THAT ASSESSMENT BASED ON THE EVENTS AT DOLE AND OTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

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