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

SUBJECT: TRAVEL, AND SECURITY THREAT TO AMERICANS VIEWS ON CAGAYAN SITUATION,

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(b)(1):Sec. 1.4(c)(b)
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SUMMARY: No linkage with current security threat to Americans. Cagayan situation still causing problems for the AFP. Florencio's death investigation continues.

TEXT: 1. (b)(1) Sec. 1.4(c) To discuss the Cagayan situation, recent travel restrictions placed on the NPA end the current threat to Americans from the NPA. There may be a linkage between the current security situation in the North, the NPA threat to Americans and recent J-2 disapprovals of requested travel. Denied that the disapproved travel requests were due to AFP concern for the security of the AFP. Rather, he said, the trips were denied because investigations of involvement in the December 1989 attempted coup were still in progress in several of the units identified in travel. Had earlier denied requests to visit units which were under investigation claiming that the AFP is attempting to build airtight cases against coup plotters and participants. This could be true, but a more likely reason for denying access to units under investigation is to cover the extent of unrest and dissatisfaction in those units. For example, the 401st Infantry Brigade (1B) in Agusan del Sur, and 422D PAM. in Agusan del Norte, are under investigation to determine their loyalties of officers and enlisted troops.

2. (b)(1) Sec. 1.4(c) Regarding the Cagayan situation, account of the incident tracked with previous reports. MOD not speculate on whether Florencio was killed by (Agualnado's) men or by Government personnel during the assault on the Diplomatic Hotel. The criminal investigative service is pointing at a set hired by Government personnel from the second floor as the cause of Florencio's death. To date, the investigation is not complete.

3. (b)(1) Sec. 1.4(c) Regarding the threat to Americans, there is an indication that the AFP has the security situation under control. The Philippine air force (PAF) is now on blue alert in the metro Manila area.

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IS NO SPECIFIC THREAT NOW. HE WOULD INFORM THE USG IF THE AFP HAD SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ABOUT A HIT ON AMERICANS, REFERRING TO THE CPP/NPA ANNIVERSARY DATE ON 29 MAR ’90. REF. #1, NOTHING WILL HAPPEN ON THAT DAY. NPA ACTIVITY WILL PEAK PRIOR TO THAT DAY AND WILL THEN FALL OFF. MOST OF THE ACTIONS WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE AFP AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BUT HE DID NOT RULE OUT AN ATTACK AGAINST AMERICANS.

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