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(U) FARC PUBLICLY CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KIDNAPPING  
~~(S)~~ IN A 19 JULY COMMUNIQUE, THE FARC PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THE  
CAPTURE OF FORMER U.S. ARMY SOLDIER, USCIT KEVIN SCOTT SUTAY, IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF EL RETORNO, GUAVIARE DEPARTMENT, AND THEY HAD BEEN  
HOLDING HIM HOSTAGE SINCE 20 JUNE. SUTAY REPORTEDLY WAS TRAVELING  
THROUGH A FARC STRONGHOLD IN GUAVIARE DEPARTMENT IN MID-JUNE WHEN HE  
ENCOUNTERED THE FARC MEMBERS WHO TOOK HIM HOSTAGE. THE FARC LABELED  
SUTAY AS A "PRISONER OF WAR" AND OFFERED HIS RELEASE AS A GOODWILL  
GESTURE DURING THE ONGOING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COLOMBIAN  
GOVERNMENT IN HAVANA, CUBA.

(b)(1),1.4 (c)

(U) THE FARC LEADERSHIP COMMUNIQUE ALSO PROVIDED PROOF-OF-CAPTURE  
INFORMATION BY PROVIDING SUTAYS RECENT TRAVEL TO MEXICO, HONDURAS,  
COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA, AND PANAMA BEFORE HE ENTERED COLOMBIA ON 8  
JUNE

(b)(1),(b)(3):50 USC 3024(i),1.4 (c),1.4 (d)

~~(U//FOUO)~~ FARC KIDNAPPINGS WHILE NEGOTIATING PEACE

THE GROUP PUBLICLY VOWED  
TO CEASE KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM AS A GOODWILL GESTURE DURING THE

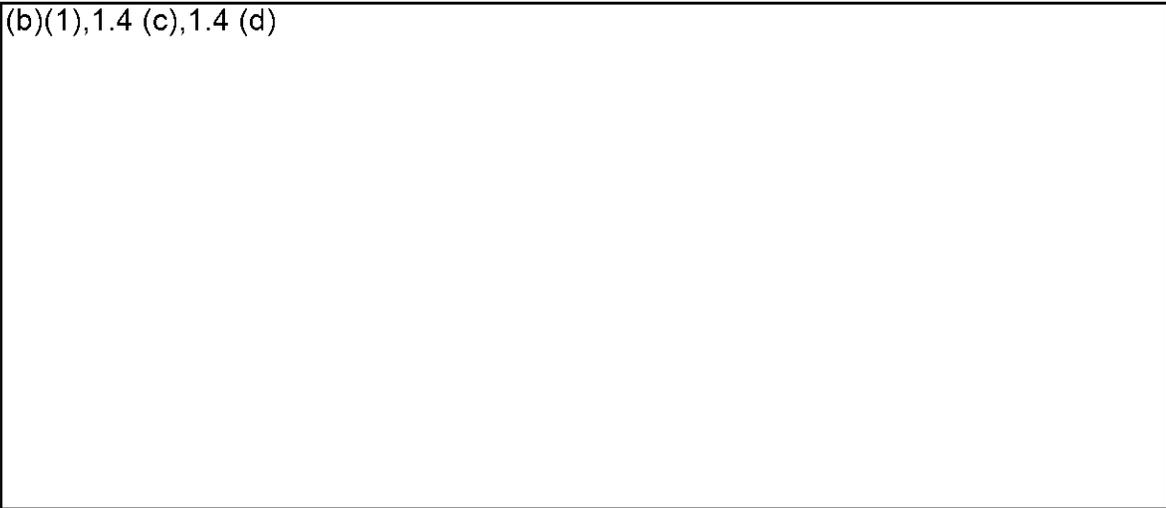
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(U//FOUO) AS OF 30 JANUARY, FARC LEADERS PUBLICLY DECLARED THEY WOULD  
CONTINUE TAKING "PRISONERS OF WAR" AS A FUNCTION OF THE ARMED  
CONFLICT; HOWEVER, LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE FORCED THE GROUP  
TO RELEASE ITS PRISONERS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTING.  
(U//FOUO) ON 29 JANUARY, THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLICLY CONDEMNED  
THE FARC'S KIDNAPPING OF THREE SECURITY FORCE MEMBERS IN SOUTHWESTERN  
COLOMBIA, AND IT CALLED FOR THE GROUP TO HONOR ITS AGREEMENTS AND  
NEGOTIATE FOR PEACE IN GOOD FAITH ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS

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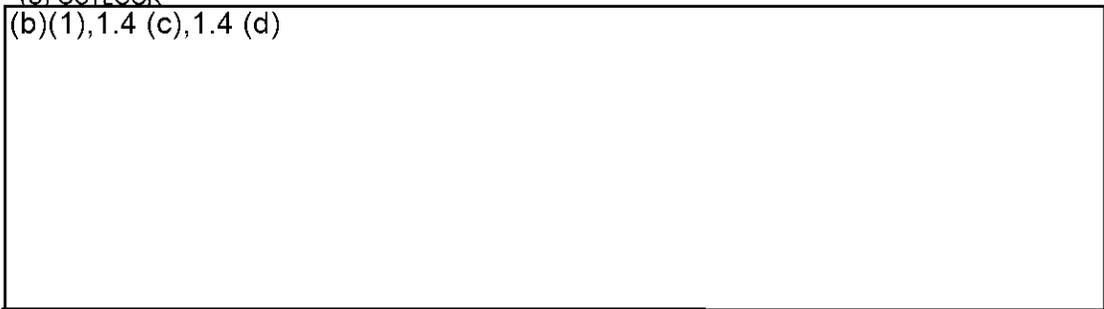
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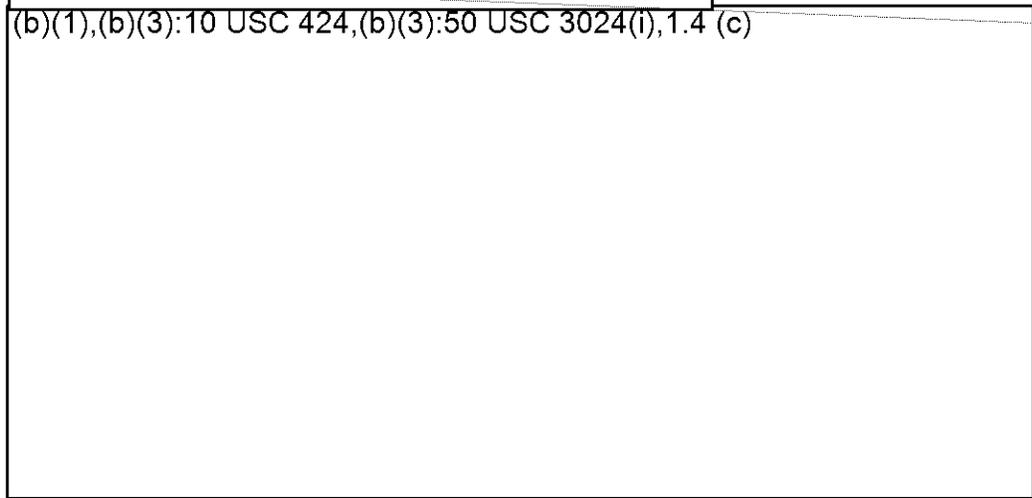
(U) ON 19 JULY, THE FARC ACKNOWLEDGED ITS WILLINGNESS TO RELEASE THE KIDNAPPED U.S. CITIZEN TO THE ICRC, THE SAINT EDIGIO NGO, AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST AND FORMER SENATOR PIEDAD CORDOBA, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS. BARRED FROM POLITICAL OFFICE IN 2010 FOR HER CONTINUED CONTACT WITH THE FARC, CORDOBA HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE FARC AND THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT. THE COLOMBIAN PRESS REPORTS THAT DESPITE THE FARC'S REQUEST, ON 24 JULY, PRESIDENT JUAN MANUEL SANTOS PUBLICLY REJECTED CORDOBA'S INTERVENTION IN ANY POTENTIAL HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION.

(U) OUTLOOK

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