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

SUBJECT: VIEWS ON CAGAYAN SITUATION,
TRAVEL, AND SECURITY THREAT TO AMERICANS ~~(S)~~

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c);(b)
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B. ~~(S/NE)~~

(b)(1):Sec. 1.4(c);(b)(3):10 USC 424

SUMMARY: ~~(S/NE)~~ CLARIFIES RECENT TRAVEL DISAPPROVALS. NO LINKAGE WITH CURRENT SECURITY THREAT TO AMERICANS. CAGAYAN SITUATION STILL CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR THE AFP. ((FLCRENDO)) DEATH INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

(b)(1):Sec. 1.4
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TEXT: 1. ~~(S/NE)~~ (b)(1):Sec. 1.4(c)

TO DISCUSS THE CAGAYAN SITUATION, RECENT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THE AND THE CURRENT THREAT TO AMERICANS FROM THE NPA. (b)(3):10 USC 424;(b)(1):Sec. 1.4(c) 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 (b)(3):10 U TRAVEL. DENIED THAT THE DISAPPROVED TRAVEL REQUESTS WERE DUE TO AFP CONCERN FOR THE SECURITY OF (b)(3):10 USC 424 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. (b)(3):10 USC 424 REQUEST. (b)(3):10 USC 424;(b)(1):1.4(c) 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 (IB) IN AGUSAN DEL SUR, AND 402D IB IN AGUSAN DEL NORTE, ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE TRUE LOYALTIES OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED TROOPS.)

(b)(1):Sec.
1.4(c)

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2. ~~(S/NE)~~ REGARDING THE CAGAYAN SITUATION, (b)(1):1.4(c) ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT TRACKED WITH PREVIOUS REPORTS

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HE WOULD NOT SPECULATE ON WHETHER BG FLORENDO WAS KILLED BY ((AGUINALDO))'S MEN OR BY GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL DURING THE ASSAULT ON THE DELFINO HOTEL. (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE IS POINTING AT A SHOT FIRED BY GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL FROM THE SECOND FLOOR AS THE CAUSE OF FLORENDO'S DEATH. TO DATE, THE INVESTIGATION IS NOT COMPLETE.)

THAT THE AFP WILL CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO ARREST AGUINALDO. THEY CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO BRING HIM IN TO SHOW THEY ARE IN CONTROL OF THE SECURITY SITUATION AND THAT INDIVIDUAL RENEGADES ARE GOING TO BE DEALT WITH. (b)(1):Sec. 1.4(c) THE EFFORTS IN CAGAYAN ARE FOCUSING ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEM IN THE NORTH, BUT THAT HAS NOT AFFECTED THE ABILITY OF THE AFP TO BE ON ALERT ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. THE AFP IS RETURNING TO BLUE ALERT IN SOME AREAS WHICH, (b)(1):Sec. 1.4(c) IS AN INDICATION THAT THE AFP HAS THE SECURITY SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE (PAF) IS NOW ON BLUE ALERT IN THE METRO MANILA AREA.)

(b)(1):Sec. 1.4(c)

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3. ~~(S/NE)~~ REGARDING THE THREAT TO AMERICANS, (b)(1):Sec. 1.4 (c) THERE

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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. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4 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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1. ~~(S//NF)~~ (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

BELIEVED THERE WAS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SECURITY THREAT TO AMERICANS AND (b)(1);1.4(c) DENIAL OF CERTAIN TRIP REQUESTS. HE DISCOUNTED SUCH A DIRECT LINKAGE AND SAID THE TRIPS WERE NOT APPROVED BECAUSE SOME UNITS ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION, WHICH IS BELIEVABLE. HE ALSO DOWNPLAYED THE CURRENT THREAT TO AMERICANS BY THE NPA, A THOUGHT WHICH RUNS COUNTER TO OTHER REPORTING. GAVINO'S REMARKS WERE SOMEWHAT REASSURING, HOWEVER,

(b)(1);1.4(c) TAKES BOTH OF THESE POINTS WITH CAUTION.

2. ~~(S//NF)~~ (b)(1);1.4(c) SEEMED PREOCCUPIED WITH FORM MORE THAN SUBSTANCE. HIS MAIN THOUGHTS WERE PROBABLY ON WHETHER HE WILL BE SELECTED FOR (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, NOT THE SECURITY OF AMERICANS (b)(3);10 USC 424;(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

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3. ~~(S//NF)~~ THERE WAS ALSO A HINT OF FALSE CONFIDENCE IN ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION. THE AFP MAY BE RETURNING TO BLUE ALERT IN SOME AREAS, BUT A STRONG SENSE OF UNCERTAINTY REMAINS. WITH AGUINALDO CONTINUING TO EVADE CAPTURE, AND THE AFP DEDICATING 2-3,000 MEN TO FIND AND ARREST HIM, THE SITUATION REMAINS UNSETTLED. THE AFP NEEDS TO GET THIS STORY OFF THE FRONT PAGES -- SOMETHING THAT IS EASIER SAID THAN DONE.

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