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2. {U} DEFENSE TERRORISM WARNING REPORT.

A. ~~{S}~~ ALGERIA: ALGERIAN EXTREMISTS TARGETING US INTERESTS.

{1} ~~{C}~~ WARNING SUMMARY: ALGERIAN EXTREMISTS HAVE CROSSED THE THRESHOLD OF SPECIFICALLY ATTACKING US INTERESTS. ON 9 NOVEMBER, SUSPECTED ALGERIAN ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS SET FIRE TO THE OFF-COMPOUND US EMBASSY WAREHOUSE IN ALGIERS, DESTROYING THE FACILITY AND ALL OF ITS CONTENTS. THE ALGERIAN GUARD ASSIGNED TO THE WAREHOUSE WAS THREATENED BECAUSE OF HIS AFFILIATION TO THE US EMBASSY BUT WAS RELEASED UNHARMED. THE PERPETRATORS KNEW THAT THE WAREHOUSE, LOCATED ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS FROM THE EMBASSY COMPOUND IN AN ISLAMIST STRONGHOLD, WAS A US FACILITY AND TARGETED IT FOR THAT REASON.

{2} ~~{S}~~ THREAT ANALYSIS: THERE IS AN INCREASED THREAT TO US INTERESTS IN ALGERIA, ESPECIALLY AS THE 16 NOVEMBER ELECTIONS APPROACH. THE PRESENCE OF US ELECTION OBSERVERS IN ALGERIA MAY HAVE PROMPTED THIS ATTACK AND COULD CERTAINLY INCITE MORE ANTI-US TERRORISM; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SMALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE THROWN INTO THE US EMBASSY COMPOUND IN JANUARY OF 1992, US INTERESTS HAVE NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY ATTACKED DURING THE ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS' MORE THAN TWO-YEAR LONG ANTI-FOREIGNER CAMPAIGN. HOWEVER, SINCE THE ARMED ISLAMIC GROUP {GIA} FIRST THREATENED FOREIGNERS IN SEPTEMBER OF 1993, REPORTS OF VARYING CREDIBILITY HAVE INDICATED THAT THE GIA INTENDED TO ATTACK US INTERESTS. ALTHOUGH NO GROUP HAS CLAIMED THE ATTACK, IT IS CONSISTENT WITH PAST ATTACKS ON FOREIGNERS IN WHICH THE EXTREMISTS STRUCK SOFT TARGETS, HAVING MINIMAL SECURITY, WHERE THERE WAS A HIGH PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS AND ESCAPE.

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{3} {U} THIS WARNING REPORT IS IN EFFECT FOR 30 DAYS.

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3. {U} WORLDWIDE TERRORISM NOTES.

A. {U} ALGERIA: US WAREHOUSE BURNED; SUMMIT THREATENED; FRENCH NUNS MURDERED BY GUNMEN. A WAREHOUSE BELONGING TO THE US EMBASSY IN ALGIERS WAS BURNED AND DESTROYED BY SUSPECTED ISLAMISTS ON 11 NOVEMBER. ALSO, THE FIFTH FRENCH SPEAKING COUNTRIES' SUMMIT, SCHEDULED FOR 2-4 DECEMBER, HAS BEEN THREATENED BY THE ARMED ISLAMIC GROUP {GIA}. SPECIFICALLY, THE GIA THREATENED TO ATTACK THE HOSTING TOWN OF COTONOU, BENIN, DURING THE 1ST WEEK OF DECEMBER. TWO SUSPECTED ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS SHOT AND KILLED TWO

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FRENCH NUNS IN ALGIERS ON 10 NOVEMBER. THE VICTIMS WERE MURDERED AS THEY LEFT THEIR HOMES IN THE KOUBA DISTRICT OF ALGIERS, WHICH REPORTEDLY IS A FUNDAMENTALIST STRONGHOLD. ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS

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APPARENTLY ARE INCREASING THE PACE OF ATTACKS AGAINST FOREIGN TARGETS IN OPPOSITION TO NATIONAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER. CONTINUED ANTI-FOREIGNER VIOLENCE, INCLUDING ANTI-US ATTACKS, ARE POSSIBLE.

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