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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.

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(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

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

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

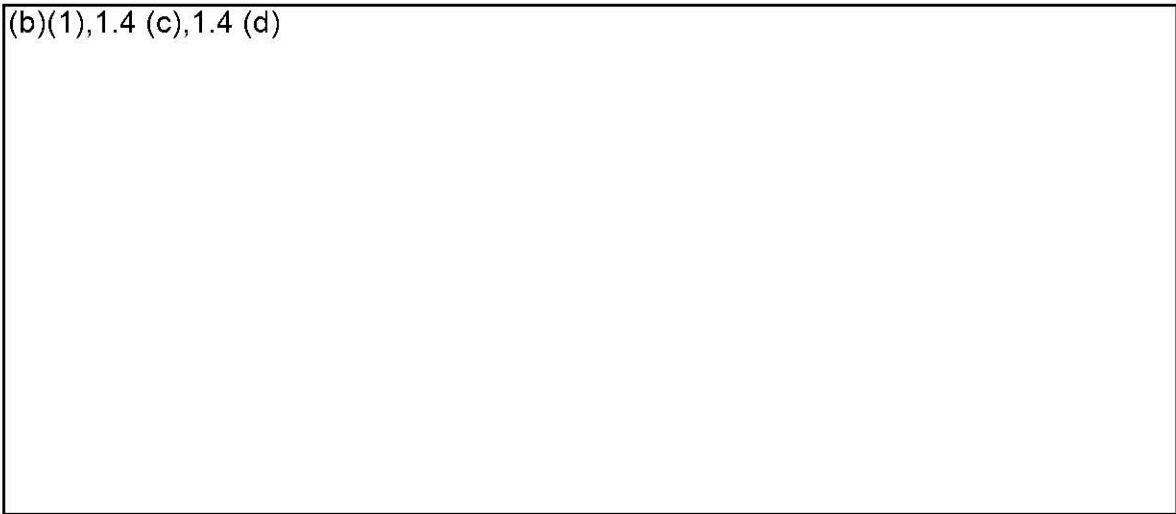
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(U//~~FOUO~~) AS OF 30 JANUARY, FARC LEADERS PUBLICLY DECLARED THEY WOULD CONTINUE TAKING "PRISONERS OF WAR" AS A FUNCTION OF THE ARMED CONFLICT; HOWEVER, LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE FORCED THE GROUP TO RELEASE ITS PRISONERS, ACCORDING TO PRESS 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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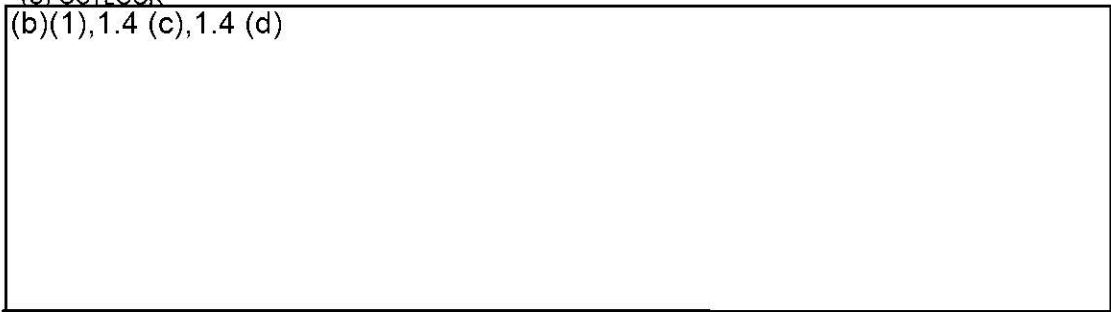
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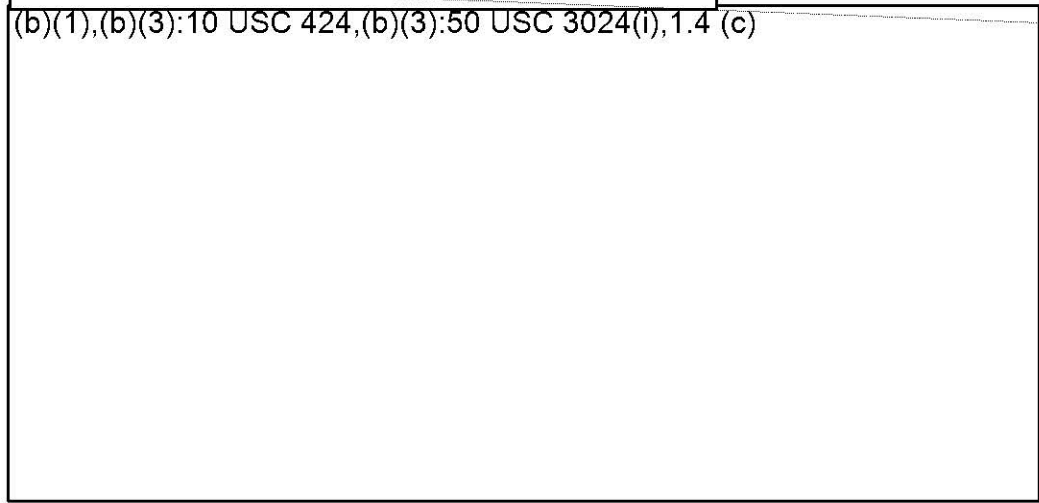
(U) ON 19 JULY, THE FARC ACKNOWLEDGED ITS WILLINGNESS TO RELEASE THE KIDNAPPED U.S. CITIZEN TO THE ICRC, THE SAINT EDIGIO NGO, AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST AND FORMER SENATOR PIEDAD CORDOBA, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS. BARRED FROM POLITICAL OFFICE IN 2010 FOR HER CONTINUED CONTACT WITH THE FARC, CORDOBA HAS BEEN 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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