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E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: PHUM, PGOV, MARR, MASS, CO
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REVIEW OF UNIT PROPOSED UNDER END-USE
MONITORING AGREEMENT: COLOMBIAN ARMY JTF-S ("JOINT TASK
FORCE SOUTH") COMMAND ELEMENT

1. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARA 2.

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2. (U) POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT INITIATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW
OF THE COLOMBIAN ARMY JTF-S ("JOINT TASK FORCE SOUTH" OR
"FUERZA DE TAREA CONJUNTA DEL SUR") COMMAND ELEMENT FOR
PURPOSES OF CERTIFICATION AS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE USG
ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AUGUST 1, 1997 END-USE MONITORING
AGREEMENT.

3. (U) THE MEMBERS OF THE JTF-S, ALL ARMY PERSONNEL, ARE:

-- BRIGADIER GENERAL MARIO MONTOYA URIBE
-- COLONEL LUIS FERNANDO RICARDO PERDOMO
-- LT. COL. HUGO MANUEL BENITEZ ORDONEZ
-- MAJOR RAUL HERNAN MURIEL BOTERO

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5. (U) POST HAS ALREADY/ALREADY COMPLETED VETTING AND PRESENTLY HAS NO/NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE JTF-S.

6. (U) FOR THE RECORD, AND DUE TO THE HIGH PROFILE NATURE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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7. (U) DAO COMMENT: THIS OFFICE HAS INVESTIGATED THE "PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS" MADE BY DUTCH NGO PAX CHRISTI AGAINST BRIGADIER GENERAL MONTOYA AND FOUND THEM TO BE BASELESS. THE NGO DOCUMENT --"STATE TERRORISM IN COLOMBIA"--HAS NO BIBLIOGRAPHY AND FEW REFERENCES. THE DOCUMENT MAKES MANY UNSUPPORTED ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CURRENT AND FORMER MILITARY OFFICERS. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE SERIOUS CHARGES MADE IN ITS ALMOST 600 PAGES OF TEXT. END DAO COMMENT.

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