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1.   (U) SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED - PROTECT ACCORDINGLY.

2.   (U) FOLLOWING IS POST'S RESPONSE TO VERSION 2 OF THE 1998
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3. (SBU/NF) SECTION 1.A., PARAGRAPH 1: IN THE SENTENCE THAT
BEGINS "TWO NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS..." REPLACE "DOMINICAN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION" WITH "NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION"

4. (SBU/NF) SECTION 1.A., PARAGRAPH 4: IN THE SENTENCE THAT
BEGINS "THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING..." INSERT "FROM THE UNITED
STATES" AFTER "EXTRADITION"

5. (SBU/NF) SECTION 1.A., PARAGRAPH 5: MODIFY THE SENTENCE THAT
BEGINS "IN AN INTERVIEW AT THAT TIME..." TO READ "IN A 1998
INTERVIEW WITH JOURNALISTS..."

6. (SBU/NF) SECTION 1.A., PARAGRAPH 5: MODIFY THE LAST SENTENCE
TO END "A DEPOSITION TO BE TAKEN AT HIS HOME, THOUGH NO DATE HAS
YET BEEN AGREED UPON."

7. (SBU/NF) SECTION 1.A., PARAGRAPH 8: PER REF B, DELETE THIS
PARAGRAPH. THESE EVENTS DID NOT COME TO THE ATTENTION OF POST.

8. (SBU/NF) SECTION 1.B., PARAGRAPH 2: PER REF B, DELETE THIS
PARAGRAPH. THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS CONCERNING THE NARCISO
GONZALEZ TRIAL ARE INCLUDED IN THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH. ALSO,
POST IS NOT CERTAIN OF THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE TRUTH COMMISSION:
THE TRUTH COMMISSION MEMBER MOST OFTEN QUOTED IN THE PRESS IS THE
PRIVATE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING GONZALEZ' WIFE IN THE CIVIL PART OF
THE TRIAL.

9. (SBU/NF) SECTION 1.C., PARAGRAPH 3: PER REF B, DELETE THIS
PARAGRAPH. THIS PARTICULAR EVENT DID NOT COME TO THE ATTENTION
OF POST. ALSO, SQUATTERS CANNOT NECESARILY BE CALLED
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DEMONSTRATORS.

10. (SBU/NF) SCTION 1.E., PARAQE SENTENCE THAT
BGINS "THE SUPREME COURT CONTINUED..." REPLACE "90 ERCENT" WITH
"TWO THIRDS"

11. (SBU/NF) SECTION1.F., PARAGRAPH 3: PER REF B, DELETE THE
SENTENE THAT BEGINS "THE POLICE REPORTEDLY FOLLOWED..." THESE
ALLEGED EVENTS OCCURRED IN 1997 AND WERE NT/NOT INCLUDED IN LAST
YEAR'S REPORT.

12. (SB/NF) SECTION 2.A., PARAGRAPH 3: PER REF B, DELETE THE
SENTENCE THAT BEGINS "A 1971 LAW PROHIBITS... THIS SENTENCE IS
MISLEADING.

13. (SBU/NF) SCTION 2.B., PARAGRAPH 1, PER REF B, DELETE THE
SNTENCE THAT BEGINS "IN JANUARY THE POLICE ARRESTED PROTESTING
BUS DRIVERS..." THIS WAS A RELATIVELY MINOR INCIDENT AND IS
ALREADY COVERED IN THE REPORT. THIS INCIDENT MERITS AT BEST ONE
MENTION IN THE REPORT, NOT THREE.

14. (SBU/NF) SECTION 3, PARAGRAPH 2: IN THE SENTENCE THAT BEGINS
"THE RULING PLD AND THE OPPOSITION..." REPLACE "CONSENSUS" WITH
"THAT BOARD MEMBERS BE APOLITICAL OR APPORTIONED AMONG THE THREE
MAJOR PARTIES."

15. (SBU/NF) SECTION 3, PARAGRAPH 3: REPLACE THE SENTENCE THAT
BEGINS "PRESIDENT FERNANDEZ HAS ENCOURAGED ALLIES IN THE
LEGISLATURE..." WITH "PRESIDENT FERNANDEZ REDUCED THE RELIANCE ON

RULE BY DECREE DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION."

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16. (SBU/NF) SECTION 4, PARAGRAPH 2:   PER REF B, DELETE THIS
PARAGRAPH.   THESE ALLEGED EVENTS OCCURRED IN 1997 AND WERE
NOT/NOT INCLUDED IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT.

17. (SBU/NF) SECTION 5, MINORITIES PARAGRAPH 3:   CHECK FOR
POSSIBLE TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS - "AREUNABLE" "ASA" "BRTHS"
"THEREB"

18. (SBU/NF) SECTION 5, MINORITIES PARAGRAPH 6:   PER REF B,
DELETE "INTERNATIONAL" IN THE SENTENCE THAT BEGINS "GENERALLY THE
GOVERNMENT RELIES UPON..."

19. (SBU/NF) SECTION 5, MINORITIES PARAGRAPH 6:   PER REF B,
DELETE THE SENTENCE THAT BEGINS "HOWEVER, THE RELIEF COMMUNITY IS
RELUCTANT..." AND THE SENTENCE THAT BEGINS "THE FACT THAT THE..."
PEACE CORPS, USAID, AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS ARE ACTIVE IN THE
BATEYES.

20. (SBU/NF) SECTION 6.A., PARAGRAPH 3:   DELETE SENTENCE THAT
BEGINS "LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION..." AND THE SENTENCE
THAT BEGINS "IN JANUARY POLICE HAD IMPRISONED DRIVERS..."   THIS
WAS A RELATIVELY MINOR INCIDENT AND IS ALREADY COVERED IN THE

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REPORT. IF YOU PLAN TO USE THESE SENTENCES OVER POST'S
OBJECTION, THEN MODIFY THE FIRST SENTENCE TO READ "LEADERS OF THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRANSPORT WORKERS AND 30 DRIVERS HELD A
SHORT HUNGER STRIKE IN APRIL TO PROTEST THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW LINE
OF BUSES."

21. (SBU/NF) SECTION 6.C., PARAGRAPH 1: PER REF B, MODIFY THE
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SENTENCE THAT BEGINS "POOR HAITIAN AND DOMINICAN PARENTS
FREQUENTLY..." TO READ "POOR HAITIAN AND DOMINICAN PARENTS
SOMETIMES..."

22. (SBU/NF) SECTION 6.C., PARAGRAPH 2: DELETE THE SENTENCE THAT
BEGINS "WHILE PAY IS LOW AND LIVING CONDITIONS HARSH..." AND THE
SENTENCE THAT BEGINS "FOR EXAMPLE, PLANTATIONS HAVE IMPROVED
SANITARY..." IT IS HARD TO SAY WHETHER LIVING AND WORKING
CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED IN 1998.

23. (SBU/NF) SECTION 6.C., PARAGRAPH 3: DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH.

24. (SBU/NF) SECTION 6.D., PARAGRAPH 1: IN THE SENTENCE THAT
BEGINS "THE LAW PROHIBITS FORCED OR BONDED LABOR..." INSERT
"SOMETIMES" BEFORE "ARRANGE"

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