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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ACOM, OGEN

SUBJECT: USE OF NODIS

1. WE HAVE BEEN PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO REDUCING THE USE OF THE NODIS CHANNEL AS A MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND POSTS ABROAD. PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS, AS INDICATED BY THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS.

MONTH	DEPARTMENT ORIGINATED NODIS	POST ORIGINATED NODIS	TOTAL
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JANUARY	198	205	403
JUNE	138	125	263

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2. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE, THE VOLUME OF NODIS TRAFFIC STILL REMAINS HIGHER THAN IT SHOULD BE. WHAT WE ARE SEEKING IS TO RETURN THE NODIS CHANNEL TO THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS ESTABLISHED, THAT IS, FOR MESSAGES OF THE HIGHEST SENSITIVITY BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND CHIEFS OF MISSION. FOR TRAFFIC NOT MEETING THE ABOVE CRITERIA, THE EXDIS CAPTION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. IT SHOULD

BE USED FOR HIGHLY SENSITIVE TRAFFIC FOR THE WHITE HOUSE, THE SECRETARY, DEPUTY SECRETARY, THE UNDER SECRETARIES, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, AND THE CHIEFS OF MISSION. THE VALUE OF EXDIS IN RESTRICTING DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT CAN BE FURTHER INCREASED IF YOU INDICATE ON THE CAPTION LINE THOSE OFFICES OR INDIVIDUALS YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE.

3. FOR MESSAGES OF MORE THAN USUAL SENSITIVITY WHICH DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NODIS OR EXDIS CAPTION, THE LIMDIS CAPTION WILL PROVIDE THE RESTRICTED DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTION YOU SEEK IF YOU INDICATE THE DISTRIBUTION YOU DESIRE. LIMDIS SHOULD NORMALLY BE USED WHENEVER POLICY MATTERS ON POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ISSUES ARE TREATED, AND WHICH DO NOT JUSTIFY A MORE RESTRICTIVE CAPTION.

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