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 DEA FOR OF, OFL, OC, AX
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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SUBJECT: HOLD ON SEC. 506 SHIPMENT FOR COLOMBIAN MILITARY

REF: BOGOTA 6262

(U) CLASSIFIED BY POL/ECONOFF RICHARD HAWKINS. REASON: 1.5(D).

1. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE. PLEASE SEE PARAGRAPH 6.

2. (C) POST HAS LEARNED THAT A C-5 AIRCRAFT CARRYING THE SECOND SHIPMENT OF MATERIAL FOR THE COLOMBIAN POLICE AND MILITARY UNDER SECTION 506 (A) (2) IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN COLOMBIA ON JULY 7. SUCH A SHIPMENT AT THIS POINT WILL UNDERMINE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE AN END-USE MONITORING (EUM) AGREEMENT. DSAA INFORMS OUR MILGROUP THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE MUST ISSUE A REQUEST THAT THE JULY 7 SHIPMENT BE POSTPONED.

3. (C) POST IS MOMENTARILY EXPECTING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO PRESENT TO THE COLOMBIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE NEW LANGUAGE FOR AN EUM AGREEMENT.

4. (C) POST IS STILL ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE A DEFINITIVE EUM

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 AGREEMENT WITH THE GOC WHICH WILL CONFORM TO U.S. POLICY AND LAW REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY RECIPIENTS OF U.S. MILITARY AID. THE MAY 17 ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF 506 MATERIAL, COUPLED WITH THE VISIT OF CODEL HASTERT, CONVINCED SOME SENIOR COLOMBIAN MILITARY OFFICERS THAT THEY HAD THE UPPER HAND IN NEGOTIATING EUM CONDITIONS AND NEED ONLY TAKE A TOUGH LINE AND WAIT FOR USG'S INSISTENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS TO BE OVERWHELMED BY THE PRESSURE OF EVENTS.

5. (C) AT THIS POINT, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AND IN THE ABSENCE OF A SIGNED AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES, POST HAS NOT RPT NOT RELEASED TO THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY THE 506 MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY DELIVERED ON MAY 17 FOR THEIR USE. THERE IS NO PLACE TO STORE THE ITEMS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED, AND MOST OF THAT MATERIAL IS STILL ON THE DOCK. FURTHER, POST HAS NO RPT NO FUNDS TO PAY FOR STORAGE. THE AMBASSADOR HAS PERMITTED THE COLOMBIANS TO MOVE THE HELICOPTER HULKS UNDER SHELTER, BUT NOT TO BEGIN CANNIBALIZING THEM FOR PARTS. THE COLOMBIANS HAVE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE CONDITION OF THE SIX RIVERINE PATROL CRAFT AND HAVE ASKED TO USE THE BOATS FOR COASTAL PATROL, CITING THE DIFFICULTY OF DELIVERING THEM TO THE RIVER NETWORK OF THE EASTERN PLAINS. POST HAS REFUSED TO AGREE TO THAT REQUEST AND HAS SO INFORMED THE DEFENSE MINISTER. POST HAS ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH COLOMBIAN MILITARY

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REPRESENTATIVES TO DETERMINE WHAT OTHER 506 ITEMS THEY MAY TRY TO REFUSE.

6. (C) ACTION REQUEST: POST REPEATS URGENT REQUEST REFTTEL THAT THE DEPARTMENT ASK DSAA NOT RPT NOT TO SHIP THE REMAINING 506 ITEMS FOR COLOMBIA UNTIL A DEFINITIVE END-USE MONITORING AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY POST AND GOC. IF THERE IS NO WAY TO POSTPONE THE JULY 7 SECOND SHIPMENT, REQUEST SHIPMENT OF MATERIAL ONLY RPT ONLY

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