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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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(U) CLASSIFIED BY POL/ECONOFF RICHARD HAWKINS. REASON: 1.5(D).

1. (C) SUMMARY: COLOMBIAN END-USE MONITORING AGREEMENT TALKS CAME TO A HALT ON THE MORNING OF JULY 14, WHEN THE AMBASSADOR WAS UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH DEFENSE MINISTER GILBERTO ECHEVERRI, MILITARY FORCES COMMANDER HAROLD BEDOYA, AND BEDOYA'S LEGAL COUNSEL. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS, THE AMBASSADOR REITERATED THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT HE PRESENTED ON JULY 11 WAS DRAFTED TO MEET THEIR STATED CONCERNS AND WAS NOT FURTHER NEGOTIABLE, THAT THE LEAHY LAW WAS BEING APPLIED TO 506 AND 614 ASSISTANCE AS A MATTER OF POLICY, AND THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY TO MAKE A FINDING AGAINST THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF NGO REPORTS, BUT THAT THE AMBASSADOR COULD GIVE NO ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE. THE COLOMBIANS INSISTED THAT THEY COULD NOT BE BOUND TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN FOLLOW THE ADMITTEDLY IMPERFECT COLOMBIAN JUSTICE SYSTEM AND PROMISE THAT COLOMBIAN JUSTICE WOULD BE SERVED. THE MINISTER SHOWED FIGURES, SUPPOSEDLY PROVIDED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE, WHICH HE SAID SHOWED A BIG CHANGE OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS IN THE MILITARY ATTITUDE TOWARD

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 HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. BEDOYA COMPLAINED THAT EVERY STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT WAS SLANTED AGAINST THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY, A CHARGE THE AMBASSADOR REFUTED. THE TONE OF THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL, BUT THE COLOMBIANS CONFIRMED THAT THEY WOULD SIGN NO AGREEMENT FOR ANY OF THE MILITARY SERVICES. ALL AGREED THAT THE DOOR WAS STILL OPEN IF THE COLOMBIANS CHANGED THEIR MINDS IN THE FUTURE. SEE RECOMMENDATION IN PARAGRAPH 15. END SUMMARY.

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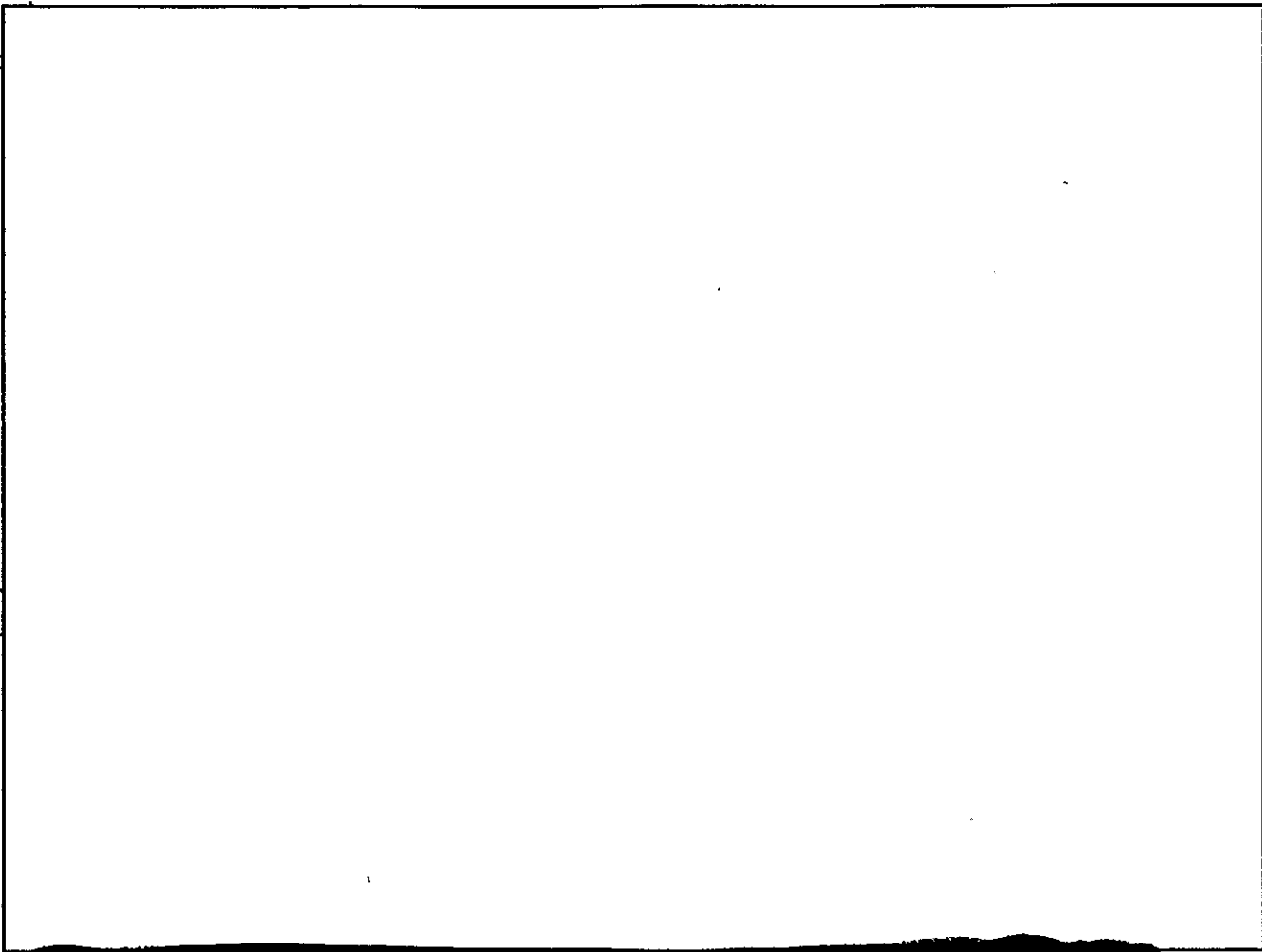
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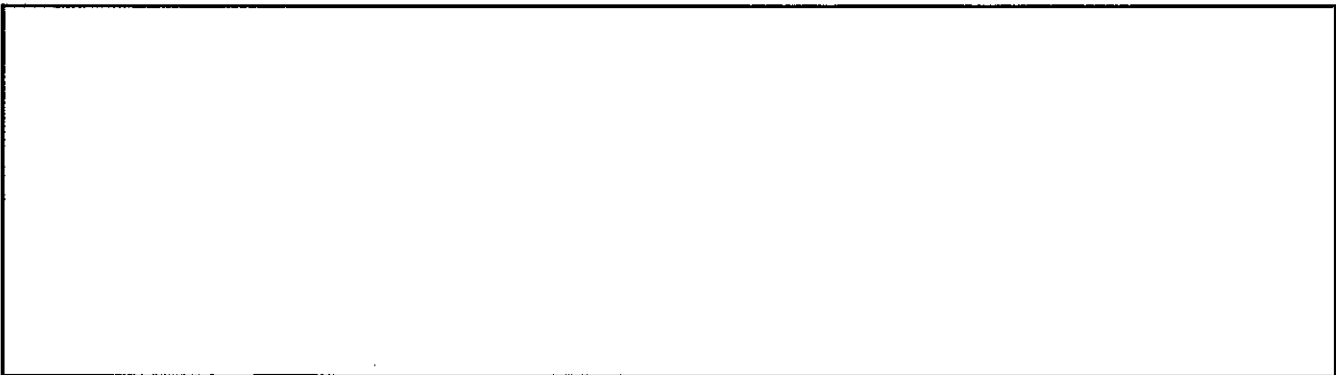
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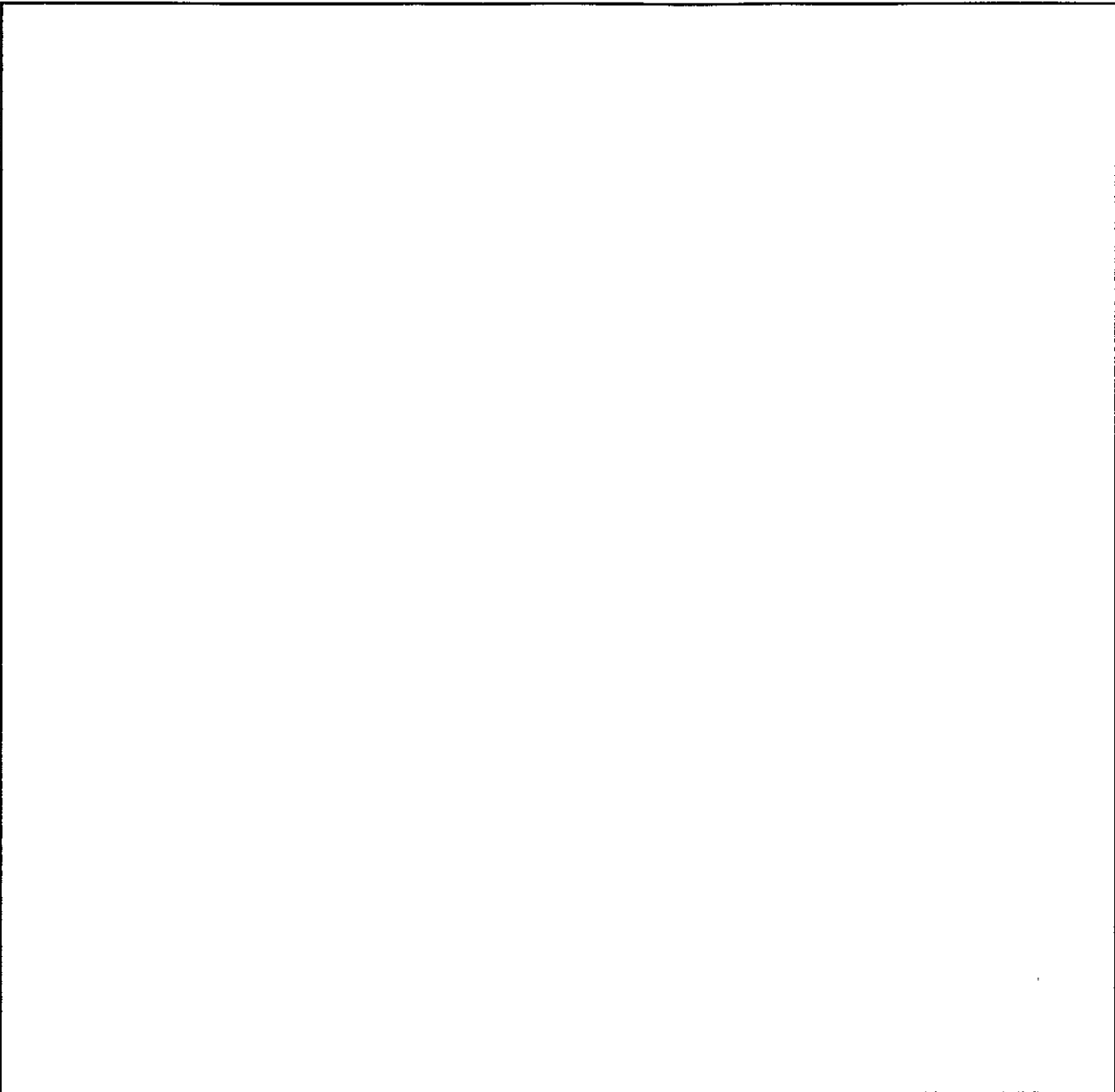
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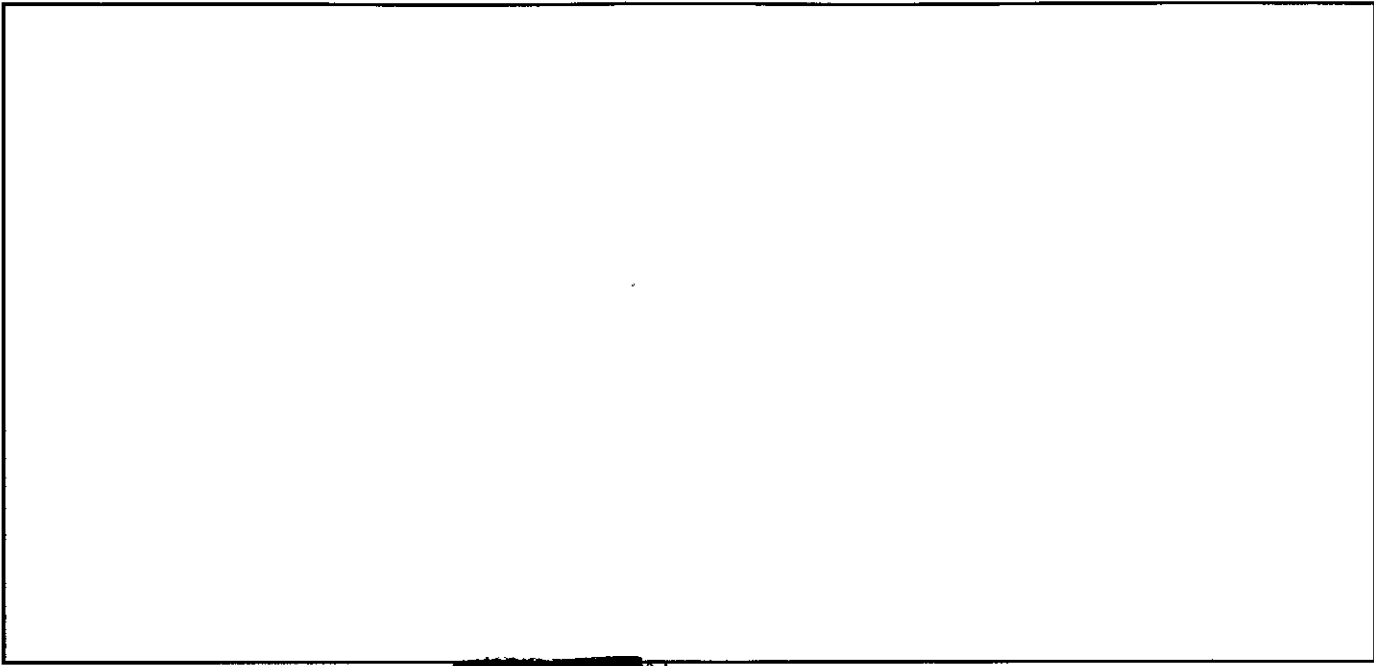
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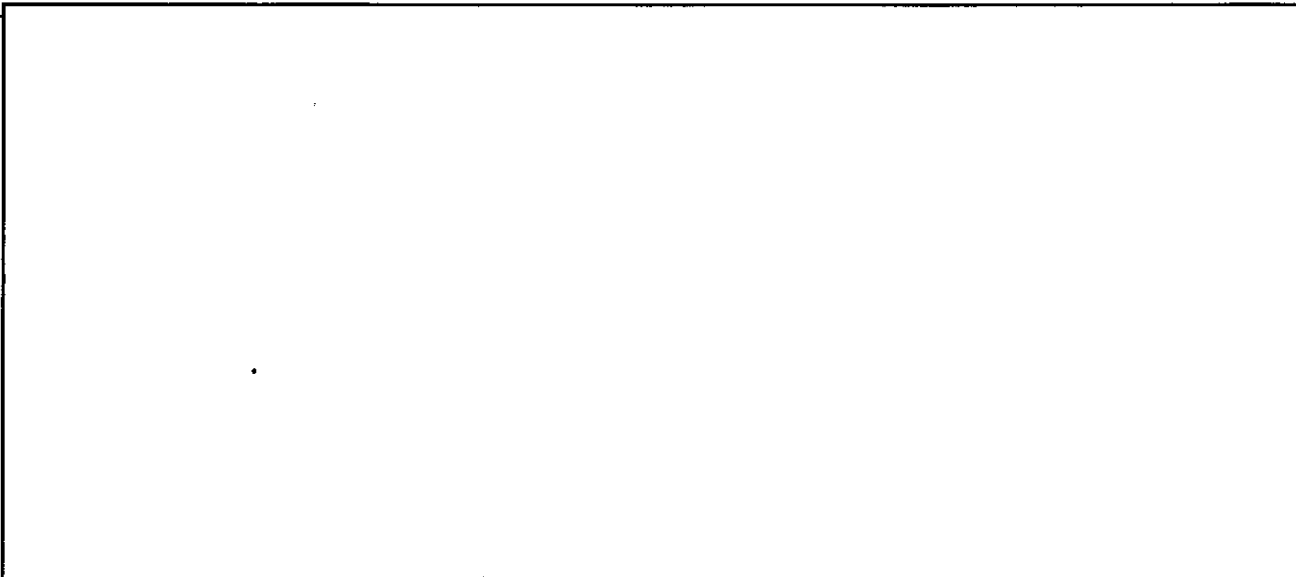
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13. (C) THE AMBASSADOR REVIEWED U.S. INTENTIONS, SAYING THE USG HAD CONSIDERED ALL THE COLOMBIAN CONCERNS, HAD TRANSLATED THE TEXT TO THEIR SATISFACTION, AND HAD DONE ALL IT COULD UNDER THE LEAHY

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LAW AND ITS OWN POLICY TO ACCOMMODATE COLOMBIAN CONCERNS.



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14. (C) COMMENT: THE COLOMBIANS WERE ONLY WILLING TO PROMISE THAT COLOMBIAN LAW WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE SAME UNSATISFACTORY  
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 MANNER AS IN THE PAST. THEY FELL FAR SHORT OF ACCEPTING THE LEAHY LAW REQUIREMENTS AS REFLECTED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT AGREEMENT. THEY STILL BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT WILL CHANGE ITS POSITION. END COMMENT.

15. (C) RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHIP ALL 506 ITEMS TO POLICE ASAP AND DO THE SAME WITH 614 ITEMS FOR THE POLICE ONCE WAIVER IS APPROVED. FURTHER, IF THE MILITARY CANNOT IN THE END AGREE, WE SHOULD TRY TO GIVE ALL EQUIPMENT POSSIBLE ORIGINALLY DESTINED FOR THE ARMED FORCES TO THE POLICE. END RECOMMENDATION.  
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