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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA EUM UPDATE: FINAL DATA RECEIVED

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1. (C) EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE LAST OF THE INFORMATION EXPECTED FROM THE COLOMBIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE REGARDING UNITS OF THE

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ARMY PROPOSED TO RECEIVE U.S. COUNTER-NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE (REFTELS). THIS FINAL DATA, DETAILING TWO PROSECUTIONS OF GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BEING CONDUCTED WITHIN THE FISCALIA BY LOCAL PROSECUTORS IN THE FIELD, RAISES TO FIFTY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES FOR "GROSS VIOLATIONS" OF HUMAN RIGHTS ONGOING AGAINST CURRENT OR PAST MEMBERS OF THE SIX PROPOSED AID UNITS. THE FIFTY CASES ARE BEING PURSUED VARIOUSLY BY THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE SUPERIOR MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

2. (C) THE INITIAL BREAKDOWN OF THE CASES, BASED ON THE UNIT ORIGINALLY ALLEGED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT, IS AS FOLLOWS:
3RD BRIGADE: ELEVEN
7TH BRIGADE: FIVE
12TH BRIGADE: SEVEN
24TH BRIGADE: ZERO
2ND MOBILE BRIGADE: FIVE
COE: ZERO
NONE OF THE ABOVE: TWENTY-TWO

3. (C) AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THIS, NOT ONE OF THE INCIDENTS
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APPEARS TO INVOLVE EITHER THE 24TH BRIGADE (PUTUMAYO) OR THE COE (THE EASTERN SPECIFIED COMMAND). THE TWENTY-TWO CASES NOT INVOLVING ANY OF THESE UNITS INSTEAD INVOLVE INDIVIDUALS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR PREVIOUS GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHO HAVE SINCE TRANSFERRED INTO ONE OF THE PROPOSED AID UNITS. AT FIRST BLUSH, SEVERAL OF THE FIFTY CASES ALSO APPEAR NOT TO INVOLVE PROPOSED AID UNITS AT ALL -- NEITHER AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT NOR DO THE ACCUSED CURRENTLY SERVE IN ANY OF THE PROPOSED UNITS -- AND MAY DROP FROM OUR LIST ENTIRELY.

4. (U) MISSION WILL BE ANALYZING THE DATA MORE THOROUGHLY AND EXPECTS TO SUBMIT A FULLER REPORT TO WASHINGTON BY FEBRUARY 23.
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