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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: COLOMBIA'S JUSTICE MINISTER REVIEWED WITH AMBASSADOR AUGUST 20 HOW SHE EXPECTS THE NEW EXTRADITION PROCESS TO WORK AND GAVE AN RELATIVELY UPBEAT ASSESSMENT OF THE CHANCES OF HAVING THE DECREES APPROVED BY THE SUPREME COURT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] APPEARS DETERMINED TO PUSH AHEAD. END SUMMARY.

3. THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, MONICA DE GREIFF, MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR SUNDAY EVENING AUGUST 20 AT HER REQUEST TO OUTLINE THE SPECIFIC STEPS THE U.S. SHOULD TAKE TO RE-INITIATE EXTRADITION OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS. SHE GAVE US A COPY OF THE EMERGENCY DECREE #1860 ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES, AND NON-PAPER DETAILING HOW TO PROCEED UNDER THE DECREE. (SEPTEL COVERS THIS.)

4. WE NOTED THAT THE PROCEDURES INVOLVE PASSING THE REQUESTS THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior Reviewer

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5. ON 8/21 DAS CHIEF, GENERAL MAZA, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR HIS PREFERENCE IS FOR COORDINATING WITH NARCOTICS POLICE, GEN. MUNOZ, ON POSSIBLE EXTRADITION REQUESTS AND ONLY SENDING FORMAL REQUESTS THROUGH MFA ONE-BY-ONE AS FUGITIVES ARE ARRESTED. [REDACTED] SUBMITTING BATCHES OF REQUESTS MAY NOT BE THE BEST WAY TO GO. (COMMENT: WE WILL DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH MINJUS AND THE PRESIDENCY BEFORE DECIDING ON THE BEST METHOD. MEANWHILE, OUR USG WORK SHOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS. END COMMENT)

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6. DE GREIFF ALSO SPOKE OF THE ATMOSPHERE OF FEAR THAT IS PERMEATING THE COUNTRY. SHE ACCEPTED AS GENUINE A PRESS REPORTS THAT PABLO ESCOBAR HAS THREATENED THAT THE NEXT TIME THE CONFLICT WITH THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE RESOLVED QUOTE NOT WITH LAWS, NOR WITH DECREES, BUT WITH BLOOD END QUOTE. (SEE SEPTEL REPORTING ON MILITARY OPERATIONS OVER THE WEEKEND.)

7. AT THIS POINT THE PROCURADOR (ATTORNEY GENERAL ALFONSO GOMEZ MENDEZ) HAS 30 DAYS TO REVIEW THE EMERGENCY DECREES. HIS POSITION IS NOT BINDING ON THE COURT BUT WILL CARRY MUCH WEIGHT. THE PROCURADOR IS CLEARLY UNDER A SERIOUS THREAT [REDACTED]

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8. THE SUPREME COURT HAS 60 DAYS TO APPROVE THE DECREES BUT IT VOTES AS A GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WILL NOT SUFFER THE SAME PRESSURE THAT THE PROCURADOR DOES. THE COURT IS IN A PERIOD OF CHANGE, WILL NOT VOTE UNTIL ALL ITS MEMBERS ARE IN PLACE AND NOT BEFORE THE PROCURADOR REPORTS. THE COURT WILL NOT APPOINT A "PONENTE" (ONE OF ITS MEMBERS TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION) SO AS TO AVOID A THREAT TO ONE PERSON. THE

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GOVERNMENT IS MORE WORRIED ABOUT THE PROCURADOR  
THAN THE COURT BUT IS GIVING EXTRA PROTECTION TO  
THEM ALL.

9. DE GREIFF EXPRESSED GUARDED CONFIDENCE IN  
GOC PROTECTIVE MEASURES, MAINLY BECAUSE OF POOR

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TRAINING OF SECURITY PERSONNEL. TRAINING IS  
URGENTLY NEEDED - A PROBLEM WE ARE ADDRESSING  
ASAP UNDER THE JUDICIAL PROTECTION PROGRAM.

10. THE MINISTER STATED HER WILLINGNESS TO  
COOPERATE HOWEVER POSSIBLE WITH EXTRADITIONS.  
THE ATMOSPHERE AMONG MINISTERS IS FEAR MIXED  
WITH DETERMINATION TO FACE THIS WAR. (COMMENT:



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