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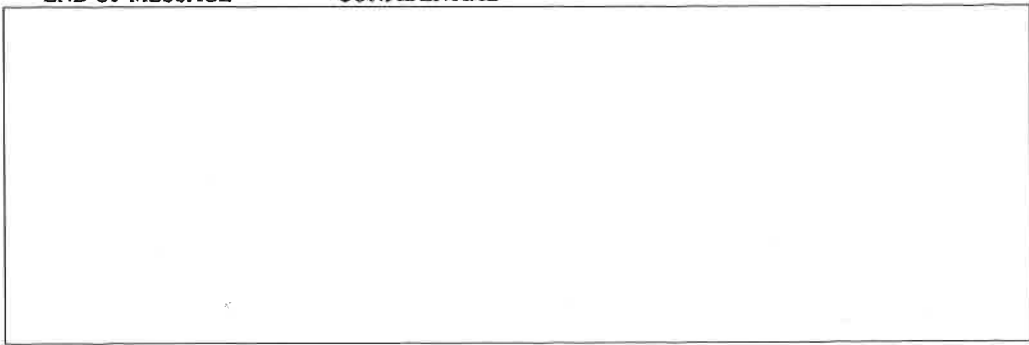
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AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THREATS DIRECTED AGAINST THE EMBASSY BY PABLO ESCOBAR, THERE IS A RE-EVALUATION OF PROJECTED TDY COUNTRY CLEARANCES FOR COLOMBIA. PREVIOUSLY GRANTED COUNTRY CLEARANCES ARE NOW BEING REVIEWED BY ALL AGENCIES AT POST AND REVISIONS ARE EXPECTED. A STRICTLY APPLIED PRINCIPLE OF ONLY MISSION-ESSENTIAL-NOW PERSONNEL WILL BE GRANTED COUNTRY CLEARANCE. TRAVELLERS SHOULD NOT PROCEED TO COLOMBIA UNLESS SPECIFICALLY ADVISED BY THE AGENCY HOSTING THE VISIT THAT THE COUNTRY CLEARANCE REMAINS VALID. THESE MORE STRINGENT AND RESTRICTIVE PROCEDURES WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE SITUATION REGARDING PABLO ESCOBAR AND HIS SPECIFIC THREATS AGAINST THIS EMBASSY CLARIFIES. ALREADY GRANTED CLEARANCES ARE BEING REVIEWED FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE OPERATIONAL NECESSITY. FUTURE REQUESTS PROCESSED BY AGENCY HEADS WILL BE REVIEWED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, BUT SENDING AGENCIES ARE REQUESTED TO EVALUATE CAREFULLY THE IMMEDIACY OF THE NEED FOR THE VISIT BEFORE FORWARDING THE CLEARANCE REQUEST. BUSBY

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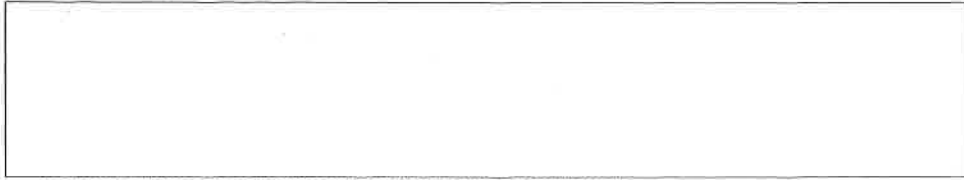
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