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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN DOCUMENTS

1. WE ARE NOW PREPARING TO PROVIDE TO FOREIGN MINISTER GUEVARA ARCE UNCLASSIFIED PROPS WITH A BRIEF NARRATIVE STATEMENT WHICH EXPLAINS PROPS AND DRAWS CONCLUSIONS THEREFROM. WE PLAN TURN THESE OVER TO FOREIGN MINISTER WITH PROVISIO THAT GOB ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESENTATION. WE WILL REQUEST THAT NARRATIVE NOT BE USED IN ITS PRESENT FORM, BUT BE CONSIDERED A DRAFT, TO BE REWRITTEN, CHANGED AND EXPANDED UPON TO INCLUDE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE IN THEIR POSSESSION. NARRATIVE IS GENERAL ENOUGH IN NATURE THAT IT WOULD NOT STRAIN CREDI-

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BILITY AS A BOLIVIAN DOCUMENT EVEN IF IT WERE USED IN ORIGINAL

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FORM. HOWEVER, WORD USAGE AND SENTENCE STRUCTURE SHOULD BE GENUINELY BOLIVIAN IN ANYTHING PRESENTED TO PUBLIC, THEREFORE WE WILL INSIST THAT IT BE REWRITTEN BEFORE IT IS PRESENTED AT 12 MFM. ALL QUESTIONS RE BOLIVIAN ACCESS TO INFORMATION NOT ORIGINATING IN THE DOCUMENTS THEMSELVES WILL BE ANSWERED AS PER PARA 4 OF STATE 36986.

2. YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER A DUPLICATE SET OF PROPS AND NARRATIVE TO PRESIDENT BARRIENTOS AND GENERAL OVANDO. YOU SHOULD OBTAIN CLEAR UNDERSTANDING GOB PREPARED ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY ANY PUBLIC PRESENTATION WITHOUT ANY ATTRIBUTION WHATEVER TO U.S. AND STRESS THAT NARRATIVE STATEMENT CAN BE DRAWN UPON FOR PREPARATION GOB PRESENTATION, BUT NOT TO BE USED IN PRESENT FORM EVEN ON A RESTRICTED BASIS. PRESUME GOB WILL COORDINATE BETWEEN PRESIDENT IN LA PAZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER IN WASHINGTON ON PREPARATION AND RELEASE OF GOB STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION 12 MFM.

3. MATERIAL WILL BE DELIVERED TO GUEVARA MORNING SEPTEMBER 20.

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YOU PROBABLY WILL WANT TO MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION OF MATERIAL PRIOR THAT TIME. RECENT GOB INSTRUCTION TO ITS EMBASSIES TO INFORM OTHER GOVERNMENTS PLUS NEWSPAPER STORIES ALREADY APPEARING IN LA PAZ PRESS CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT PUBLIC REVELATION OF EXISTENCE OF DOCUMENTS TO ALLOW U.S. PROCEED PROVIDE GOB DOCUMENT ASSISTANCE AND EVALUATION.

4. IF ASKED WHETHER U.S. HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF DOCUMENTS OR ASSISTED BOLIVIA IN EVALUATION DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO STATE THAT GOB NOTIFIED U.S. OF DOCUMENTS AS IT DID OTHER GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO PRESENTATION TO 12 MFM AND THAT WE ARE COOPERATING WITH GOB IN MAKING TECHNICAL STUDIES AND EVALUATIONS.

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