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SUBJECT: THREAT ADVISORY - COLUMBUS DAY IN LATIN AMERICA

TEXT:

1. THIS IS A COORDINATED COMMUNITY THREAT ADVISORY FROM STATE, CIA, NSA, AND DIA IN COORDINATION WITH THE SERVICES. THE EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY COUNTERTERRORISM BOARD, CONCURS WITH THIS ADVISORY. THIS ADVISORY WILL EXPIRE IN TWO WEEKS.

2. THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ASSESSES THAT THERE IS AN INCREASED POTENTIAL FOR TERRORIST VIOLENCE IN SELECTED LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OCTOBER 12 OBSERVANCE OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLUMBUS' ARRIVAL IN THE NEW WORLD. SEVERAL GROUPS REPORTEDLY EQUATE THE DATE WITH THE ONSET OF SPANISH IMPERIALISM, AND THE DESTRUCTION OF INDIGENOUS CULTURE. THE GROUPS GENERALLY VIEW THE U.S. AS THE HEIR TO SPAIN'S ROLE IN LATIN AMERICA. THEIR PLANNED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE MARCHES, ROADBLOCKS, SIT-INS, AND HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS AT GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND FOREIGN EMBASSIES. DEMONSTRATIONS, SOME OF WHICH COULD TURN VIOLENT, MAY ALSO BE DIRECTED AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS AND SYMBOLS.

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3. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT SOME GROUPS ARE PLANNING TERRORIST ACTIVITY CONNECTED WITH COLUMBUS DAY COMMEMORATIONS. MANY OF THESE GROUPS HAVE NOT RECENTLY STAGED MAJOR TERRORIST INCIDENTS, AND THEIR PLANS PROBABLY EXCEED THEIR CAPABILITIES. INCREASED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WILL ALSO FRUSTRATE SOME OPERATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS EVIDENCE OF POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:

- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: SOME DOMINICAN LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS REPORTEDLY ARE PLANNING A BOMBING CAMPAIGN BEGINNING OCTOBER 5 AND LASTING THROUGH OCTOBER 12. BOMBS ARE TO BE TARGETTED AGAINST HISTORICAL AND SYMBOLIC SITES TO GAIN MEDIA ATTENTION, AND NOT TO CAUSE PHYSICAL INJURIES. THIS CAMPAIGN CORRESPONDS WITH THE COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVANCES AND THE VISIT OF POPE JOHN PAUL II FROM OCTOBER 10-13. BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN GUESTS, WE EXPECT MAJOR HOTELS IN SANTO DOMINGO TO BE TARGETTED. OTHERWISE, WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF DIRECT THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS.

- BOLIVIA: VARIOUS SOURCES INDICATE THAT SOME BOLIVIAN TERRORIST GROUPS MAY ATTEMPT ACTIONS AGAINST THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT

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AND U.S. INTERESTS BETWEEN OCTOBER 8 (THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF CHE GUEVARA) AND OCTOBER 20. WE BELIEVE INSTALLATIONS THAT LACK POLICE PROTECTION COULD BE MOST AT RISK. OTHER REPORTING SUGGESTS THAT INDIGENOUS GROUPS, INCLUDING THE TERRORIST TUPAC KATARI GUERRILLA ARMY (EGTK) MAY ENGAGE IN UNSPECIFIED ATTACKS ON OCTOBER 12.

- COLOMBIA: THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC) AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN) ARE REPORTEDLY PREPARED TO LAUNCH TERRORIST ACTIONS, AND WILL USE OCTOBER 12 AS A FOCAL POINT FOR BOMBINGS, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY BOGOTA. TARGETS WILL LIKELY BE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND MULTI-NATIONAL

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CORPORATIONS. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT DRUG LORD PABLO ESCOBAR MAY BE TARGETTING U.S. OFFICIAL INTERESTS AND THAT THE NARCOS COULD USE GUERRILLA ATTACKS AROUND OCTOBER 12 AS A COVER FOR THEIR OWN ACTIONS, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY BOGOTA.

PERU: THE ARRESTS EARLIER THIS YEAR OF TOP LEADERS OF THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) HAVE REDUCED ITS TERRORIST POTENTIAL, BUT IN SEPTEMBER THE MRTA HIGH COMMAND REPORTEDLY ISSUED AN ORDER TO BEGIN AN "AGGRESSIVE OFFENSIVE" AGAINST UNSPECIFIED U.S. AND SPANISH INTERESTS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER. ELEMENTS OF MRTA PLAN TO ENTER LIMA TO ATTACK U.S. INTERESTS TO PROTEST THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE AMERICAS. PRIOR TO THE CAPTURE

OF SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) LEADER ABIMAEEL GUZMAN ON SEPTEMBER 12, THE SL HAD REPORTEDLY PLANNED AN OFFENSIVE IN OCTOBER. THIS OFFENSIVE WAS NOT LINKED SPECIFICALLY TO COLUMBUS DAY. HOWEVER, THE GROUP MAY ATTEMPT ATTACKS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 8, PERUVIAN NAVY DAY, OR OCTOBER 12, THE ONE-MONTH ANNIVERSARY OF GUZMAN'S CAPTURE; SUCH ATTACKS COULD BE TIED TO COLUMBUS DAY FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF DIRECT SL THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS BUT THE GROUP MAY BELIEVE THAT HITTING A U.S. TARGET WILL GARNER INCREASED PUBLICITY AS SL SEEKS TO PROVE ITS ABILITY TO REBOUND FROM THE LOSS OF GUZMAN.

VARIOUS GROUPS IN GUATEMALA AND ECUADOR, TWO COUNTRIES WITH LARGE INDIAN POPULATIONS, ARE PLANNING PROTEST OBSERVANCES OF COLUMBUS DAY. THERE ARE NO REPORTS THAT U.S. INTERESTS HAVE BEEN TARGETED, BUT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF SPONTANEOUS RANDOM VIOLENCE.

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4. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE SHARED WITH HOST

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GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. THE LANGUAGE IS
CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE PLANS TO MAKE ON 7 OCTOBER RELATING TO THIS ADVISORY.

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ALTHOUGH MANY PEOPLE WILL CELEBRATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF
COLUMBUS' VOYAGE, SOME GROUPS MAY EXPLOIT THIS OCCASION, USING
VIOLENCE TO ADVANCE THEIR OWN ENDS. THUS, THERE IS AN INCREASED
POTENTIAL FOR ANTI-U.S. TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN SELECTED LATIN
AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF COLUMBUS'
VOYAGE. DEMONSTRATIONS COULD PROVIDE A COVER FOR EXTREMIST GROUPS
TO CONDUCT TERRORIST OPERATIONS IN SUCH COUNTRIES AS THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC, BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, AND PERU. PROTESTS AND MARCHES ARE
ALSO ANTICIPATED IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. ANTI-U.S.
INCIDENTS WOULD LIKELY BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE OFFICIAL U.S.
PRESENCE. WHILE WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE LARGE-SCALE ANTI-U.S.
DEMONSTRATIONS, SOME PROTESTS MAY RESULT IN LOW-LEVEL VIOLENCE
AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS.

U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELLING OR RESIDING IN LATIN AMERICA, AND
ESPECIALLY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, AND PERU,
MAY WISH TO CONTACT THE NEAREST U.S. EMBASSY FOR THE LATEST
INFORMATION ON THIS SITUATION.

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