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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH STECEL WORKERS AT MARIONA PRISON

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY IS AT RECEIVING END OF SIGNIFICANT MAIL AND LETTER CAMPAIGN INSTIGATED BY U.S. TRADE UNIONISTS TO GRANT THE STECEL WORKERS ASYLUM IN THE U.S. POLOFF VISITED THE GROUP IN MARIONA PRISON TO INQUIRE ABOUT THEIR PLANS FOR DEPARTURE, NOW THAT RELEASE HAS BEEN PROMISED BY GOES. NONE REQUESTED ASYLUM OF THE U.S. AND ALL WERE GRATEFUL TO THE DUTCH FOR THE GENEROUS TERMS OF THEIR ASYLUM OFFER, WHICH PROVIDES FOR IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE FOR ENTIRE GROUP, PLUS FAMILY MEMBERS, ON MONDAY, OCT. 15. END SUMMARY.

2. POLOFF INTERVIEWED NINE MEMBERS OF THE STECEL GROUP ON OCT. 12, 1984. ONE MEMBER OF THE GROUP, FRANCISCO RAMON ZAMORA PORTILLO, WAS NOT PRESENT BECAUSE HE HAD LEFT THE PRISON TO TAKE CARE OF PERSONAL FAMILY MATTERS. THE GROUP EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE DUTCH FOR THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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GENEROUS OFFER OF ASYLUM. THE DUTCH ARE ALLOWING ALL MEMBERS OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO ACCOMPANY THE GROUP. THIS INCLUDES: WIVES, CHILDREN, SIBLINGS, PARENTS, AND IN-LAWS: ALL HAVE BEEN PROMISED JOBS, HOUSING, AND SCHOOLING FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

3. POLOFF ASKED EVERY MEMBER OF THE GROUP IF HE WAS SATISFIED ABOUT GOING TO HOLLAND. ALL EXPRESSED SATISFACTION. NONE ASKED FOR ASYLUM IN THE U.S. THE CONVERSATION LASTED 45 MINUTES AND EACH HAD AMPLE

OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS HIMSELF. TWO GROUP MEMBERS EXPRESSED INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS AND ASKED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.

4. CASE OF HECTOR RECINOS: ACCORDING TO RECINOS, HIS WIFE, MARI ADELA CORNEJO, AND 13 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER ANA YANIRA RECINO, WERE ARRESTED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE IN AUGUST 1982. HE BELIEVES THEY ARE STILL BEING HELD AT A CLANDESTINE JAIL AND HE ASKED FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN FINDING THEM.

5. CASE OF ARTURO VALENCIA LINARES: VALENCIA CLAIMS THAT HIS 17 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER SONIA ELIZABETH WAS KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES ON JUNE 12, 1981. AS A RESULT, HIS WIFE AND REMAINING TWO CHILDREN FLED TO THE U.S. SEEKING REFUGE FROM POLITICAL PERSECUTION. THEY HAVE REMAINED ILLEGALLY IN THE U.S., AND PLEADED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM BUT WERE DENIED. VALENCIA CLAIMS THEY ONLY HAVE 20 DAYS LEFT IN THE U.S. BEFORE THEY WILL BE DEPORTED. VALENCIA'S DAUGHTER HAS MARRIED AND HAS A CHILD. NAMES: (WIFE) MARTA DELFINA BOLIVAR DE VALENCIA, DOB OCT. 8, 1944; (SON) ARTURO ERNESTO VALENCIA, DOB DEC. 25, 1959; (DAUGHTER) MARTA EMILIA
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VALENCIA, DOB JAN. 9, 1961; (SON-IN-LAW) JORGE ERNESTO NAVAS, DOB UNKNOWN. VALENCIA STATED THAT THE DUTCH HAVE OFFERED HIS FAMILY, INCLUDING HIS SON-IN-LAW AND GRANDCHILD, ASYLUM IN THE NETHERLANDS. HOWEVER, VALENCIA IS CONCERNED BECAUSE THEY HAVE INDICATED THEY PREFER TO REMAIN IN SAN FRANCISCO. HE THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT THEM ASYLUM IN THE U.S. VALENCIA DID NOT ASK FOR ASYLUM FOR HIMSELF. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR A VISITOR'S VISA TO VISIT HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE U.S.

6. COMMENT: THERE IS A CAMPAIGN BUILDING IN THE U.S., PRESSING ASYLUM FOR THE STECEL WORKERS. LETTERS, CALLS AND CABLES HAVE BEGUN TO PROLIFERATE. POST IS PREPARING A STANDARD REPLY INDICATING THAT NONE OF THE GROUP HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO PLEAD FOR ASYLUM IN U.S. ALL SEEMED GRATEFUL AND PLEASED WITH THE GENEROUS DUTCH OFFER ESPECIALLY AS IT INCLUDED NUMEROUS FAMILY MEMBERS.
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