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SUBJECT: TWO AMCITS KILLED IN ATTACK NEAR FREEPORT MINE IN
PAPUA

1. SUMMARY. TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE KILLED, AND SEVEN OTHERS WERE INJURED IN AN ATTACK INVOLVING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BY UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANTS CLOSE TO THE FREEPORT MINE NEAR TIMIKA, PAPUA PROVINCE IN EASTERN INDONESIA. ALL SEVEN INJURED AMERICANS, INCLUDING FOUR SERIOUSLY INJURED PERSONS AND A CHILD, ARE CURRENTLY BEING FLOWN TO AUSTRALIA FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. INDONESIAN OFFICIALS HAVE PLEDGED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO APPREHEND THE ATTACKERS. THE

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PERPETRATORS OF THE ATTACK AND THEIR MOTIVES ARE UNKNOWN.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE PRESIDENT OF FREEPORT-MCMORAN MINE JIM BOB MOFFATT CALLED AMBASSADOR ON AUGUST 31 AT 5:00 PM JAKARTA TIME TO REPORT THAT THE ATTACK. AT APPROXIMATELY 2:40 PM PAPUA TIME, A CONVOY OF VEHICLES CARRYING SEVERAL AMERICANS WAS RETURNING TO THE TOWN OF TIMBAGA PURA, IN PAPUA PROVINCE, INDONESIA. THE AMERICANS WERE EMPLOYEES OF A SCHOOL CONNECTED WITH FREEPORT MINE, AND WERE RETURNING FROM AN OUTING. ACCORDING TO FREEPORT OFFICIALS, A BAND OF LONGHAired MEN OF APPARENT PAPUAN ETHNICITY BEGAN FIRING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AT THE VEHICLES. TWO AMERICANS WERE

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KILLED IN THE ATTACK, AND SEVEN OTHERS WERE INJURED, FOUR SERIOUSLY. THE TWO AMERICANS KILLED WERE BOTH TEACHERS. AN AMERICAN CHILD WAS AMONG THE INJURED. ONE INDONESIAN WAS KILLED IN THE ATTACK. INDONESIAN MILITARY FORCES WERE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ON THE SCENE AFTER THE ATTACK BEGAN, AND PURSUED THE ATTACKERS INTO THE FOREST.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE OFFICE OF BAMBANG YUDHOYONO, INDONESIAN COORDINATING MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THE EMBASSY URGED THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ALL IMMEDIATE AND NECESSARY STEPS TO APPREHEND THE ASSAILANTS. YUDHOYONO'S OFFICE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCURRED. THE EMBASSY ALSO ASKED THAT INDONESIA NOT TAKE GENERALIZED REPRESSIVE MEASURES IN THE PROVINCE IN RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK.

4. FREEPORT MINE OFFICIALS HAVE NOT YET RELEASED THE NAMES
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OF THE VICTIMS, BUT WILL SOON ISSUE A PRESS RELEASE. NEXT OF KIN FOR THE TWO AMERICANS KILLED REPORTEDLY LIVE IN TIMBAGA PURA, AND HAVE ALREADY BEEN NOTIFIED BY FREEPORT. FREEPORT IS CURRENTLY FLYING ALL SEVEN AMERICANS INJURED IN THE ATTACK TO AUSTRALIA FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

5. CONSUL GENERAL YOUNGEUN ANDERSON, WHO WAS COINCIDENTALLY IN THE REGION, OFFERED TO GO TO TIMBAGA PURA TO ASSIST, BUT FREEPORT DECLINED THE OFFER. SHE WILL HOWEVER, FLY TO THE AREA TO BE BRIEFED BY FREEPORT OFFICIALS SUNDAY MORNING LOCAL TIME.

6. PAPUA HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN THE SITE OF A LOW-LEVEL INSURGENCY BY THE FREE PAPUA MOVEMENT (OPM). FREEPORT SO FAR IS RELUCTANT TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT THEY BELIEVE THE OPM WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK. FREEPORT OFFICIALS ARE CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CONVOY WAS SPECIFICALLY AND DELIBERATELY TARGETED. THERE ARE REPORTS FROM AUSTRALIAN SOURCES CLOSE TO PROVINCIAL POLICE, THAT THE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS USED IN THE ATTACK WERE MANUFACTURED BY STEYR, A WEAPON NOT TYPICALLY USED BY THE OPM IN THE PAST, THOUGH IS A COMMON MAKE IN INDONESIAN SECURITY FORCE INVENTORIES IN THE PROVINCE. THE OPM HAS NOT TYPICALLY TARGETED FOREIGNERS FOR KILLING, BUT HAS OCCASIONALLY PERPETRATED KIDNAPPINGS OF FOREIGNERS. IN 1996, A GROUP OF WESTERN TOURISTS, INCLUDING ONE AMERICAN, WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE OPM.

7. THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS FOR THE ATTACK: 1) THE OPM HAS MADE A DECISION TO START TARGETING

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FOREIGNERS FOR MURDER; 2) GIVEN THE WEAPONS USED, THE
ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY SOME ROGUE SECURITY FORCE; 3) THE
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INCIDENT WAS A TERRORIST ATTACK. GIVEN THE WITNESSED
ETHNICITY OF THE ATTACKERS, THE LACK OF SPECIFIC TERRORIST
THREAT INFORMATION IN THE REGION, AND THE LACK OF EVIDENCE
OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN THE REGION, THIS
THIRD POSSIBILITY SEEMS UNLIKELY.

8. THE FBI OFFICE IN SINGAPORE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
COMING TO INDONESIA TO ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION. WE ARE
COORDINATING THAT REQUEST WITH THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND
FREEPORT OFFICIALS. THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO LIAISE
WITH THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLICE, AND FREEPORT
OFFICIALS, AND WILL REPORT OTHER DETAILS AS WE RECEIVE THEM.

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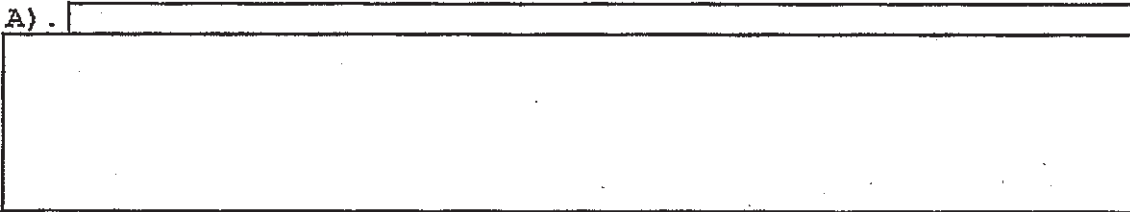
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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY POLITICAL OFFICER ELAINE SAMSON, REASON
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2. (C) SUMMARY: THE PERPETRATORS OF THE AUGUST 31 ATTACK ON
A PT FREEPORT INDONESIA CONVOY IN PAPUA REMAIN UNCLEAR (REF
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MANY PAPUANS SUSPECT THE MILITARY OR A MILITARY-SUPPORTED MILITIA, CITING MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN THE KILLING OF PAPUAN LEADER THEYS ELUAY IN NOVEMBER 2001. POLITICAL/SECURITY COORDINATING MINISTER BAMBANG YUDHOYONO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 3 THAT THE GOI WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO A RAPID, THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, AND TOOK ON BOARD OUR CONCERNS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MANY PAPUAN GROUPS ARE CALLING FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION, LED BY THE U.S. CALLS FOR AN INDEPENDENT PROBE ARE UNREALISTIC, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT PAPUA'S POLICE CHIEF, WHO ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION WITH PAPUAN ACTIVISTS (AND US), CAN CONDUCT A FAIR INVESTIGATION. OUR RSO AND SINGAPORE LEGATT WILL TRAVEL TO THE SITE OF THE ATTACKS SEPTEMBER 4 TO CONSULT WITH LOCAL POLICE, MILITARY AND FREEPORT OFFICIALS ON THE ATTACKS. END SUMMARY.

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MORE DETAILS OF CONVOY ATTACK

3. (C) ACCORDING TO FREEPORT OFFICIALS, FIVE VEHICLES WERE DRIVING FROM THE LOW-LAND DISTRICT SEAT TOWN OF TIMIKA TO THE HIGH-ALTITUDE TOWN OF TEMBAGAPURA. CONFLICTING INFORMATION FROM PAPUAN CONTACTS CITED SIX VEHICLES (2 CHEMICAL TANKER TRUCKS, FOLLOWED BY 2 LAND CRUISERS, AND 2 CONTAINER/DUMP TRUCKS). ACCORDING TO FREEPORT, 10-15 INDIGENOUS PAPUANS DRESSED IN MILITARY FATIGUES ATTACKED THE CONVOY WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS IN A HEAVY FOG BETWEEN MILE 62 AND 63 JUST OUTSIDE TEMBAGAPURA. A MILITARY POST WAS LOCATED AT MILE 64 AND A ARMY STRATEGIC RESERVE FORCES POST WAS LOCATED AROUND MILE 61-62. MILITARY SOURCES REPORT RECOVERING MORE THAN 40 SPENT BULLET CASINGS AT THE SITE OF THE ATTACK. AN EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEE AND HIS SPOUSE CAME UPON THE SCENE DURING THE ATTACK, AND IMMEDIATELY TURNED AROUND TO ALERT THE SECURITY POST AT MILE 64, AND REPORTED THE INCIDENT BY RADIO TO FREEPORT.

MILITARY HUNTS PERPETRATORS, GOI PROMISES RESULTS

4. (U) INDONESIAN MILITARY FORCES THAT PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE MINE ARRIVED ON THE SCENE QUICKLY AND EXCHANGED GUNFIRE WITH THE ATTACKERS, BUT WITH NO REPORTED INJURIES ON EITHER SIDE. INDONESIAN FORCES PURSUED THE ATTACKERS INTO THE FOREST AND FOUND AT THE SCENE SPENT BULLET CARTRIDGES FROM M-16 RIFLES. (M-16 RIFLES ARE STANDARD INDONESIAN MILITARY

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ISSUE, BUT ALSO HAVE BEEN REPORTED STOLEN OR SOLD TO REBELS.)

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PAPUA DISTRICT MILITARY COMMANDER BG MAHIDIN SIMBOLON DEPLOYED TWO INFANTRY COMPANIES OF ABOUT 250 SOLDIERS TO SEARCH FOR THE PERPETRATORS. BAD WEATHER AND THE ROUGH TERRAIN HAVE HINDERED THE SEARCH. ON SEPTEMBER 1, HOWEVER, INDONESIAN MILITARY SHOT AND KILLED ONE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR, AND REPORTEDLY FOUND A CARTRIDGE OF M-16 SHELLS ON HIM. ARMY CHIEF GENERAL RYAMIZARD RYACUDU ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THAT SECURITY FORCES HAD ARRESTED 15 PEOPLE FROM KELLY KWALIK'S GUERRILLA BAND.

SECURITY MINISTER PROMISES CLOSE COOPERATION

5. (C) THE AMBASSADOR CALLED POLITICAL-SECURITY COORDINATING MINISTER BAMBANG YUDHOYONO ON SEPTEMBER 3 TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENT. UPON LEARNING OF THE ATTACK, YUDHOYONO SAID HE HAD IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED TNI COMMANDER GENERAL ENDRIARTONO SUTARTO AND POLICE CHIEF DA'I BACHTIAR TO ORDER A QUICK RESPONSE TO RESTORE SECURITY IN THE FREEPORT WORK AREA AND TIMIKA AND TO INVESTIGATE THE ATTACK. YUHOYONO SAID HE SPOKE SEPTEMBER 2 WITH PT FREEPORT INDONESIA (PTFI) PRESIDENT ADRIANTO MACHRIBIE AND FREEPORT MCMORAN PRESIDENT JIM BOB MOFFAT TO EXPRESS THE GOI'S CONDOLENCES AND REGRET OVER THE ATTACK, ASSURING THEM BOTH THAT THE GOI WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING SECURITY FOR FREEPORT. YUDHOYONO INQUIRED WHETHER FREEPORT OFFICIALS HAD NOTICED ANY PROBLEMS PRIOR TO THE ATTACK. MACHRIBIE SAID RELATIONS WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WERE GOOD, AND NOTHING UNUSUAL HAD COME UP. HE

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MENTIONED THAT LOCAL NGOS HAD RECENTLY BEEN AGITATING
INDONESIAN PTFI EMPLOYEES TO PROTEST AGAINST THE COMPANY, BUT
THE EMPLOYEES REJECTED THE ATTEMPTS BECAUSE THEY WERE
SATISFIED WITH THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

6. (C) THE AMBASSADOR CONVEYED TO YUDHOYONO OUR STRONG DESIRE
TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE GOI TO FIND OUT WHAT REALLY
HAPPENED, AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE.

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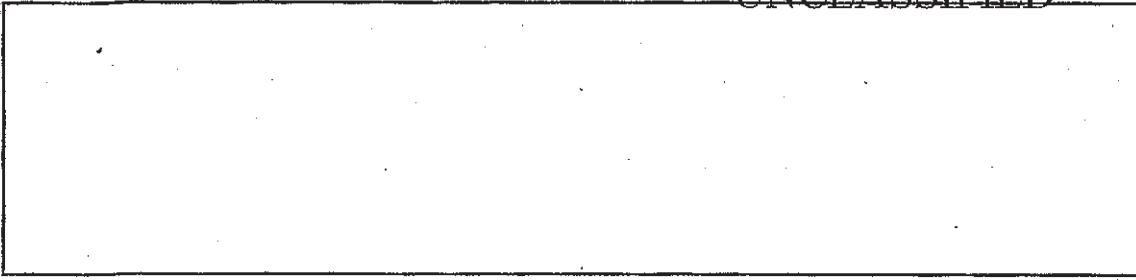
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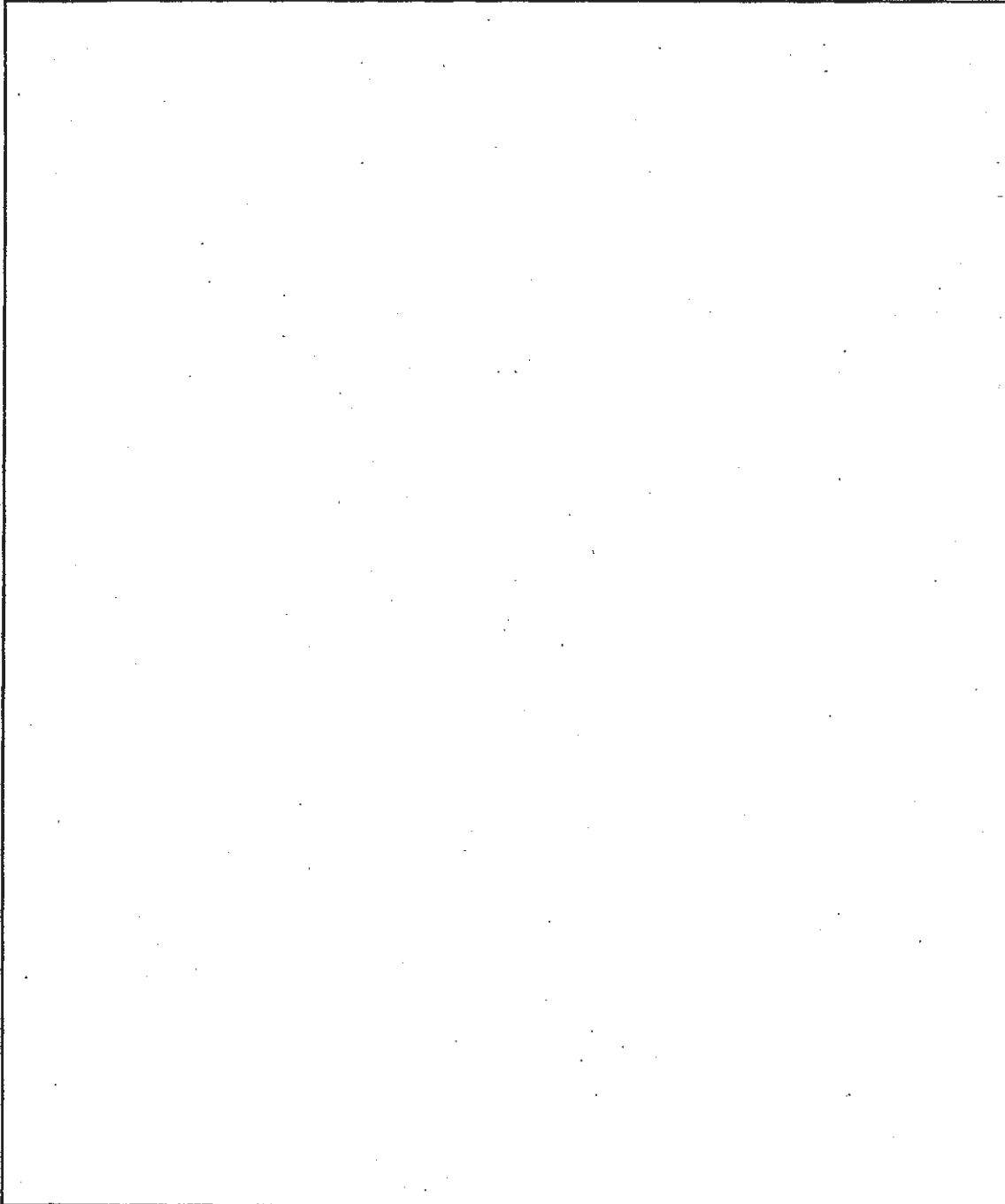
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11. (C) MANY PAPUAN GROUPS BELIEVE THE MILITARY WAS BEHIND THE ATTACK. PAPUA HAS BEEN TENSE FOR MONTHS WITH WORRY THAT THE MILITARY WOULD USE ANY INCIDENT AS AN EXCUSE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TROOPS STATIONED IN PAPUA AND TO JUSTIFY HARSH REPRESSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE PAPUANS.

TNI COMMANDER SUTARTO AND ARMY CHIEF RYAMIZARD BOTH VEHEMENTLY DENIED ANY MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN THE ATTACK,

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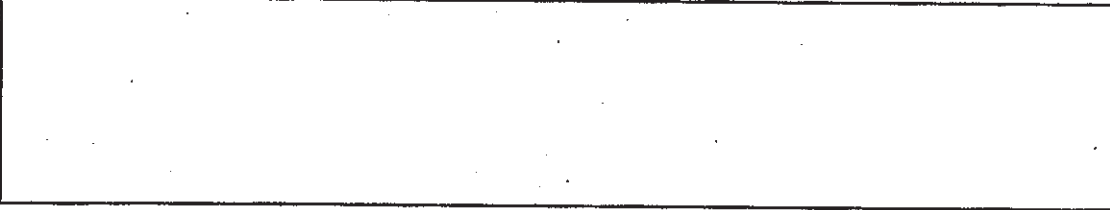
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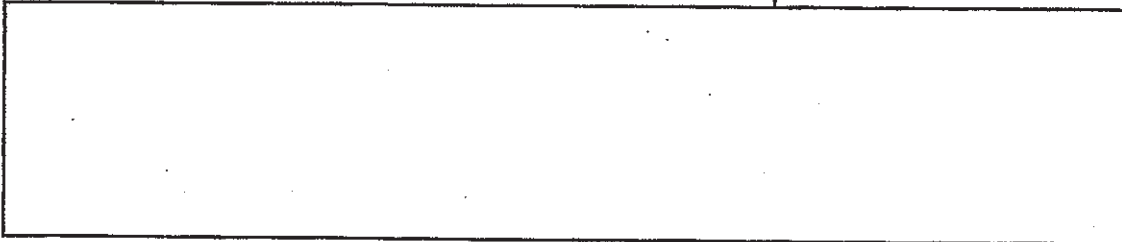
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CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION

12. (C) HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS AND THE PAPUAN PRESIDUM COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY CALLED FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, ECHOING THEIR CALLS FOR SUCH AN INVESTIGATION IN THE THEYS ELUAY CASE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CALLED THE AMBASSADOR TO URGE THAT THE U.S. INSIST ON AN INDEPENDENT, PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF THE ATTACK. [REDACTED] FAXED US A STATEMENT FROM A HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION, THE NATIONAL FORUM OF CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN PAPUA, WHICH DESCRIBED THE ATTACK AS HAVING BEEN CARRIED OUT BY "SNIPERS". [REDACTED] ALSO TOLD US (WITHOUT CORROBORATION) THAT SOME OF THE WITNESSES REPORTED SEEING NON-PAPUAN ATTACKERS. [REDACTED] ALSO CALLED FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION LED BY THE U.S. THE GOI WILL NEVER AGREE TO AN OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION, BUT WE BELIEVE PAPUAN POLICE CHIEF I MADE MANGKU PASTIKA, WHO HAS A SOLID REPUTATION BOTH WITHIN THE INDONESIAN NATIONAL POLICE, WITH PAPUAN ACTIVISTS, AND WITH US, CAN DO A FAIR JOB. HE ALSO HAS A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MILITARY IN PAPUA. [REDACTED]



EMBASSY FOLLOW-UP

13. (C) THE AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH

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FREEPORT MCMORAN PRESIDENT JIM BOB MOFFAT, WHO HAS EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE. JAKARTA RSO AND SINGAPORE LEGATT WILL TRAVEL TO TIMIKA SEPTEMBER 4 TO EXAMINE THE ATTACK SCENE AND TALK TO FREEPORT, MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICIALS.
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