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1. (U) IN HIS MARCH 15 SPEECH TO THE DOMINICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE AMBASSADOR STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR THE DR TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO PASS TRIPS-COMPLIANT IPR LEGISLATION. WITHOUT GOOD IPR PROTECTION, HE SAID, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS NOT GOING TO FIND IT EASY TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT IN HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES. IT ALSO MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR UNILATERAL BENEFITS SUCH AS CBI ENHANCEMENT. SITTING AT THE HEAD TABLE AND LISTENING CAREFULLY WERE SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE BONETTI, IN CHARGE OF GODR IPR POLICY FORMULATION, AND CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRESIDENT RAFAELA ALBURQUERQUE, WHOSE DELIBERATIVE BODY MAY SOON VOTE ON A NEW PATENT LAW.

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FOUR EXPRESS INTEREST IN CDA

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2. (U) ON MARCH 14, FOUR COMPANIES PRESENTED QUALIFYING DOCUMENTATION TO PARTICIPATE IN BIDDING FOR THE CAPITALIZATION OF COMPANIA DOMINICANA DE AVIACION (CDA), THE NON-FLYING, HEAVILY INDEBTED STATE-OWNED AIRLINE. THE POTENTIAL BIDDERS ARE FREIDMAN TURBY & CO. (US), ASERCA AIRLINES (VENEZUELA), LAUDA AIR (AUSTRIA) AND (AUSTRIA) AND ALLEGRO (MEXICO). THE COMMISSION FOR THE REFORM OF STATE ENTERPRISES WILL SOON ANNOUNCE WHICH OF THE COMPANIES HAVE MET MINIMUM CONDITIONS, AT WHICH TIME A DATE WILL BE SET FOR PRESENTATION OF ECONOMIC OFFERS.

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COPS SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN ATTEMPTED ESCAPE OF NARCO

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3. (U) LAST WEEK A DOMINICAN POLICE COURT CONVICTED TWO CORPORALS AND TWO ENLISTED MEMBERS OF THE DOMINICAN NATIONAL POLICE OF PLANNING TO HELP NARCOTRAFFICKER ROLANDO FLORIAN FELIZ ESCAPE FROM MONTE PLATA PRISON. MONTE PLATA PRISON IS UNDER POLICE JURISDICTION. FLORIAN IS DOING TIME IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON DRUG CHARGES. WE HAVE SOUGHT HIS EXTRADITION, WITHOUT SUCCESS, FOR SOME TIME NOW.

4. (U) THE CORPORALS, MARTINEZ SANCHEZ MERAN AND ENRIQUE MATEO REYES, EACH RECEIVED TWO-YEAR SENTENCES. ONE ENLISTED POLICEMAN, CRISTIAN DE JESUS ZAPATA, RECEIVED A TWO-YEAR SENTENCE; THE COURT SENTENCED THE

OTHER, JULIO RAMIREZ DE LA CRUZ, TO SIX MONTHS IN PRISON. ANOTHER FORMER ENLISTED POLICEMAN, JORGE GALAN  
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BATISTA, RECEIVED AN UNDISCLOSED SENTENCE. THE COURT  
DISMISSED ALL CHARGES AGAINST SERGEANT RAFAEL FELIZ  
VICIOSO, ACCUSED OF HAVING ACCEPTED A GIFT OF A SUIT  
FROM FLORIAN.

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THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES  
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5. (U) PRESIDENT LEONEL FERNANDEZ REYNA'S ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN NOTWITHSTANDING, POCKETS OF RESISTANCE REMAIN. JAIME MARTINEZ DURAN, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION, LAST WEEK ASKED THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES AMABLE ARISTY CASTRO TO WITHHOLD THE SALARY CHECKS OF TWELVE LOCAL MAYORS, INCLUDING THE MAYOR OF THE NATIONAL DISTRICT JOHNNY VENTURA, PENDING THEIR SUBMISSION OF SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. UNDER THE LAW OF DECLARATIONS OF PROPERTY UNDER OATH, SUCH STATEMENTS ARE REQUIRED OF ALL LOCAL MAYORS, COUNCILPERSONS, AND TREASURERS, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE. MORE THAN 140 LOCAL TREASURERS ARE ALSO IN NONCOMPLIANCE. MARTINEZ DURAN REPORTED THAT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, ONE

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REFORMIST PARTY (PRSC) DEPUTY, SIX FROM THE PRESIDENT'S  
DOMINICAN LIBERATION PARTY (PLD), AND TWELVE FROM THE  
DOMINICAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRD) HAVE FAILED TO  
MAKE DECLARATIONS.

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IT'S NATURAL TO PROTECT YOURSELF  
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6. (U) THE THIRD PHASE OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S  
HIV/AIDS PREVENTION CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED BY A  
CONSORTIUM OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL GROUPS. THE  
CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN TARGETED AT YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 14 TO  
19 YEARS (MORE THAN 2 MILLION INDIVIDUALS) WHO ARE  
BELIEVED TO BE JUST BEGINNING THEIR PERIOD OF MAXIMUM  
SEXUAL ACTIVITY AND ATTEMPTS TO RAISE INDIVIDUAL  
CONSCIENCES ABOUT THE RISKS OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AND TO  
ENCOURAGE CHANGES IN ATTITUDE AND IN BEHAVIOR. PHASE  
ONE'S MESSAGE WAS "CHANGE YOUR APPROACH TO SEX;" PHASE  
TWO'S WAS "SEX CAN WAIT." PHASE THREE, WHICH PROMOTES

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 USE OF CONDOMS BY THOSE WHO ARE SEXUALLY ACTIVE, TELLS  
 YOUNG PEOPLE "IT'S NATURAL TO PROTECT YOURSELF."  
 PROGRAM SPONSORS INCLUDE PUBLIC HEALTH'S PROGRAM FOR  
 CONTROL OF STD'S AND AIDS (PROCEETS), NATIONAL  
 INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (INSALUD), THE EUROPEAN UNION'S  
 PROJECT OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM OF PREVENTION OF  
 STD'S/HIV/AIDS (PREVIHSA), THE UNITED NATIONS' JOINT  
 PROGRAM FOR HIV/AIDS (ONUSIDA), NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR  
 THE STUDY OF AIDS (CONASIDA), COALITION NGO-AIDS (ONG-  
 SIDA), AND USAID'S ACCION SIDA. THERE ARE 691  
 REPORTED CASES OF AIDS IN THE 15-24 AGE GROUP, WITH AN  
 ESTIMATED UNDERREPORTING OF 50 TO 70%.

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 GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN  
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7. (U) A DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL CHRISTIAN REFORM PARTY  
 (PRSC) OF EX-PRESIDENT JOAQUIN BALAGUER, DR. PEDRO  
 ROMERO CONFESOR, CALLED THE ATTACK BY THE FAMILY OF  
 MURDERED JOURNALIST ORLANDO MARTINEZ HOWLEY ON THE  
 CURRENT CANDIDACY OF BALAGUER A JURIDICAL ABSURDITY.  
 ROMERO CONFESOR ARGUED THAT AT MOST BALAGUER COULD BE  
 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE TRIAL OF THE SUPPOSED  
 AUTHORS OF THE MURDER, AND THAT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE  
 NOTORIOUS BLANK PAGE IN HIS BOOK, MEMOIR OF A COURTIER  
 OF THE TRUJILLO ERA. WHEN WRITING ABOUT MARTINEZ  
 HOWLEY IN HIS MEMOIR, BALAGUER LEFT AN EMPTY PAGE,  
 SAYING THAT IT WOULD BE FILLED WITH THE TESTIMONY OF  
 ONE WHO WOULD COME LATER AND REVEAL DETAILS OF THE  
 ASSASSINATION 25 YEARS AGO.

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 8. (U) THE INVESTIGATION OF THE 1994 DISAPPEARANCE OF  
 JOURNALIST AND BALAGUER CRITIC NARCISO "NARCISAZO"  
 GONZALEZ, RESUMED LAST WEEK AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF  
 INACTIVITY. EXAMINING MAGISTRATE EDUARDO SANCHEZ  
 ORTIZ CALLED COL. SANTOS MORA, WHO WAS AN ASSISTANT TO  
 THE EX-CHIEF OF POLICE, RAFAEL GUERRERO PERALTA. ON  
 OCTOBER 22, 1999, THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPREME  
 COURT DR. JORGE SUBERO ISA HAD INSTRUCTED DR. SANCHEZ  
 ORTIZ TO HURRY UP AND CONCLUDE THE INVESTIGATION.

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 THE CULTURE OF VIOLENCE  
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9. (U) AT THE RECENT CONFERENCE ON "VIOLENCE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC", DR. ADALGISA SANTANA MARCANO CALLED FOR THE UPROOTING OF CERTAIN CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES ENTRENCHED IN DOMINICAN CULTURE IN ORDER TO MAKE REAL THE PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS ESTABLISHED IN THE LAW. "TEXTBOOKS AND LAWS ARE NOT ENOUGH," SHE SAID. "WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THESE REQUIRE A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE." DR. SANTANA MARCANO CHARGED OFFICIALS TO GO AFTER NOT ONLY THE VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY ONE CHILD AGAINST ANOTHER, BUT ALSO THE

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INJURIES DONE TO CHILDREN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

10. (U) NATIONAL DISTRICT CHIEF PROSECUTOR FRANCISCO  
DOMINGUEZ BRITO, SPEAKING AT THE SAME CONFERENCE ON  
THE TOPIC "VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS", SAID THAT NOT  
ONLY THE POLICE IN MANY CASES TURN INTO VIOLENT AND  
AGGRESSIVE ENTITIES, BUT EVEN JUDICIAL ACTORS SUCH AS  
JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS EXERCISE THEIR AUTHORITY IN  
WAYS THAT GENERATE VIOLENCE. WHEN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM  
FAILS TO GUARANTEE THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS, IT GENERATES  
AN INVISIBLE VIOLENCE HARSHER THAN THAT OF A BILLY  
CLUB. VIOLENCE OCCURS NOT ONLY WHEN THE POLICE KILL  
WHEN THEY COULD AVOID IT, BUT ALSO WHEN, BY WORD OR  
DEED, A WALL IS CREATED BETWEEN THE POOR AND THEIR  
ACCESS TO JUSTICE.

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