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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL: FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER BASHES USG

1. CLASSIFIED BY POL/ECON COUNSELOR ROBERT I. BLAU,
REASONS 1.5(B) AND (D).

2. (U) AT A MONDAY FEBRUARY 25 CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY

THE MARIO SOARES FOUNDATION, FORMER RIGHT WING FOREIGN
MINISTER DIOGO FREITAS DO AMARAL GAVE A SPEECH STRONGLY
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CRITICAL OF THE USG'S COUNTERTERRORISM POLICIES. HIS
REMARKS, ENTITLED "THE SEARCH FOR A NEW BALANCE BETWEEN
NATIONAL SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS" FOCUSED EXCLUSIVELY
ON THE UNITED STATES, HITTING THE FOLLOWING THEMES:

-- THE USG ACTS UNILATERALLY AND DOES NOT EITHER LISTEN
TO OR CONSULT WITH ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES;

-- MILITARY TRIBUNALS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR CASES OF
CAPTURED TERRORISTS;

-- THE US IS VIOLATING INTERNATIONALLY RESPECTED HUMAN

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RIGHTS AND THE GENEVA CONVENTION IN THE WAY IT IS
HANDLING THE PRISONERS AT GUANTANAMO;

-- THE US DOES NOT RESPECT INTERNATIONAL LAW; IT ONLY
GOES ALONG WITH WHATEVER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS THAT
SUIT ITS INTERESTS;

-- THE USG IS STIFLING DOMESTIC DEMOCRATIC DEBATE ON
TERRORISM.

3. (U) POL/ECON COUNS WAS PRESENT AND DID AS MUCH OF A
REBUTTAL AS POSSIBLE DURING THE Q&A SESSION, BEGINNING
WITH A COMPLAINT TO MODERATOR (FORMER PORTUGUESE
PRESIDENT) MARIO SOARES THAT THESE KINDS OF SEMINARS
SHOULD HAVE A PLACE AT THE SPEECHMAKING TABLE FOR A USG
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE INTEREST OF "EQUAL TIME." ON
SUBSTANCE, P/E COUNS DREW FROM DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON
GUANTANAMO PRISONERS; SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S
POLICIES HAD OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM THE US PUBLIC;

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QUESTIONED WHY THE SPEAKER DIDN'T WORRY ABOUT THE HUMAN
RIGHTS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS WHOSE LIVES ARE SPARED BY
USE OF INFORMATION GLEANED FROM INTERROGATIONS; AND
STATED THAT THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT LIMITATION IN THE
USA ON FREE SPEECH, SINCE CRITICISM OF MILITARY TRIBUNALS
AND APPLICATION OR NOT OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION HAS BEEN
FULLY AIRED IN THE US MEDIA. FINALLY, AS TO WHETHER OR
NOT THE USG LISTENS TO EUROPE, P/E COUNS SAID WE WERE
LISTENING AND CONSULTING, BUT THAT DIDN'T MEAN THAT WE
ALWAYS AGREED.

4. (C) COMMENT: DIOGO FREITAS DO AMARAL WAS FOUNDER OF
THE RIGHTIST CDS/PP PARTY AND WAS FOREIGN MINISTER IN A
COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH THE CENTER-RIGHT SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PSD) IN THE EARLY 1980S. HE WAS AN
UNSUCCESSFUL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 1986. HE HAS
PREVIOUSLY TAKEN POSITIONS CRITICAL OF THE USG, FOR
EXAMPLE OUR NOT DEALING WITH THE 1998 CRISIS IN KOSOVO
THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS.

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BUT FUZZY THINKING WHICH NEEDS TO BE
CHALLENGED WHENEVER POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR IS SPOKE ON THIS
SAME GENERAL SUBJECT ON WEDNESDAY; POST APPRECIATES
WASHINGTON'S USEFUL AND REGULAR GUIDANCE ON OPERATION
ENDURING FREEDOM AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK WAYS TO INSERT

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5. (U) ALSO WHILE IN WASHINGTON, SHE WILL REVIEW THE CURRENT STAFFING OF THE ICRC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON IN LIGHT OF NEW RESPONSIBILITIES SINCE SEPTEMBER 11 TO ENSURE ADEQUATE STAFFING COVERAGE. SHE NOTED A NEW OPENING IN THE RELATIONSHIP WITH AMERICAN RED CROSS WHICH WISHES TO HAVE BETTER COOPERATION IN THE COMMUNICATION FIELD AND HAS GIVEN ICRC A GREEN LIGHT TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON ICRC AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW TO AMERICAN RED CROSS CHAPTERS

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AND SHE WISHES TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THIS UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY.

6. (U) ON THE SUBJECT OF COMMUNICATION, MEGEVAND-ROGGO NOTED
THAT ICRC IS CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO RESPOND TO PRESS
ARTICLES SUCH AS THE FEBRUARY 17 SUNDAY WASHINGTON POST
ARTICLE BY DAVID MONTGOMERY ON THE GENEVA CONVENTION. IN
GENERAL, ICRC HAS TAKEN THE VIEW THAT IT IS BEST NOT TO
RESPOND. HOWEVER, ICRC IS CONCERNED THAT ARTICLES OF THIS
TYPE CHIP AWAY AT THE REAL VALUE OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.
THEY ARE CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH SUCH PRESS PIECES

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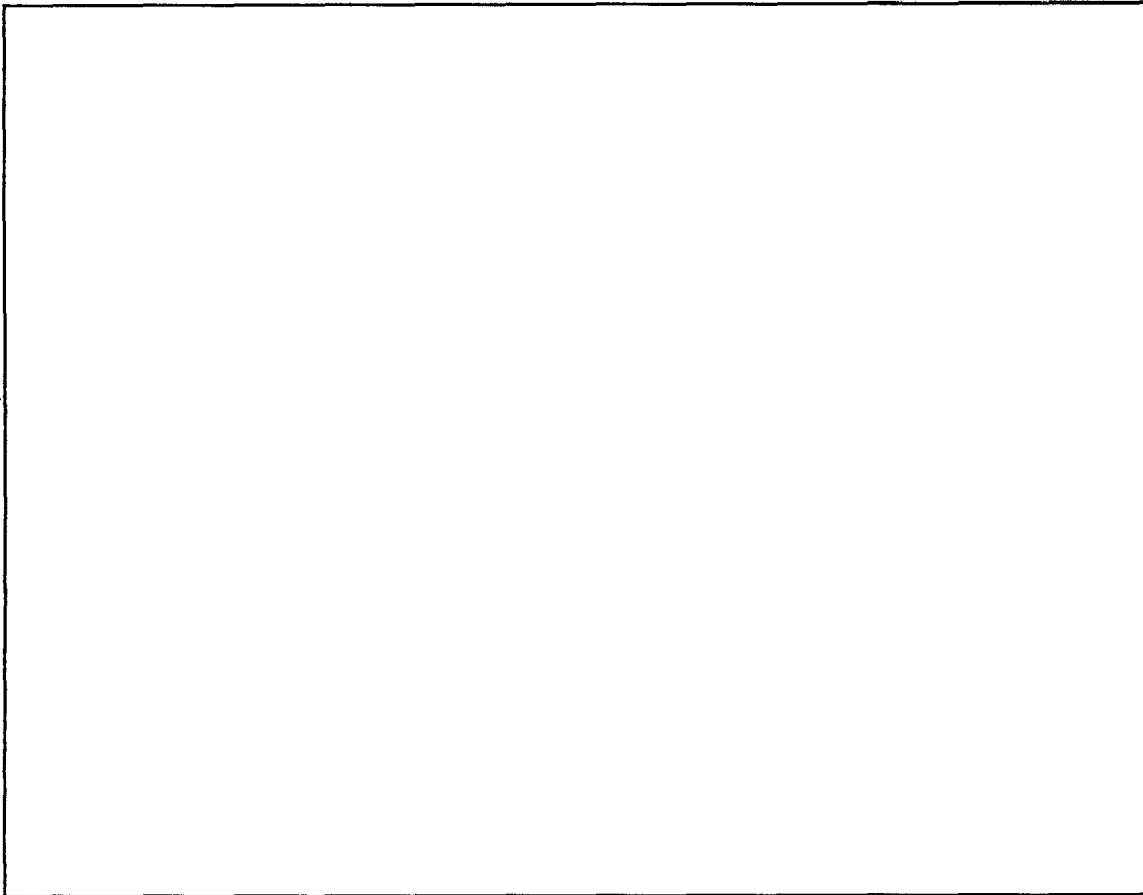
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