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 1.5(B&D).

1. (U) THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE IS KEYED TO THE LETTERED PARAGRAPHS
 IN REFTTEL:

A) THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT ACTS OF TERRORISM IN VENEZUELA
 DURING 1998. COLOMBIA'S MAIN GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS, THE FARC AND
 ELN, CONTINUE TO OPERATE AT TIMES ON THE VENEZUELAN SIDE OF THE
 BORDER CAUSING PROBLEMS ALONG THE BORDER WITH COLOMBIA FOR THE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 REVIEW AUTHORITY: JOHN I. MILLS
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VENEZUELAN MILITARY AND NATIONAL GUARD.

B) THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA DID NOT REQUEST EXTRADITION OF ANY SUSPECTED TERRORISTS THIS YEAR. VENEZUELA DID EXTRADITE A PERUVIAN SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORIST KNOWN AS "COMANDANTE ANA" IN MAY, 1998.

C) NONE.

D) THE GOV HAS HINDERED MOVEMENT OF SUSPECTED HIZBALLAH AND ETA MEMBERS IN VENEZUELA IN ORDER TO MAKE THE NATION LESS ATTRACTIVE TO TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. AT THE TIME OF THE EMBASSY BOMBINGS THE GOV EXPRESSED THEIR SYMPATHY AND SIGNED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON TERRORISM:

BEGIN QUOTE:

IN REITERATING OUR CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISM, WHICH THREATENS THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF SOCIETY AND HARMS THE FULL EXERCISE OF SOCIAL AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, WE EXPRESS OUR REPUDIATION TO THE RECENT
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CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN KENYA AND TANZANIA.

IN THIS REGARD, WE EXPRESS OUR CONVICTION THAT ANY ACTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL IN THE PREVENTION AND REPRESSION OF TERRORISM MUST BE TAKEN IN FULL AND TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW.

E) NONE.

F) NONE.

G) NONE

H) NONE.

I) SEE PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW.

J) THE GOV HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE 1997 KIDNAPPING OF A U.S. CITIZEN. THEY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIVE TO REQUESTS FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY.

K) NONE.

2) (C) COMMENT: VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE WITH U.S. REQUESTS AGAINST TERRORIST TARGETS. ALTHOUGH GOV SHOWS INTEREST IN THE ANTI-TERRORISM GOALS, THE NATIONAL FOCUS HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY ON DOMESTIC ISSUES IN THIS ELECTION YEAR. THE GOV MAY

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REFOCUS ON TERRORISM AFTER ELECTIONS DEPENDING ON THE NEW
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