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 TAGS: KPKO, PREL, PGOV, PHUM, HA
 SUBJECT: HAITI: MINUSTAH/DPKO ON REPORTS ON EXCESSIVE
 CIVILIAN CASUALTIES

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1796

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 CICK FOR REASONS 1.5 B and D

1. (C) The July 6 MINUSTAH operation that killed gang leader Dred Wilme was meant to be a surgical operation to detain him. According to [redacted] the aim was not to kill Wilme or his supporters. In a conversation with USUN Poloff on July 18, [redacted] described the situation in Cite Soleil as very dangerous, and that MINUSTAH's soldiers went into the area on July 6 for only 5 to 6 minutes to complete the operation. MINUSTAH officers have been unable to return to the area since the operation for follow-up investigations. Varying news reports cite different statistics for gang and bystander deaths. DPKO does not have any conclusive reports on the number of deaths of Wilme's supporters or other civilian casualties.

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2. (C) After MINUSTAH troops left Cite Soleil, the gangs "went crazy" and retaliated against some Cite Soleil residents who were rumored to be MINUSTAH informants. [redacted] reported to Poloff that there are rumors around Port-au-Prince that Dred Wilme supporters were looking for alleged informants to assassinate. "The gang members are trying to frame MINUSTAH for causing civilian casualties," [redacted] lamented press reports citing 50-60

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deaths following the raid, saying that neither MINUSTAH nor DPKO has information that supports the press reports.

3. (C) The Friends of Haiti group will meet on July 19 in New York for an update by the [redacted] and [redacted] USUN Poloff will also meet with New York-based [redacted] representatives on July 20. PATTERSON

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