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SUBJ: DRUG RELATED EXECUTIONS

REF: A) CDJ 3835 B) CDJ 0536

1. SUMMARY: ON JULY 23, AUTHORITIES FOUND THE REMAINS OF THREE WOMEN DUMPED IN THE VALLE DE JUAREZ SAND DUNES. THE BODIES WERE FOUND A DAY AFTER FEDERAL AUTHORITIES UNVEILED THE "UNITED SECURITY PLAN" IN JUAREZ (REF A). END SUMMARY.

2. ON JULY 23 AUTHORITIES FOUND THREE YOUNG WOMEN MURDERED EXECUTION-STYLE. THE WOMEN HAD BEEN MISSING FOR THREE DAYS AFTER TRAVELING WITH THE HUSBAND OF ONE OF THEM, FELIPE JESUS MACHADO, FOR A TRIP TO THE SAND DUNES IN THE VALLE DE JUAREZ, ACROSS FROM FABENS, TX. MACHADO HAS DISAPPEARED AND HIS BURNED UP PICKUP WAS FOUND. HE REMAINS THE MAIN SUSPECT. POLICE AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE CRIME WAS DRUG RELATED AS MACHADO HAD A DRUG-TRAFFICKING RECORD IN THE U.S. WITH THESE CRIMES, THE DEPUTY STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE REPORTS THERE HAVE BEEN 24 DRUG RELATED HOMICIDES THIS YEAR.

3. THE FINDINGS OCCURRED AFTER SANTIAGO CREEL, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, PRESENTED THE "UNITED SECURITY PLAN" AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORT TO DETER CRIME IN JUAREZ. JOURNALISTS REPORTED

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FRICITION BETWEEN STATE POLICE (PJE) AGENTS AND
FEDERAL PREVENTIVE POLICE (PFP) AGENTS AT THE
SCENE OF THE CRIME. ALLEGEDLY PFP AGENTS WERE
ORDERED TO LEAVE THE SCENE OF THE CRIME BUT THEY REFUSED. BOTH PJE AND PFP DENIED ANY FRICITION.
COMMENT: ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS SOME JUAREZ RESIDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED FEAR OF CONFLICT AMONG THIS NEW MULTIAGENCY GROUP, RECALLING THAT IN JANUARY 2003, FIGHTING BROKE OUT BETWEEN PJE AND PFP AGENTS AT THE JUAREZ AIRPORT OVER JURISDICTION (REF B). END COMMENT.

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